

FRESNO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS MONTHLY LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY REPORT

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[AB 16](#) (Perea D) High-Speed Rail Authority.

Introduced: 12/6/2010

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Summary: Existing law creates the High-Speed Rail Authority with specified powers and duties relating to the development and implementation of an intercity high-speed rail system. Existing law, pursuant to the Safe, Reliable High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act for the 21st Century, authorizes \$9.95 billion in general obligation bonds for high-speed rail development and other related purposes. The federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) provides funding for allocation nationally to high-speed rail projects. This bill would require the authority to make every effort to purchase high-speed train rolling stock and related equipment that are manufactured in California, consistent with federal and state laws.

[AB 31](#) (Beall D) Land use: high-speed rail: local master plan.

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Summary: The California High-Speed Rail Act establishes the High-Speed Rail Authority to develop and implement an intercity high-speed rail system in the state, exclusively grants to the authority the responsibility for planning, construction, and operation of that system, and confers upon the authority specified powers and duties relating to that system. This bill would establish the High-Speed Rail Local Master Plan Pilot Program, applicable to specified cities and counties, and would require each of those jurisdictions to prepare and adopt, by ordinance, a master plan for development in the areas surrounding the high-speed rail system in each jurisdiction. The bill would require the master plan to include incentives for encouraging investment and coherent growth in the areas surrounding the high-speed rail system in each participating jurisdiction. The bill would also require the participating jurisdictions to collaborate with the State Air Resources Board to develop incentives to encourage development while concurrently reducing greenhouse gas emissions, consistent with or pursuant to the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. The bill would require the master plan to be consistent with the jurisdiction's general plan and the regional sustainable communities strategy. By adding to the duties of local government officials, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[AB 33](#) (Jeffries R) County board of supervisors: vacancy: appointment.

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Summary: Existing law requires the Governor to fill a vacancy on any county board of supervisors. This bill would require the Governor to fill the vacancy within 90 days, and if the Governor fails to act within 90 days, the bill would authorize the board of supervisors, within the next 90 days, to appoint an individual to fill the vacancy, call a special election to fill the vacancy, or leave the vacancy open until the next regularly scheduled general election, as provided. The bill would provide that if the Governor and board of supervisors both fail to act, then the vacancy shall remain open until the next regular election at which time a successor may be elected.

[AB 49](#) (Gatto D) Development: expedited permit review.

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Summary: The Permit Streamlining Act requires each state agency and local agency to compile one or more lists that specify in detail the information that will be required from any applicant for a development project, and requires a public agency that is the lead agency for a development project, or a public agency which is a responsible agency for a development project that has been approved by the lead agency, to approve or disapprove the project within applicable periods of time. The act also requires any state agency which is the lead agency for a development project to inform the applicant that the Office of Permit Assistance has been created to assist, and provide information to, developers relating to the permit approval process. This bill would require the office to provide information to developers explaining the permit approval process at the state and local levels, or assisting them in meeting statutory environmental quality requirements, as specified, and would

prohibit the office or the state from incurring any liability as a result of the provision of this assistance. The bill would require the office to assist state and local agencies in streamlining the permit approval process, and an applicant in identifying any permit required by a state agency for the proposed project. The bill would authorize the office to call a conference of parties at the state level to resolve questions or mediate disputes arising from a permit application for a development project. The bill would require that the office be located exclusively in Sacramento, and to consist of no more than 4 personnel through 2013. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[AB 57](#)

(Beall D) Transportation planning.

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Summary: Existing law requires the Department of Transportation to engage in various transportation planning activities, including long-term state highway system planning to identify future highway improvements in consultation with transportation planning agencies, county transportation commissions, counties, and cities. This bill would also require those activities to be done in consultation with metropolitan planning organizations.

[AB 76](#)

(Harkey R) High-speed rail.

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[SB 16](#)

(Rubio D) Energy: renewable energy and transmission projects: expedited permitting.

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Summary: Existing law requires energy and transmission projects to obtain specified certification or permits or both certification and permits from various state and local agencies. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to establish a new program to ease and expedite the state permitting process for renewable energy and transmission projects within the state.

[SB 22](#)

(La Malfa R) High-speed rail.

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[SB 46](#)

(Correa D) Local government: compensation disclosure.

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Summary: Existing law provides for the compensation of local government officers and employees, as specified. This bill would require filers, as defined, to annually file a compensation disclosure form, as specified. This bill would require the Secretary of State to develop the form, which would provide for

the disclosure of, among other things, salaries and stipends, automobile and equipment allowances, and incentive and bonus payments. This bill would also require a county, city, city and county, school district, special district, or joint powers agency that maintains an Internet Web site to post the information contained on the filed form on that Internet Web site, as specified. The bill would authorize a district attorney or any interested person to commence an action by mandamus to enforce the provisions of the bill, as specified. The duties imposed on local departmental agencies by the bill would create a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Total Measures: 9

Total Tracking Forms: 9