

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2432

Introduced by Assembly Member Brown

February 19, 2016

An act to add Section 14053.1 to the Government Code, relating to transportation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2432, as introduced, Brown. Designated state and local truck routes and services.

Existing law provides that the Department of Transportation has full possession and control of all state highways and all property and rights in property acquired for state highway purposes. Existing law requires the department, among other things, to develop, in cooperation with local and regional transportation entities, the full potential of all resources and opportunities that are now, and may become, available to the state and to regional and local agencies for meeting California's transportation needs, as specified.

Existing federal law establishes the National Network of highways available to commercial motor transportation as truck routes authorized by provisions of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982 (STAA), as amended, that can safely and efficiently accommodate the large vehicles authorized by the STAA. Existing federal law provides that this network includes the Interstate System plus other qualifying Federal-aid Primary System Highways.

This bill would require the department to prepare an inventory of all state and locally designated truck routes and services, publish or cause to be published a statewide Truck Route Network Internet Web site, and prepare a plan and schedule for addressing all inefficiencies and

truck transportation network gaps, including an estimate of the annual cost and the total cost of carrying out the plan. The bill would require the department to submit the plan and schedule, together with the cost estimates, to the Governor and the Legislature not later than July 1, 2019.

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. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
2 following:

3 (a) California's vast transportation system connects 38 million
4 residents and supports an economy with \$2.2 trillion in annual
5 gross domestic product, including a complex freight transportation
6 system that is responsible for one-third of the state's economy and
7 jobs, with freight-dependent industries accounting for over \$700
8 billion in revenue and over five million jobs.

9 (b) The efficient movement of freight through our state is critical
10 to the growth and health of our local, regional, intraregional,
11 intrastate, interstate, and international freight economies and supply
12 chains. Inefficiencies and bottlenecks in our freight transportation
13 infrastructure and highway network result in unnecessary
14 congestion and emissions.

15 (c) While a patchwork of truck routes throughout the state is
16 the inevitable result of a statewide transportation that melds state
17 highways and local roadways serving freight facilities governed
18 primarily by local land use decisions, the integration of statewide
19 and local truck routes to the greatest extent possible is preferable
20 to the current system and will help to ensure the most efficient
21 operation of the state's freight transportation networks.

22 (d) There are gaps in trucking services, including fueling
23 stations, parking, and rest areas, and inconsistent rules from
24 jurisdiction to jurisdiction regarding truck weights, heights, hours
25 of operations, and routes.

26 (e) The state is the best entity to consolidate the various
27 components of the state highway and local roadway system into
28 a functional trucking transportation network.

29 SEC. 2. Section 14053.1 is added to the Government Code, to
30 read:

1 14053.1. (a) The department shall prepare an inventory of all
2 state-designated truck routes. This inventory shall include all truck
3 route information including maps, weight limits, and height
4 restrictions for all routes, as well as all trucking services provided
5 on those routes.

6 (b) The department shall prepare an inventory of all
7 locally-designated truck routes. This inventory shall include all
8 truck route information including maps, weight limits, and height
9 restrictions for all routes, as well as all trucking services provided
10 on those routes.

11 (c) The department shall publish or cause to be published a
12 statewide Truck Route Network Internet Web site that shall include
13 an interactive map that details all of the information for every route
14 included in subdivisions (a) and (b).

15 (d) The department shall identify infrastructure inconsistencies
16 in designated truck routes that might result in unnecessary
17 bottlenecks, hours of delay, system inefficiencies, and
18 nonstandardized weight limits and height restrictions across
19 jurisdictions. In addition, the department shall determine where
20 gaps in services, parking, and rest area locations may result in
21 significant inefficiencies in the trucking network.

22 (e) The department shall notify local governments of both of
23 the following:

24 (1) Trucking transportation network gaps and cross-jurisdictional
25 inefficiencies identified pursuant to subdivision (d).

26 (2) Deficiencies in locally designated truck route information
27 identified pursuant to subdivision (b).

28 (f) (1) The department shall prepare a plan and schedule for
29 addressing all inefficiencies and trucking transportation network
30 gaps identified pursuant to subdivision (d). The schedule shall be
31 based upon the department's estimates of the shortest possible
32 time to perform the work.

33 (2) The plan shall include the department's estimate of the
34 annual cost and the total cost of carrying out the plan.

35 (3) The department shall submit the plan and schedule, together
36 with the cost estimates, to the Governor and the Legislature, in the
37 manner provided in Section 9795, not later than July 1, 2019.