

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**FISCAL NOTE, 82ND LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

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**TO:** Honorable Jeff Wentworth, Chair, Senate Committee on Open Government, Select

**FROM:** John S O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: SB602** by Rodriguez (relating to allowing a governmental body to redact certain personal information under the public information law without the necessity of requesting a decision from the attorney general and the calculation of certain deadlines under the public information law.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

<p><b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill would amend Government Code to allow governmental entities to redact certain personal information requested under the Public Information Act (PIA) without requiring a decision from the attorney general. Specific types of personal information referenced in the bill include: vehicle license data; vehicle registration data; personal identification data; and credit card, debit card, charge card, and access card numbers. The bill would clarify the determination of when a PIA request is officially received by an entity.

The bill would allow requestors receiving redacted information to seek an attorney general's decision. The Office of the Attorney General would establish procedures and deadlines for this appeal process and would be required to issue a decision on the requestor's appeal not later than the 45th business day after receiving the requestor's request for a decision.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2011 and apply only to requests received on or after that date.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 302 Office of the Attorney General, 405 Department of Public Safety, 601 Department of Transportation

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