

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This proposed legislation allows for electronic publication on the state controller's website for public notices (including public works projects) and other publications required by law. It directs the state controller to facilitate electronic publications in a staggered implementation schedule. It also staggers the rollout, with only stage agencies initially using the website for electronic notices. Beginning in 2027, local governments and all other entities and individuals may use the website for electronic notices. In the interim, local governments may use a condensed notice with a link to their website for the full notice. This proposed legislation also directs the state controller to create the ability for users to subscribe and receive push notifications – including those filtered to a geographic location. Finally, it clarifies that notices sent through mail may be included in a regular mailing such as a utility billing.

FISCAL NOTE

One-time development costs are estimated to be \$570,000. Ongoing operation costs are estimated to be \$300,000 annually. However, state agencies may save at least \$1 million annually in total publication fees and local government entities are also expected to save at least \$1 million annually.

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