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TO: Honorable Brandon Creighton, Chair, House Committee on Federalism & Fiscal Responsibility, Select

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1379 by Toth (Relating to the control of conditional federal funds for state programs.),
As Introduced

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code to require, upon the adoption of similar requirements by 20 other states: the attorney general to prepare an annual report to the legislature that designates all the coercive federal funding programs that deliver more than \$100 million yearly to the state; the attorney general, where feasible, to sue to enjoin enforcement of coercive conditions in coercive federal funding programs; the governor to work with governors of other states to develop a coordinated approach with respect to all coercive federal funding programs; and agencies and officers of the state to implement all coercive federal funding programs without regard to any conditions designated as coercive by the bill.

The bill would amend the Government Code to provide certain actions, duties, and responsibilities to the Office of State-Federal Relations relating to coercive federal funding programs.

The Office of the Governor indicates the provisions of the bill could be implemented within existing resources.

The Office of the Attorney General indicates there would be a minimal cost to the agency associated with implementing the provisions of the bill and a potential loss in federal funds.

This bill would take effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of each house; if not, it will take effect on September 1, 2013.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 301 Office of the Governor, 302 Office of the Attorney General

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