

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: 06/29/2023  
POSITION: Oppose

BILL NUMBER: AB 1637  
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**BILL SUMMARY: Local government: internet websites and email addresses.**

By January 1, 2029, this bill requires the public websites of cities and counties to have a ".gov" or a ".ca.gov" domain names, or to redirect to such a domain name. This bill also requires emails addresses of city and county employees to have a ".gov" or a ".ca.gov" domain name by the same timeframe.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

The Department of Finance anticipates this bill likely creates a significant state-reimbursable mandate for cities and counties to change their websites, web applications, email addresses, and active directory accounts.

The California State Association of Counties reports only 15 percent of the state's 58 counties use one of the required domain names, while the League of Cities reports only 5 percent of the state's 482 cities use one of the required domain names.

Assuming an average cost of \$100,000 for 50 counties and 460 cities to make the required updates, the state-reimbursable mandate exposure could be \$51 million General Fund.

**COMMENTS**

Finance is opposed to this bill because it likely creates a significant state-reimbursable mandate in the tens of millions of dollars.

Existing law requires cities and counties to make records available on their internet websites for the public.

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As anyone can register an internet domain for a fee, Finance understands the purpose of this bill is to prevent fraudulent actors from creating websites and claiming to be a city or county.

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Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)						Fund Code	
	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)							
	CO	PROP	FC	2023-2024	FC	2024-2025	FC	2025-2026	
	RV	98	FC						
8885/Comm St Mndt	LA	No	A	51,000	A	51,000	A	51,000	0001