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SB 25 (Roth D) Local government finance: property tax revenue allocation: vehicle license fee adjustments.

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Summary:

Would modify specified reduction and transfer provisions for a city incorporating after January 1, 2004, and on or before January 1, 2012, for the 2014-2015 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, by providing for a vehicle license fee adjustment amount calculated on the basis of changes in assessed valuation. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: None at this time

Subject: Financial Viability of Agencies

CALAFCO Comments: Identical to SB 69 (Roth) from 2014, the bill calls for reinstatement of the VLF through ERAF for cities that incorporated between January 1, 2004 and January 1, 2012. There are no provisions for back payments for lost revenue, but the bill does reinstate future payments beginning in the 2014/15 year for cities that incorporated between 1-1-2004 and 1-1-2012.

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AB 3 (Williams D) Isla Vista Community Services District.

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Summary:

Would express the intent of the Legislature to clarify and establish the necessary authority for the creation of the Isla Vista Community Services District within the unincorporated area of Santa Barbara County, and would make legislative findings and declarations relating to that intent.

Attachments:

CALAFCO Letter of Concern Dec 2014

Position: Watch

Subject: LAFCo Administration, Special District Powers

CALAFCO Comments: As introduced, this bill gives legislative authority for the creation of the Isla Vista Community Services District (CSD). This authority would completely bypass the LAFCo process in the creation of this special district. CALAFCO issued a letter of concern on

the intent language on December 20, 2014.

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SB 13 (Pavley D) Groundwater.

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Summary:

Would provide a local agency or groundwater sustainability agency 90 or 180 days, as prescribed, to remedy certain deficiencies that caused the State Water Resources Control Board to designate a groundwater basin as a probationary basin. This bill would authorize the board to develop an interim plan for certain probationary basins one year after the designation of the basin as a probationary basin. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: None at this time

Subject: Water

CALAFCO Comments: While this bill has no direct affect on LAFCos, groundwater

management is of interest, therefore CALAFCO will watch the bill.

SB 20 (Pavley D) Wells: reports: public availability.

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Summary:

Current law requires a person who digs, bores, or drills a water well, cathodic protection well, or a monitoring well, or abandons or destroys a well, or deepens or reperforates a well, to file a report of completion with the Department of Water Resources. Current law prohibits those reports from being made available to the public, except under certain circumstances. This bill would instead require the department to, upon request, make the reports available to the public. The bill would require the department to provide specified disclaimers when providing the reports to the public.

Position: None at this time

Subject: Water

CALAFCO Comments: While this bill has no direct affect on LAFCos, groundwater management and land use rights are of interest, therefore CALAFCO will watch the bill.

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