
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anthony Portantino, Chair
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AB 979 (Holden) - Corporations: boards of directors: underrepresented communities

Version: July 28, 2020

Urgency: No

Hearing Date: August 20, 2020

Policy Vote: B. & F.I. 6 - 0

Mandate: No

Consultant: Janelle Miyashiro

Bill Summary: AB 979 requires a publicly held domestic or foreign corporation whose principal executive office is located in California to have a minimum number of members from an underrepresented community on its board, as specified.

******* ANALYSIS ADDENDUM – SUSPENSE FILE *******

**The following information is revised to reflect amendments
adopted by the committee on August 20, 2020**

Fiscal Impact: Estimated ongoing costs in the hundreds of thousands of dollars for the Secretary of State (SOS) to gather demographic information and compile a report on this data on its internet website.

Author Amendments:

- Strike the requirement for the SOS to include in its July 1, 2021 report, the number of domestic and foreign corporations who have at least one director from an underrepresented community.
- Add a coauthor.
- Make clarifying and technical changes.
- State additional findings and declarations.

Committee Amendments:

- Revises the definition of “director from an underrepresented community” to also include an individual who self-identifies as gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender.

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