

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2854

Introduced by Assembly Member Mendoza

February 22, 2008

An act to add and repeal Section 65054.6 to the Government Code, relating to the California Small Business Advocate.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2854, as introduced, Mendoza. California Small Business Advocate: Internet Web site.

Existing law requires the California Small Business Advocate to develop and post specified information on an Internet Web site.

This bill would, until January 1, 2014, require the advocate to establish a one-stop location on its Internet Web site for posting announcements of business-related programs, information, announcements, and services offered by state agencies, departments, commissions, boards, and other state entities and other specified information. The bill would also require the advocate to create protocols for posting this information on the Internet Web site in consultation with the California Small Business Board and the California Economic Strategy Panel, and require state agencies, departments, commissions, and boards, to cooperate with the advocate in providing notice of information that meets the protocols for posting on the Internet Web site.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.

State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 65054.6 is added to the Government
2 Code, to read:

3 65054.6. (a) This section shall be known and may be cited as
4 the California One-Stop for Business Development.

5 (b) The advocate shall establish a one-stop location on its
6 Internet Web site for posting all of the following:

7 (1) Announcements of small business-related programs,
8 information, announcements, and services offered by state agencies,
9 departments, commissions, boards, and other state entities.

10 (2) Information offered by the state relating to procurement,
11 financial literacy, management literacy, workforce development,
12 access to capital, insurance, and business development.

13 (3) Any other programs, information, announcements, and
14 services meeting the protocols developed pursuant to subdivision
15 (c).

16 (c) (1) The advocate shall develop protocols for choosing all
17 of the following:

18 (A) Programs, information, announcements, and services to be
19 posted on the Web site.

20 (B) Formats for posting programs, information, announcements,
21 and services on the Web site. Any format shall be sufficiently
22 detailed for small businesses and entities that serve small business
23 to access any additional information from other sources.

24 (C) Timelines for posting programs, information,
25 announcements, and services on the Web site.

26 (2) The advocate shall consult with the California Small
27 Business Board and the California Economic Strategy Panel in
28 developing these protocols.

29 (3) State agencies, departments, commissions, and boards, shall
30 cooperate with the advocate in providing notice of programs,
31 information, announcements, and services that meet the protocols
32 for posting on the Internet Web site.

33 (d) The advocate may use hyperlinks to Web sites of existing
34 government and nonprofit organizations, and partner with public
35 and nonprofit organizations to implement this section.

36 (e) The advocate shall include in the report required by
37 subdivision (b) of Section 65054.4 all of the following:

1 (1) Statistics on the use of the Internet Web site and one-stop
2 location feature.

3 (2) Summary of changes, if any, to the Internet Web site since
4 the last report.

5 (3) Recommendations for improving access, outreach, or
6 effectiveness of the Internet Web site.

7 (f) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2014,
8 and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that
9 is enacted before January 1, 2014, deletes or extends that date.

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