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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 229**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Chang**  
*(Coauthor: Assembly Member Olsen)*

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An act to add Section 19822.4 to the Government Code, relating to public employment.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 229, as amended, Chang. State employees: travel reimbursement.

Under existing law and bargaining agreements, the state reimburses employees for all necessary and actual expenses they incur when they travel on official state business.

This bill would prohibit a state agency from prohibiting the use of, or denying reimbursement for, necessary and actual expenses of state employees traveling on official state business ~~for~~ *from using* transportation provided by a transportation network company or lodging in a short-term rental, as defined. *The bill would require a state agency to reimburse the actual and necessary expenses of a state employee using a transportation network company or a short-term rental consistent with the agency's standard reimbursement policies.* The bill would request and encourage the University of California to adopt travel reimbursement policies consistent with that prohibition. The bill would define terms for those purposes.

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 19822.4 is added to the Government  
2 Code, to read:

3 19822.4. (a) As used in this section:

4 (1) “Short-term rental” means a residential property that is rented  
5 to a visitor for fewer than 30 days through a centralized online  
6 platform whereby the rental is advertised and payments for the  
7 rental are securely processed. For purposes of travel  
8 reimbursement, a short-term rental shall be considered a  
9 commercial lodging establishment.

10 (2) “Transportation network company” has the same meaning  
11 as defined in Section 5431 of the Public Utilities Code.

12 (b) (1) ~~A state agency shall not prohibit the use of, or deny~~  
13 ~~reimbursement for, necessary and actual expenses of state~~  
14 ~~employees traveling on official state business for~~ *from using*  
15 *transportation provided by a transportation network company or*  
16 *lodging in a short-term rental.*

17 (2) *Reimbursement shall be provided for necessary and actual*  
18 *expenses, consistent with the agency’s policies for reimbursement*  
19 *of other lodging establishments or other vehicles for hire.*

20 (c) The Legislature requests and encourages the University of  
21 California to adopt travel reimbursement policies consistent with  
22 this section.

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