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TO: Honorable Robert Duncan, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1254 by Davis (Relating to lobbying by former state agency officers and executive heads; creating an offense.), **As Introduced**

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| No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated. |
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The bill would amend Government Code to prohibit former officers and executive heads of state agencies from working as lobbyists, prior to two year after leaving their positions. The bill would not apply to former executives who perform services for certain low income and disabled individuals and do not receive compensation for their work. The bill would also define violations of this statute as a Class A misdemeanor. A Class A misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not more than \$4,000, confinement in jail for a term not to exceed one year, or both. It is anticipated that any costs associated with implementing the bill could be absorbed within existing agency resources.

The bill would take effect immediately upon receiving two-thirds majority vote in each house. Otherwise, the bill would take effect September 1, 2013.

Local Government Impact

Costs associated with enforcement, prosecution and confinement could likely be absorbed within existing resources. Revenue gain from fines imposed and collected is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal implication.

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