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TO: Honorable Joan Huffman, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **SB1369** by Zaffirini (Relating to reports on attorney ad litem appointments made by courts in this state.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code, requiring judges to publish information about attorney ad litem appointments. By November 1 of each year, a judge of any court who appointed an attorney ad litem for a case would be required to complete a report containing certain information as described, and post it at the courthouse door and on any court website.

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Local Government Impact

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