

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

April 13, 2015

TO: Steering Committee

FROM: Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG Executive Director

RE: Bills to Monitor and for Action – Status as of April 11, 2015

Adherence to Strategic Plan:

Goal B: Regional Advocacy. Advocate for the interests of the South Bay.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

AB 306 (Hadley)	Public schools: attendance alternatives: children of military personnel. Authorizes a parent enlisted in the military and on active duty of a pupil enrolled in a school district of residence, as defined, to submit an application for the pupil to attend a school in any school district of choice, as defined. Would require that an application requesting such a transfer to a school district of choice be submitted to the school district of choice before January 1 of the year preceding the school year for which a pupil is requesting the transfer, except as provided, and would specify that the application may request enrollment of the pupil in a specific school or program within the school district of choice. Would require a school district of choice to establish a time period for resident pupil enrollment, in order to provide priority enrollment opportunities for pupils residing in the school district, and, after that time period has concluded, if space is available at a school in the school district of choice, to accept and approve transfer applications submitted pursuant to those provisions, in accordance with specified priorities. The bill would require a school district of choice that receives such an application for a transfer to allow the pupil to enroll in the school district of choice in the school year immediately following the approval of his or her application. The bill would authorize a school district of choice to adopt specific, written standards for the acceptance of applicants pursuant to those provisions.	RECOMMEND SUPPORT	4/6/15 Assembly Committee on Education
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<p>AJR #11 (Burke & Atkins - Allen is co-author)</p>	<p>Relative to military bases. California's military installations possess critical military value and that California is ready to help the Department of Defense meet its goals now and in the future; and That the Legislature of the State of California respectfully memorializes the President and the Congress of the United States, to not only recognize the unique military value of California's defense installations, but also continue to consider all of the following:</p> <p>(a) California's unparalleled land, air, and sea ranges that provide the ability to train all types of forces, year round, in every type of warfare effectively, efficiently, and economically.</p> <p>(b) California's strategic location in the Pacific Theater is a critical factor in executing the National Defense Strategy strategic shift to the Pacific region by allowing for rapid deployment to trouble spots in Asia.</p> <p>(c) California's ability to recruit and train highly skilled and educated personnel.</p> <p>(d) The existing synergies between military installations and the private sector.</p> <p>(e) The economic impact on existing communities in the vicinity of military installations.</p> <p>(f) Our incomparable quality of life, which enhances personnel retention.</p> <p>(g) The vast intellectual capital that has been developed in California since World War II.</p> <p>(h) The disproportionate sacrifices California has endured in previous BRAC rounds.</p>	<p>RECOMMEND SUPPORT</p>	<p>Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee Hearing Date: 4/14/15</p>
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ELECTION PROCESS

<p>AB 347 (Chang)</p>	<p>Los Angeles County City Selection Committee. Streamlines the LA County City Selection Committee quorum process by specifying that if the Mayor is not present at the meeting, then another member of that council can vote, based on seniority.</p>	<p>RECOMMEND SUPPORT</p>	<p>4/6/15 Assembly Local Government Committee</p>
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ENVIRONMENT

<p>SB 485 (Hernandez)</p>	<p>County of Los Angeles: sanitation districts. Authorizes specified sanitation district in LA County to acquire, construct, operate, maintain, and furnish facilities for the diversion, management, and treatment of stormwater and dry weather runoff, the discharge of the water to the stormwater drainage system and the beneficial use of the water.</p>	<p>RECOMMEND SUPPORT</p>	<p>3/12/15 Referred to Senate Rules Committee</p> <p>Would provide cost-effective flexibility to achieve compliance with municipal stormwater requirements through collaboration among existing local agencies in LA County.</p>
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TRANSPORTATION

<p>SB 767 (De Leon)</p>	<p>Metro Sales Tax: Authorizes Metro to place a sales tax measure on a future ballot. Specifies that it include an expenditure plan that identifies the projects and programs to be funded by the tax and limits Metro’s admin costs to 1.5% of total revenues. Authorizes Metro to bond against future proceeds from the tax. Exempts the new tax from the cap on locally imposed sales taxes</p>	<p>MONITOR</p>	<p>Senate Transportation & Housing Committee Hearing Date: 4/14/15</p>
<p>HR 935 (Hahn)</p>	<p>National Freight Network Trust Fund Act of 2015. Amends the Internal Revenue Code to establish the National Freight Network Trust Fund, from which expenditures shall be made to fund awards under the National Freight Network Grant Program. Appropriates to the Fund amounts equivalent to 5% of the import duties imposed under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States. Establishes such Program in the Department of Transportation, under which the Secretary of Transportation shall make grants to states, regional or local transportation organizations, or port authorities to assist projects that improve the performance of the national freight network. Directs the Secretary to evaluate and select projects on a competitive basis by considering their potential to: generate national economic benefits, improve the performance of key corridors and gateways,</p>	<p>MONITOR</p>	<p>2/13/15 House Transportation & Infrastructure & Ways and Means Committees Sub-committee on Railroads, Pipelines & Hazardous Materials</p>

	<p>reduce congestion, improve transportation safety, and enhance the network. Requires the Secretary to update the national freight network every five years.</p>		
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<p>HR 1697 (Hahn)</p>	<p>Electric Charging and Refueling Act. To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the tax credit for electric vehicle recharging property. Under specified conditions, there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter for the taxable year an amount equal to 50 percent of the cost of any qualified electric vehicle recharging or refueling property placed in service by the taxpayer during the taxable year.</p>	<p>MONITOR</p>	<p>3/26/15 House Committee on Ways and Means</p>
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