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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 337**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Allen**

February 13, 2013

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*An act to amend Section 13996.55 of the Government Code, relating to ~~ports~~ economic development.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 337, as amended, Allen. ~~Ports: economic importance of ports. Economic development: international trade and investment strategy.~~

*Existing law requires the Director of the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development to provide to the Legislature, no later than February 1, 2014, a strategy for international trade and investment that includes, among other things, policy goals, objectives, and recommendations for a comprehensive international trade and investment program for the state, and an identified organizational structure for the state administration of international trade and investment policies, programs, and services, as specified.*

*This bill would additionally require the strategy to include an evaluation of the ports of entry to the state and their capacity for handling international trade, including industrial and postconsumer secondary material, originating from or destined for other states.*

~~Existing law establishes various port districts along California's coast, and prescribes procedures for the formation and operation of those districts.~~

~~This bill would make various legislative findings and declarations relating to the economic importance of port systems in the state.~~

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 13996.55 of the Government Code is  
2 amended to read:

3 13996.55. (a) The Director of the Governor’s Office of  
4 Business and Economic Development shall provide to the  
5 Legislature, not later than February 1, 2014, a strategy for  
6 international trade and investment that, at a minimum, includes  
7 all of the following:

8 (1) Policy goals, objectives, and recommendations necessary  
9 to implement a comprehensive international trade and investment  
10 program for the State of California. This information shall be  
11 provided in a fashion that clearly indicates priority within the  
12 overall strategy.

13 (2) Measurable outcomes and timelines for the goals, objectives,  
14 and actions for the international trade and investment program.

15 (3) Identification of impediments for achieving goals and  
16 objectives.

17 (4) Identification of key stakeholder partnerships that will be  
18 used in implementing the strategy.

19 (5) Identification of options for funding recommended actions.

20 (6) Identification of an international trade and investment  
21 organizational structure for the state administration of international  
22 trade and investment policies, programs, and services.

23 (7) *Evaluation of the ports of entry to the state and their capacity*  
24 *for handling international trade, including industrial and*  
25 *postconsumer secondary material, originated in or destined for*  
26 *other states.*

27 (b) The strategy shall be submitted to the Chief Clerk of the  
28 Assembly and the Secretary of the Senate. A copy of the strategy  
29 shall be provided to the Speaker of the Assembly, the President  
30 pro Tempore of the Senate, and the chairs of the Assembly  
31 Committee on Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy  
32 and the Senate Committee on Business, Professions and Economic  
33 Development, or the successor committees with jurisdiction over  
34 international trade and economic development programs.

1 (c) The strategy shall be updated pursuant to the procedures of  
2 this section at least once every five years.

3 ~~SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the~~  
4 ~~following:~~

5 ~~(a) California's network of ports, especially the Los Angeles~~  
6 ~~and Long Beach port systems, are vital to the continued economic~~  
7 ~~vibrancy of our state.~~

8 ~~(b) Port systems are increasingly important to California,~~  
9 ~~especially because the modernization and expansion of the Panama~~  
10 ~~Canal will result in increased shipping capacity and vessel travel~~  
11 ~~to California's ports.~~

12 ~~(c) The Legislature needs to address issues related to the~~  
13 ~~increased efficiency and capacity at ports, and the ability of~~  
14 ~~California's ports to ensure that we have adequate infrastructure~~  
15 ~~to provide for the movement of goods in and out of our state.~~

16 ~~(d) The maintenance of an efficient port system in California~~  
17 ~~will facilitate job creation, economic growth, and competitiveness~~  
18 ~~in the world marketplace, with a particular emphasis on Pacific~~  
19 ~~Rim trade and commerce.~~