



**STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
STAFF LEGISLATIVE ANALYSIS**

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Date Amended:	05/06/09	Bill No:	<u>SB 341</u>
Tax:	Drug Manufacturer Fee	Author:	DeSaulnier
Related Bills:			

The bill, as amended, is no longer within the scope of responsibility of the Board.

COMMENT

The amendments delete the provisions that would have required the Board to annually assess and collect a fee on manufacturers of drugs sold in the state.

Among other things, the bill now requires the California Department of Public Health to make every effort to enter into a contract with the University of California to establish a program to evaluate scientific literature related to the safety and effectiveness of prescription drugs in the state, and supply that information to consumers and prescribers, as specified.

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