

FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

1) The Update to the Initial Statement of Reasons

There are no changes to the initial statement of reasons.

2) Imposition of Mandate on Local Agencies or School Districts

The department's regulatory action amending Section 26.03 in Article 2.1, Chapter 1, Division 1, of Title 13, does not impose any mandate on local agencies or school districts and imposes (1) no cost or savings to any state agency, (2) no cost to any local agency or school district that is required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of the Government Code, (3) no other discretionary cost or savings to local agencies, and (4) no cost or savings in federal funding to the state. No studies or data were relied upon to make this determination.

3) Summary of Comments Received and Department Response

The notice of proposed action, proposed text, and initial statement of reasons were made available to the public by first class mail, by email to interested parties, and by posting to the department's internet website on April 8, 2022. The comment period began on April 8, 2022, and ended on May 23, 2022.

The department received no comments during the 45-day comment period.

4) Determination of Alternatives

The department has determined that no reasonable alternative considered by the department or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the department would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed, or would be effective as and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action, or would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provisions of law.

5) Any Cost Impacts that a Representative Private Person or Business would Necessarily Incur in Reasonable Compliance with the Proposed Action.

The department is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.