

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2043

Introduced by Assembly Member Lowenthal

February 17, 2004

An act to add Section 1760 to the Harbors and Navigation Code, relating to ports.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2043, as introduced, Lowenthal. Maritime Port Strategic Master Plan Task Force.

Existing law provides for the regulation of ports and harbors.

This bill would establish the Maritime Port Strategic Master Plan Task Force in state government. The task force would consist of 11 members appointed by, and serving indefinite terms at the pleasure of, the Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing.

The bill would require the task force to meet on an unspecified basis, hold public hearings, and compile data on certain issues relating to the growth and congestion of maritime ports. The bill would require the task force to compile specified information and submit its findings in a report to the Legislature not later than January 1, 2006, including recommendations on methods to better manage the growth of maritime ports and address the environmental impacts of moving goods through those ports.

The bill would establish the Maritime Port Strategic Master Plan Task Force Fund in the State Treasury and require each maritime port to submit an unspecified amount of money per year to the Controller, who would be required to deposit that amount in the fund. The money in the fund would be available, upon appropriation, to cover the costs incurred by the task force under these provisions. The bill would

prohibit the task force from being funded with appropriations from the General Fund.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1760 is added to the Harbors and
- 2 Navigation Code, to read:
- 3 1760. (a) The Maritime Port Strategic Master Plan Task
- 4 Force is hereby established in state government.
- 5 (b) The task force shall consist of 11 members appointed by,
- 6 and serving indefinite terms at the pleasure of, the Secretary of
- 7 Business, Transportation and Housing.
- 8 (c) The task force shall meet, hold public hearings, and compile
- 9 data on issues that include, but need not be limited to, all of the
- 10 following:
- 11 (1) The projected growth of each maritime port in the state.
- 12 (2) The costs and benefits of developing a coordinated state
- 13 program to obtain federal funding for maritime port growth,
- 14 security, and congestion relief.
- 15 (3) Impacts of maritime port growth on the state's
- 16 transportation system.
- 17 (5) Air pollution caused by movement of goods through the
- 18 state's maritime ports, and proposed methods of mitigating or
- 19 alleviating that pollution.
- 20 (d) The task force shall compile all information obtained under
- 21 subdivision (c) and submit its findings in a report to the Legislature
- 22 not later than January 1, 2006. The report shall include, but need
- 23 not be limited to, recommendations on methods to better manage
- 24 the growth of maritime ports and address the environmental
- 25 impacts of moving goods through those ports.
- 26 (e) The Maritime Port Strategic Master Plan Task Force Fund
- 27 is hereby established in the State Treasury. Each maritime port
- 28 shall submit the amount of ____ dollars (\$____) per year to the
- 29 Controller, who shall deposit that amount in the fund. The money
- 30 in the fund shall be available, upon appropriation, to cover the



- 1 costs incurred by the task force under this section. The task force
- 2 shall not be funded with appropriations from the General Fund.

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