

# BUDGET LETTER

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SUBJECT: REPORTS TO THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE

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REFERENCES: GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 7550.5

SUPERSEDES:

TO: Agency Secretaries  
Department Directors  
Departmental Budget Officers  
Departmental Accounting Officers  
Department of Finance Budget Staff

FROM: DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Government Code Section 7550.5 was repealed effective January 1, 2000. This Government Code section was added by Chapter 710, Statutes of 1992, and amended by Chapter 970, Statutes of 1996. Government Code Section 7550.5 exempted state and local governments, with specific exceptions, from preparing and submitting written reports to the Governor or Legislature. The 2000-01 Budget Conference Committee did not adopt an Administration proposal to permanently exempt the reports unless otherwise specified.

**Therefore, departments must resume preparing and submitting all statutorily required reports to the Governor and the Legislature.** Please inform your Department of Finance budget analyst if you anticipate a problem in submitting any required reports.

When the exemptions for these reports were first enacted, budgets for the affected departments were not reduced. Therefore, there should be no funding requests for the resumption of these reports.

During the fall, the Department of Finance will be working with representatives of the legislative leadership to conduct a more comprehensive review of the statutorily required reports. This review will result in recommendations for suspension or elimination of specific reports.

Specific questions should be directed to your legal office or your Department of Finance budget staff.

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