No. 16

Introduced by Senator Beall

December 1, 2014

An act relating to transportation.

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SB 16, as amended, Beall. Department of <u>Transportation</u>. *Transportation: budgetary cost-savings plan*.

Under existing law, the Department of Transportation is responsible for the planning, design, construction, maintenance, and operation of the state highway system. Existing law requires the department to prepare and submit to the Governor a proposed budget and to develop budgeting, accounting, fiscal control, and management information systems to provide budget oversight.

Existing law authorizes the California Transportation Commission to prepare an independent evaluation of the department's budget regarding the adequacy of funding levels and the relative needs of program categories and to submit its recommendations to the Legislature by April 1 of each year.

This bill would require the Department of Transportation, by April 1, 2016, and as part of its budget for the 2016–17 fiscal year, to prepare a plan to identify up to \$200,000,000 annually in cost savings from its budget, and to submit the plan to the appropriate policy committees of the Senate and the Assembly.

Existing law provides that the Department of Transportation has full possession and control of the state highway system.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature that the department identify savings from implementing efficiencies in its existing programs

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and direct those resources into expanded activities for road repair and litter cleanup.

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

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

SECTION 1. The Department of Transportation shall, by April
1, 2016, and as part of its budget for the 2016–17 fiscal year,
prepare a plan to identify up to two hundred million dollars
(\$200,000,000) annually in cost savings from its budget, and shall
submit the plan to the appropriate policy committees of the Senate

6 *and the Assembly.*

7 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature that the

8 Department of Transportation identify savings from implementing

9 efficiencies in its existing programs and direct those resources into

10 expanded activities for road repair and litter cleanup.

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