

**Introduced by Senator Hueso**  
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Senate Joint Resolution No. 22—Relative to Calexico West Land Port of Entry project.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SJR 22, as introduced, Hueso. Calexico West Land Port of Entry project: funding.

This measure would respectfully urge Congress to appropriate \$248 million in funding to complete Phase 2 of the Calexico West Land Port of Entry reconfiguration and expansion project in order to realize the benefits the improvements of this project will have on the nation’s economy.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The inclusion of \$248 million in funding for Phase  
2 2 of the Calexico West Land Port of Entry reconfiguration and  
3 expansion project in the Financial Services and General  
4 Government Appropriations bill is proposed by the President’s  
5 Fiscal Year 2017 Budget; and

6 WHEREAS, This funding will ensure completion of the project,  
7 which will improve domestic supply chains, strengthen our national  
8 security, reduce the Port’s carbon footprint, and facilitate economic  
9 growth, not only for the County of Imperial and California, but  
10 for the entire nation; and

11 WHEREAS, The Obama Administration’s 2015 budget included  
12 a \$98,062,000 investment in Calexico West Land Port of Entry  
13 Phase 1. This first phase of the expansion project is currently

1 underway and is expected to be completed in 2018. Phase 2 will  
2 consist of the balance of the project, including additional sitework,  
3 an expanded pedestrian processing facility, administrative offices,  
4 and six additional northbound privately owned vehicle inspection  
5 lanes; and

6 WHEREAS, The completion of this project guarantees the  
7 economic activity of the border will not be lost. On an average  
8 day, more than 11,000 privately operated vehicles and nearly  
9 13,000 pedestrians enter the United States through the Calexico  
10 Land Port of Entry; and

11 WHEREAS, The United States' goods and private services trade  
12 with Mexico totaled an estimated \$536 billion in 2012, with exports  
13 totaling \$243 billion and imports totaling \$293 billion; and

14 WHEREAS, Mexico is currently our third largest goods trading  
15 partner with almost \$507 billion in total goods trade during 2013,  
16 with goods exports that totaled \$226 billion and goods imports  
17 that totaled \$280 billion; and

18 WHEREAS, Ninety-nine percent of trade between California  
19 and Mexico is carried by trucks; and the Calexico East Port of  
20 Entry serves nearly all of the international truck traffic crossings  
21 in the County of Imperial, with a total trade value of over \$12  
22 billion in 2012; and

23 WHEREAS, The San Diego Association of Governments 2050  
24 Comprehensive Freight Gateway Study projects that the nearly  
25 two million trucks that crossed the California-Mexico border in  
26 2007 will increase to nearly five million trucks in 2050; and

27 WHEREAS, Traffic congestion and delays at the borders of the  
28 Counties of San Diego and Imperial cost the economies of the  
29 United States and Mexico an estimated \$8.63 billion in gross output  
30 and more than 73,900 jobs in 2007; and

31 WHEREAS, The collaboration between federal, state, and local  
32 agencies is essential for the development of border infrastructure  
33 projects and security; and

34 WHEREAS, The United States General Accountability Office  
35 and the United States Department of Homeland Security estimate  
36 that \$6 billion in border infrastructure is needed to fulfill their  
37 mission of preventing unlawful entry and smuggling while  
38 facilitating legitimate trade and tourism; now, therefore, be it

39 *Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of*  
40 *California, jointly,* That the Legislature of the State of California

1 respectfully urges Congress to appropriate \$248 million in funding  
2 to complete Phase 2 of the Calexico West Land Port of Entry  
3 reconfiguration and expansion project in order to realize the  
4 benefits the improvements of this project will have on the nation's  
5 economy; and be it further

6 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
7 this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United  
8 States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the  
9 Majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and  
10 Representative from California in the Congress of the United  
11 States.

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