

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 423.00 in Article 6.0, 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) Local Mandate Determination

The department's regulatory action amending Section 423.00 in Article 6.0, Chapter 1, Division 1, Title 13 of the California Code of Regulations does not impose any mandate on local agencies or school districts.

4) Summary of Comments Received and Department Response

The proposal was noticed on August 29, 2025, and made available to the public from August 29, 2025 through October 13, 2025. The department received no written comments during the 45-day comment period.

5) Determination of Alternatives

The department is authorized by statute to adjust fees on an annual basis with fluctuations to the Consumer Price Index. There are several CPI databases upon which the department could utilize in calculating fees. The CPI for All Urban Consumers represents the largest group of California residents, making this the most accurate database upon which the department can calculate fees.

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.