

AAR Updated Special District Recommendations

The Committee may wish to consider the following actions to inform future policy-making decisions:

1. Request that the Legislative Analyst make recommendations to the Committee on:
 - a. The need for special district reorganization,
 - b. Recommendations to the Committee for approaches to reorganization, including the creation of incentives and increased local flexibility,
 - c. The extent to which special districts are transparent and accountable to the public when compared to general purpose local governments, or the extent to which special districts comply with applicable laws, and
 - d. The extent—if any—to which the dependent or independent structure of a special district is related to better or worse transparency and accountability.
2. Request that Legislative Counsel report to the Committee regarding:
 - a. The agency or agencies responsible in the event that a special district cannot meet its financial obligations; and
 - b. Any existing oversight mechanism(s) that monitor the extent to which special districts are at risk of failing to meet their financial obligations.