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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2563

Introduced by Assembly Member Allen

February 21, 2014

An act ~~relating to economic development~~ to amend Section 13978.8 of the Government Code, relating to transportation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2563, as amended, Allen. ~~International trade. State freight plan.~~
Existing law requires the Transportation Agency to prepare a state freight plan on or before December 31, 2014, and every 5 years thereafter, with specified elements to govern the immediate and long-range planning activities and capital investments of the state with respect to the movement of freight. Existing law requires the agency to establish a freight advisory committee with various responsibilities in that regard, and requires the membership of the committee to consist of a representative cross section of public and private sector stakeholders.

This bill would require the Director of the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development, or his or her designee, to serve on the freight advisory committee and attend meetings and participate in the activities of the committee, including efforts to develop the state freight plan.

~~Existing law requires the Director of the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development to create a strategy for international trade and investment, that includes, but is not limited to, police goals, objectives, and recommendations necessary to implement~~

~~a comprehensive international trade and investment program for the state.~~

~~This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would promote international trade by addressing issues that enhance and expand opportunities for California businesses.~~

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 13978.8 of the Government Code is
2 amended to read:

3 13978.8. (a) The Transportation Agency shall prepare a state
4 freight plan. The state freight plan shall comply with the relevant
5 provisions of the federal Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st
6 Century Act (MAP-21), Public Law 112-141. The agency shall
7 develop a state freight plan that provides a comprehensive plan to
8 govern the immediate and long-range planning activities and capital
9 investments of the state with respect to the movement of freight.

10 (b) (1) The agency shall establish a freight advisory committee
11 consisting of a representative cross section of public and private
12 sector freight stakeholders, including representatives of ports,
13 shippers, carriers, freight-related associations, the freight industry
14 workforce, the California Transportation Commission, the
15 Department of Transportation, the Public Utilities Commission,
16 the State Lands Commission, the State Air Resources Board,
17 regional and local governments, and environmental, safety, and
18 community organizations. *The Director of the Governor’s Office*
19 *of Business and Economic Development, or his or her designee,*
20 *shall serve on the freight advisory committee and attend meetings*
21 *and participate in the activities of the committee, including efforts*
22 *to develop the state freight plan.*

23 (2) The freight advisory committee shall do all of the following:

24 (A) Advise the agency on freight-related priorities, issues,
25 projects, and funding needs.

26 (B) Serve as a forum for discussion for state transportation
27 decisions affecting freight mobility.

28 (C) Communicate and coordinate regional priorities with other
29 organizations.

1 (D) Promote the sharing of information between the private and
2 public sectors on freight issues.

3 (E) Participate in the development of the state freight plan.

4 (c) The state freight plan shall include, at a minimum, all of the
5 following:

6 (1) An identification of significant freight system trends, needs,
7 and issues.

8 (2) A description of the freight policies, strategies, and
9 performance measures that will guide freight-related transportation
10 investment decisions.

11 (3) A description of how the state freight plan will improve the
12 ability of California to meet the national freight goals established
13 under Section 167 of Title 23 of the United States Code.

14 (4) Evidence of consideration of innovative technologies and
15 operational strategies, including intelligent transportation systems,
16 that improve the safety and efficiency of freight movement.

17 (5) In the case of routes on which travel by heavy vehicles,
18 including mining, agricultural, energy cargo or equipment, and
19 timber vehicles, is projected to substantially deteriorate the
20 condition of roadways, a description of improvements that may
21 be required to reduce or impede the deterioration.

22 (6) An inventory of facilities with freight mobility issues, such
23 as truck bottlenecks within California, and a description of the
24 strategies California is employing to address those freight mobility
25 issues.

26 (d) Notwithstanding Section 10231.5, the state freight plan shall
27 be submitted to the Legislature, the Governor, the California
28 Transportation Commission, the Public Utilities Commission, and
29 the State Air Resources Board on or before December 31, 2014,
30 and every five years thereafter. The state freight plan shall be
31 submitted pursuant to Section 9795.

32 (e) The state freight plan required by this section may be
33 developed separately from, or incorporated into, the statewide
34 strategic long-range transportation plan required by Section 135
35 of Title 23 of the United States Code.

36 (f) The ~~freight rail~~ element of the state freight plan may be
37 developed separately from, or incorporated into, the state rail plan
38 prepared by the Department of Transportation pursuant to Section
39 14036.

- 1 ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature that would enact~~
- 2 ~~legislation to promote international trade by addressing issues that~~
- 3 ~~enhance and expand opportunities for California businesses.~~

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