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ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

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CONSENT CALENDAR

8260 CALIFORNIA ARTS COUNCIL

The California Arts Council works to: encourage artistic awareness, participation, and expression among the citizens of California; assist independent local groups develop their own arts programs; promote the employment of artists and those skilled in crafts in both the public and private sectors; provide for the exhibition of art works in public buildings throughout California; and enlist the aid of all state agencies in the task of ensuring the fullest expression of our artistic potential.

The Governor's proposed budget includes \$29 million (\$27.4 million, General Fund) for support of the California Arts Council.

8640 POLITICAL REFORM ACT OF 1974

Law requires the Department of Finance to submit to the Legislature the amount to be appropriated to various state agencies conferred with the duty of enforcing the Political Reform Act of 1974. Funding under this budget item is allocated to the following agencies: Secretary of State, Franchise Tax Board, Department of Justice, and the Fair Political Practices Commission. The Governor's budget includes a total of \$2.1 million to execute the provisions of the Act.

8885 COMMISSION ON STATE MANDATES

The Commission on State Mandates adjudicates test claims of local entities that allege the existence of state-mandated reimbursable programs, hears and decides claims that the Controller has incorrectly reduced payments, and makes determinations regarding the existence of significant financial distress for applicant counties that seek to reduce their General Assistance standards of aid. The Governor's proposed budget includes \$1.2 million for support of the Commission on State Mandates.

8910 OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

The Office of Administrative Law enforces the Administrative Procedure Act which defines the process regulators must follow, and the standards which must be met, when rules and regulations are proposed by state agencies. The goals of the Office of Administrative Law are to ensure meaningful public participation when an agency proposes a regulation and to make sure the regulation is consistent with legislative intent. The Governor's proposed budget includes \$2.4 million for support of the Office of Administrative Law.

1100 CALIFORNIA SCIENCE CENTER

The California Science Center is an educational, scientific and technological center administered by a nine-member board of directors appointed by the Governor. The Center, which includes the California African American Museum, is located in Exposition Park, a 104-acre tract just south of the central part of Los Angeles. The Center is currently endeavoring to change the way children learn about science. The Center is a place where children can explore how science is relevant to their everyday lives. Through hands-on experiences, children are introduced to scientific principles in the context of the world that surrounds them. It is an approach intended to challenge people to think, to question, and to see their world in an entirely new way.

The Governor's proposed budget includes a \$14.4 million (\$12 million, General Fund) for the support of the California Science Center.

ISSUE 1: CAPITAL OUTLAY: REAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR PARKING LOT

The Budget Act of 1998 provides a total of \$29.5 million (\$10 million, General Funds / \$19.5 million, federal funds) for a new parking lot for the California Science Center. However, it is unlikely that the funds will be encumbered in the current year and would have to be reappropriated in the budget year in order for the parking lot project to be realized.

BACKGROUND:

The California Science Center was recently renovated and reopened. Crowds of over two million people are expected to visit the Center. The parking lot is needed to accommodate the increased number of visitors that currently must park in surrounding neighborhoods and walk great distances to reach the Center.

COMMENTS:

Budget Bill Language may need to be adopted in order to ensure only funds not encumbered during the current year are reappropriated in the budget year.