

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 adopting Section 360.00 in Article 5.0, 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 June 2, 2022. The beginning and ending dates for this public availability period were June 3, 2022 through July 18, 2022.

No comments were received 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.

This regulatory adoption is the only regulatory provision that interprets and makes specific the meaning of the word 'judge' to include administrative law judges for purposes of participating in the confidential address program administered by the department. No alternatives were proposed or brought to the department's attention during the adoption of this rulemaking action.