SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anthony Portantino, Chair 2021 - 2022 Regular Session

AB 1685 (Bryan) - Vehicles: parking violations

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Urgency: No Mandate: Yes

Hearing Date: August 11, 2022 Consultant: Mark McKenzie

Bill Summary: AB 1685 would require parking ticket processing agencies to establish a parking citation forgiveness program for persons who are homeless, and require the forgiveness of at least \$1,500 per applicant each year.

****** ANALYSIS ADDENDUM - SUSPENSE FILE ********

The following information is revised to reflect amendments adopted by the committee on August 11, 2022

Fiscal Impact:

- The California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal-ICH) estimates costs of approximately \$645,000 in the first year and \$613,000 annually ongoing for 4.0 PY of staff to develop a process to determine homeless eligibility status, solicit, compile, and collect information from processing agencies, and establish and administer a database to collect and store information. (General Fund)
- Unknown, potentially significant state costs for state parking entities (primarily state
 institutions of higher education) to establish parking citation forgiveness programs,
 determine applicants' status as homeless, post information on websites, and report
 specified information to Cal-ICH. (General Fund, State University Parking Revenue
 Fund)
- Unknown, significant reduction in state parking citation revenue (for citations issued by state parking entities) related to the mandatory forgiveness of at least \$1,500 in parking debt per eligible applicant each year. Staff notes that homeless persons are likely to opt for this forgiveness program rather than entering into a payment plan, as specified in existing law. (State University Parking Revenue Fund, other funds administered by institutions of higher education)
- Unknown significant local costs and revenue losses related to the requirements that
 processing agencies establish parking citation forgiveness programs for individuals
 experiencing homelessness, waive fines and fees, provide information on websites,
 and report specified information to Cal-ICH. It is unclear whether these costs would
 be reimbursable by the state because local entities appear to have fee authority that
 disclaims state responsibility for reimbursement. Ultimately, however, whether local
 costs are reimbursable would be subject to a determination by the Commission on
 State Mandates, to the extent an eligible local agency files a test claim. (General
 Fund)

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Author Amendments:

 Require processing agencies to also include information and instructions regarding the documents needed to determine eligibility for the program at any in-person payment counter, on any telephone recording, and on its website, as specified.

 Delete the requirement for Cal-ICH to submit an annual report to the Legislature compiling the information from processing agencies, and instead require Cal-ICH to compile the reports submitted by each processing agency in a publicly accessible page on its departmental internet website.