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ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, SPORTS, TOURISM, AND INTERNET MEDIA
Ian C. Calderon, Chair

AB 1625 (Nazarian) – As Introduced: February 10, 2014

SUBJECT: California Arts Council Contribution and Donations Fund

SUMMARY: This bill establishes the Arts Council Contribution and Donations Fund to receive money directed to the California Arts Council (CAC), and allows for continuous appropriation to the CAC from the fund, as specified. Specifically, this bill:

1) Creates the California Arts Council Contribution and Donations Fund in the State Treasury to receive funds, as specified.

2) Declares that the moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated, without regard to fiscal years, to the CAC for the purposes of this chapter.

3) States any moneys in the Art Council Donations Account in the Special Deposit Fund shall be transferred to the California Arts Council Contribution and Donations Fund.

EXISTING LAW:

1) Establishes the CAC to consist of 11 appointed members and sets forth the duties of the council, including authorization to receive moneys for the purpose of promoting arts in the state. Existing law does not establish a specific fund into which these moneys are to be deposited.

2) Establishes the Special Deposit Fund in the State Treasury, consisting of moneys paid in trust to fulfill the purposes for which payments are made. The Art Council Donations Account is currently housed within this Special Deposit Fund.

FISCAL EFFECT: Unknown

COMMENTS:

Author's statement: According to the author, "Governor Edmund G. Brown created the CAC almost 40 years ago to encourage public participation in the arts; help build strong arts organizations to assist with the professional development of arts leaders; promote awareness of the value of the arts and directly fund art programs in California's communities.

"In May 2013, the CAC was given a two year extension on its Special Deposit Fund account, with instructions from the State Controller's Office and the Department of Finance for the CAC to establish a new Continuous Special Revenue Fund in statute. Consequently, AB 1625 was introduced to establish a continuous Special Revenue Fund, titled the Arts Council Contributions and Donations Fund, to replace the Special Deposit Fund. This change will create a continuous

Special Revenue Fund and allow the CAC program expenditures to be accounted for in the state budget and provide a more effective administration of private and public donations."

Background: The Art Council Donations Account Within the Special Deposit Fund: According to information provided by the author, "Under the Arts Council statutory authority, the CAC is able to receive gifts and donations. Pursuant to the State Administrative Manual, in order to receive donations the CAC must first request and DOF must approve a Special Deposit Fund account where these donations can be stored.

"A Special Deposit Fund is a trust fund in the State Treasury and provides a depository for money received for a specific liability and is considered a temporary fund. The CAC currently has an active Special Deposit Fund titled California Arts Council Donations that must be renewed every two years."

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

California Alliance for Arts Education

Opposition

None on file

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