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**Senate Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 96**

**Introduced by Senator Karnette**

**(Coauthors: Senators Bowen, Costa, and Speier)**

*(Coauthors: Assembly Members Ackerman, Ducheny, Florez, Leonard, Longville, Lowenthal, Margett, Robert Pacheco, and Torlakson)*

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 96—Relative to intermodal freight access.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 96, as amended, Karnette. Intermodal freight access.

This measure would request the Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, the Trade and Commerce Agency, the California Transportation Commission, and other appropriate parties, to prepare a proposal for a "Global Gateways Development Program" to enhance intermodal freight access. The measure would further encourage the department to consult and utilize information compiled by the California Transportation Commission, among other sources, in response to a specified resolution of the Senate, and would request a progress report and a final report to the Legislature.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, California's major seaports and airports  
2 serve as global gateways for the movement of goods

1 between domestic and international locations and serve  
2 as crucial access points to major trade corridors  
3 throughout the state, nation, and world; and

4 WHEREAS, The continued economic viability and  
5 improvement of the state's global gateways and access are  
6 critical to California's most significant export industries,  
7 including, but not limited to, agriculture, apparel,  
8 electronics, entertainment, professional management  
9 services, technology, and tourism; and

10 WHEREAS, The value of international trade through  
11 California's global gateways in 1999 was an estimated \$331  
12 billion, the volume of container traffic shipped through  
13 California's gateways exceeded 6,500,000 20-foot total  
14 equivalent units (TEUs) in 1999, and the international air  
15 freight tonnage passing through the state's global airport  
16 facilities was 928,624 tons at Los Angeles International  
17 Airport and 425,000 tons at San Francisco Airport alone;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, The state's roads, freeways, and interstate  
20 railroad systems are critical for the effective movement  
21 of goods to air and seaports; and

22 WHEREAS, The development of these global gateway  
23 facilities and state transportation infrastructure has not  
24 kept pace with California's economic growth and there is  
25 a growing need to accommodate the continued growth  
26 and coordinate the movement of goods and people at  
27 those entry points with the larger transportation  
28 infrastructure of the state; now, therefore, be it

29 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the*  
30 *Assembly thereof concurring,* That the Legislature  
31 hereby requests that the Department of Transportation,  
32 in cooperation with the Business, Transportation and  
33 Housing Agency, the Trade and Commerce Agency, the  
34 California Transportation Commission, *lead*  
35 *transportation agencies, ports and airports,* and other  
36 appropriate parties, prepare a proposal for a "Global  
37 Gateways Development Program." The purpose and  
38 objective of the program shall be to improve major  
39 freight gateways in California to enhance overall  
40 mobility, including increased access at and through



1 international ports of entry, international airports,  
2 seaports, other major intermodal transfer facilities and  
3 goods movement distribution centers, and trade  
4 corridors in California. Preparation of the Global  
5 Gateways Development Program shall, among other  
6 actions, identify high-priority airport and seaport access  
7 and intrastate transportation projects for purposes of  
8 potential state, federal, and other funding. The identified  
9 projects should serve to facilitate the movement of  
10 intrastate, interstate, and international trade beneficial to  
11 the state's economy; and be it further

12 *Resolved*, That, in developing the Global Gateways  
13 Development Program, the Department of  
14 Transportation is encouraged to consult and utilize,  
15 among other sources, information compiled by the  
16 California Transportation Commission in response to  
17 Senate Resolution 8 of the 1999–2000 Regular Session. The  
18 department is requested to prepare and submit to the  
19 Legislature a report on the department's progress in  
20 preparing the Global Gateways Development Program,  
21 on or before March 1, 2001, and to submit a final report  
22 on that program to the Legislature on or before July 1,  
23 2001; and be it further

24 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit  
25 copies of this resolution to the Director of Transportation,  
26 the Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing,  
27 the Secretary of Trade and Commerce, and the  
28 Chairperson of the California Transportation  
29 Commission.

