

Continuing the Work of the California Performance Review

Over the past five years, the Administration has worked to eliminate outdated functions, become more efficient, eliminate redundancy and reduce costs. The state's unprecedented budget shortfall presents an opportunity for state government to increase efficiency, spend less and eliminate duplication and functions that are not absolutely critical.

The administration proposes to follow up on the work of the California Performance Review (CPR) conducted in Governor Schwarzenegger's second year in office. Many of the CPR's recommendations have already been implemented. The budget and its implementing legislation propose the following changes to promote efficiency:

- Consolidate the Postsecondary Education Commission and the Student Aid Commission for a savings of \$2 million.
- Realign the California Conservation Corps, for a savings of \$17 million in 2009-10, growing to \$24 million in the out years.

In addition, the Administration will submit the following legislative proposals to further improve governmental efficiency:

- Streamlining and realignment of certain energy functions now performed by the Public Utilities Commission, the Energy Commission and Department of Water Resources.
- Consolidation of certain state information technology functions under the Office of the Chief Information Officer to improve coordination and efficiency and capture major efficiencies in procurement and technology implementation.
- Consolidation or realignment of recycling and cleanup, spill prevention and pollution prevention programs, including the elimination of the Integrated Waste Management Board.
- Consolidation of the Board of Geologists and Geophysicists into a related entity.
- Consolidation of the Professional Fiduciaries Bureau with the Board of Accountancy.
- Consolidation of Behavioral Sciences, Psychiatric Technicians and the Board of Psychology.
- Consolidation of the Hearing Aid Dispensers Bureau with the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board.
- Consolidation of the Licensed Vocational Nurses with the Board of Registered Nurses.
- Consolidation of real estate functions within the Department of State Parks and the Wildlife Conservation Board.
- Elimination of the Court Reporters Board (continued oversight by the State Bar).
- Elimination of the Inspection and Maintenance Review Committee (continued by Bureau of Automotive Repair).
- Elimination of the Landscape Architects Technical Committee (licensing to continue under the Architects Board).
- Elimination of the Bureau of Naturopathic Medicine.
- Elimination of the Telephone Medical Services Bureau.
- Elimination of Permitting of Child Actors (continued through local school districts, which does all other child labor permits).