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SENATE BILL

No. 1445

Introduced by Senator DeSaulnier

February 19, 2010

An act to amend Section 65040.6 of, and to add Section 65080.6 to, the Government Code, to amend Section 75125 of the Public Resources Code, and to add Section 9250.20 to the Vehicle Code, relating to planning.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1445, as amended, DeSaulnier. Planning.

(1) Existing law creates the Strategic Growth Council consisting of the Director of State Planning and Research, the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency, the Secretary for Environmental Protection, the Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing, the Secretary of California Health and Human Services, and one public member appointed by the Governor. Existing law specifies the powers and duties of the council with respect to identification and review of activities and programs of member agencies that may be coordinated to improve certain planning and resource objectives and associated matters, including provision of financial assistance to support the planning and development of sustainable communities. Existing law requires the council to report to the Legislature not later than July 1, 2010, and every year thereafter, on the financial assistance provided.

This bill would instead provide for an initial reporting date of July 1, 2012. The bill would require the council to coordinate certain of its activities with the Planning Advisory and Assistance Council.

(2) Existing law creates the Planning Advisory and Assistance Council in the Office of Planning and Research in the Governor's office, with a specified membership appointed by the Director of State Planning and Research consisting of representatives of cities, counties, each regional planning districts, and Indian tribes and bands, from persons nominated by those entities. Existing law requires the council to provide advice on certain planning matters, including the preparation of state long-range goals and policies, and evaluation of the planning functions of various state agencies.

This bill would delete the reference to regional planning districts and instead require 7 of the council's members to be appointed from the governing boards of specified regional planning organizations. The bill would also provide for the appointment of one member each from the California Transportation Commission, the State Air Resources Board, the State Energy Conservation and Development Commission, the Speaker of the Assembly, and the Senate Committee on Rules. The bill would expand the duties of the council by requiring it to work with the Strategic Growth Council and various regional and local agencies to facilitate the implementation of regional blueprint plans, and to develop and propose recommendations to the Strategic Growth Council and certain state agencies in order to facilitate coordination between regional blueprint plans, state growth and infrastructure plans, and programs that facilitate the implementation of regional blueprint plans. The bill would also require reports by the council to the Legislature on specified matters.

(3) Existing law requires certain transportation planning activities by designated regional transportation planning agencies, including development of a regional transportation plan. Certain of these agencies are designated under federal law as metropolitan planning organizations. Existing law requires metropolitan planning organizations to adopt a sustainable communities strategy, subject to specified requirements, as part of a regional transportation plan, which is to be designed to achieve certain targets established by the State Air Resources Board for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from automobiles and light trucks in the region.

This bill would increase the registration fee imposed by the state on the registration of each vehicle by \$1, and require the Department of Motor Vehicles to distribute 1% of the net revenues from the fee increase to the Planning Advisory and Assistance Council. The remaining net revenues would be distributed to designated transportation planning

agencies based on the number of vehicles registered within the jurisdiction of each agency. The bill would require the transportation planning agencies to use the funds solely to develop and implement a sustainable communities strategy, a regional blueprint plan, or a rural transportation plan element in order to identify land use strategies to reduce the use of motor vehicles and to carry out transportation-related activities in the strategy, plan, or plan element and, in the case of an agency preparing a regional blueprint plan, to provide grants to cities, counties, and congestion management agencies for planning and projects related to implementation of the plan. The bill would also provide for sharing of available revenues between various agencies, as specified.

(4) The bill would also make legislative findings and declarations.

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 as follows:
2 (a) Uncoordinated and unplanned growth together with a lack
3 of common goals to effect the public's interest in the conservation
4 and wise use of our lands pose a threat to the environment,
5 sustainable economic development, and the health, safety, and
6 high quality of life enjoyed by residents of this state.
7 (b) The enactment of Senate Bill 375 of the 2007–08 Regular
8 Session (Chapter 728 of the Statutes of 2008) and the establishment
9 of requirements for regional transportation plans to address
10 greenhouse gases can only be successfully implemented if regional
11 and local governments have the tools they need to collaboratively
12 plan for the type of growth that can achieve these goals, and if that
13 collaborative planning is coordinated with the efforts of the
14 Governor's Strategic Growth Council and other state agencies as
15 required by the enactment of Senate Bill 732 of the 2007–08
16 Regular Session (Chapter 729 of the Statutes of 2008).
17 (c) The successful development of sustainable communities
18 strategies as part of regional transportation plans and
19 implementation of those strategies by the amendment of city and
20 county general and specific plans will result in significantly
21 reduced vehicle travel. The reduced travel will reduce greenhouse
22 gas emissions and air pollution and provide environmental benefits
23 that mitigate the adverse impacts associated with vehicle use. The

1 resulting reduction in traffic congestion provides a user benefit to
2 all vehicle owners which is at least equal in value to a fee of two
3 dollars (\$2) per vehicle annually.

4 (d) Cooperation between regional and local governments and
5 air districts is essential to the achievement of the greenhouse gas
6 emission reductions envisioned in regional transportation plans.

7 (e) Therefore, it is in the public interest that state residents,
8 communities, local governments, air districts, and the private sector
9 cooperate and coordinate with one another in comprehensive,
10 sustainable land use planning.

11 (f) It is the intent of the Legislature to update the duties and
12 composition of the Planning Advisory and Assistance Council to
13 assist in the state's land use planning processes by providing
14 funding to support the development and implementation for
15 regional blueprints and related planning and to work with state
16 agencies providing funding for resource protection and local
17 infrastructure to facilitate coordination between state planning and
18 funding decisions and regional blueprints.

19 SEC. 2. Section 65040.6 of the Government Code is amended
20 to read:

21 65040.6. (a) The Planning Advisory and Assistance Council
22 is hereby created within the office, the membership of which shall
23 be as follows: three city representatives; three county
24 representatives; seven representatives of regional planning
25 organizations; one member of the State Air Resources Board; one
26 member of the California Transportation Commission; one member
27 of the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development
28 Commission; one member appointed by the Speaker of *the*
29 Assembly; one member appointed by the Senate Committee on
30 Rules; and one representative of Indian tribes and bands which
31 have reservations or rancherias within California. The city and
32 county representatives appointed pursuant to this subdivision shall
33 be selected by the director from nominees submitted by the League
34 of California Cities and by the California State Association of
35 Counties. Representatives of regional planning organizations
36 appointed pursuant to this subdivision shall be selected by the
37 director from nominees submitted by the regional planning
38 organizations set forth in paragraphs (1) to (5), inclusive, of
39 subdivision (b) and from nominees submitted by the California
40 Association of Councils of Governments for the representatives

1 set forth in paragraphs (6) and (7) of subdivision (b). The
2 representative of Indian tribes and bands shall be a member of one
3 tribe or band, and shall be selected by the director.

4 Appointment to the advisory council shall be for a term of two
5 years, provided that the members of the first council shall classify
6 themselves by lot so that one-half shall serve an initial term of one
7 year and one-half shall serve an initial term of two years. Vacancies
8 shall be filled in the same manner provided for the original
9 appointment.

10 (b) Seven of the council's members shall be from the governing
11 body of each of the following:

12 (1) The Southern California Association of Governments.

13 (2) The Metropolitan Transportation Commission or the
14 Association of Bay Area Governments. The person appointed to
15 the council pursuant to this paragraph shall be a member of the
16 governing body for both the Metropolitan Transportation
17 Commission and the Association of Bay Area Governments.

18 (3) The San Diego Association of Governments.

19 (4) The Sacramento Area Council of Governments.

20 (5) The San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council.

21 (6) A metropolitan planning organization or council of
22 governments that is not identified in paragraphs (1) to (5),
23 inclusive.

24 (7) A regional transportation planning agency, as defined in
25 Section 65080, that is neither a metropolitan planning organization
26 nor a council of governments.

27 (c) The council shall provide such advice as may be necessary
28 to assist the office in discharging the requirements of Sections
29 65040 to 65040.4, inclusive. In particular, the council shall:

30 (1) Assist the office in the preparation of the state long-range
31 goals and policies, in the manner specified in subdivision (a) of
32 Section 65040.

33 (2) Evaluate the planning functions of the various state agencies
34 involved in planning, in the manner specified in subdivision (c)
35 of Section 65040.

36 (3) Make appropriate decisions and provide such advice and
37 assistance as may be required by federal statute or regulation in
38 connection with any federal program administered by the office.

39 (4) Work with the Strategic Growth Council, created pursuant
40 to Section 75121 of the Public Resources Code, regional agencies,

1 such as metropolitan planning organizations or councils of
2 governments, and with cities and counties to facilitate the
3 implementation of regional blueprint plans.

4 (5) Develop and propose recommendations to the Strategic
5 Growth Council, created pursuant to Section 75121 of the Public
6 Resources Code, the Department of General Services, the State
7 Allocation Board, the Department of Housing and Community
8 Development, the Department of Transportation, the California
9 Transportation Commission, and any other state agencies that
10 affect land use, housing, or transportation in order to facilitate
11 coordination between regional blueprint plans, state growth and
12 infrastructure funding plans, and programs that facilitate the
13 implementation of regional blueprint plans.

14 (6) Receive reports, including, but not limited to, a copy of the
15 five-year infrastructure plan described in Section 13102.

16 (7) Report to the Legislature, in consultation and coordination
17 with the Strategic Growth Council, created pursuant to Section
18 75121 of the Public Resources Code, on the manner in which state
19 agencies are implementing the requirements of Chapter 1016 of
20 the Statutes of 2002.

21 (8) Report to the Legislature on regional performance measures,
22 evaluating the progress of each region of the state in improving
23 results for its residents in employment, environmental protection,
24 education, housing, mobility, and other criteria as determined by
25 the council. The council shall provide the Legislature with updates
26 to the report periodically, as the council determines is required.

27 (d) The council shall meet on call of the director of the office,
28 who shall convene at least two council meetings during each year.

29 (e) Council members shall serve without compensation, but
30 they may be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in connection
31 with their duties.

32 SEC. 3. Section 65080.6 is added to the Government Code, to
33 read:

34 65080.6. (a) All revenue received pursuant to Section 9250.20
35 of the Vehicle Code shall be used by the metropolitan planning
36 organization, the council of governments, or a county transportation
37 planning agency solely to develop and implement a sustainable
38 communities strategy, a regional blueprint plan, or a rural
39 transportation plan element that is consistent with the guidelines
40 developed by the Department of Transportation for regional

1 blueprints, in order to identify land use strategies to reduce the use
2 of motor vehicles in its jurisdiction and carry out applicable
3 transportation-related activities in the strategy, plan, or plan
4 element, and thereby to achieve the greenhouse gas emission
5 reduction target as specified in Section 65080, and to provide
6 grants to cities, counties, cities and counties, and congestion
7 management agencies for planning and projects related to the
8 implementation of a regional blueprint plan.

9 (b) A metropolitan planning organization that is jointly preparing
10 a sustainable communities strategy with a council of governments
11 shall share all revenue it receives and expend that revenue in
12 accordance with an agreement between the two agencies.

13 (c) The Southern California Association of Governments
14 (SCAG) shall distribute a share of revenues received pursuant to
15 Section 9250.20 of the Vehicle Code to a county transportation
16 commission or subregional council of governments that has elected
17 to prepare a subregional sustainable communities strategy pursuant
18 to Section 65080. The share of each eligible agency shall be
19 computed after deducting from total revenues available to SCAG
20 pursuant to Section 9520.20 of the Vehicle Code the costs incurred
21 by SCAG for preparing the regionwide sustainable communities
22 strategy pursuant to Section 65080, and then, with respect to those
23 ~~remaining revenues, computing the proportionate share for an~~
24 ~~eligible agency based on the percentage of total revenues collected~~
25 ~~for the region that are attributable to fees collected in the~~
26 ~~jurisdiction of the eligible agency: remaining revenues, allocating~~
27 ~~the revenues based on the amount of fees collected from motor~~
28 ~~vehicles registered within the jurisdiction of each eligible agency.~~

29 (d) The metropolitan planning organization, the council of
30 governments, or a county transportation commission and a
31 subregional council of governments jointly preparing a subregional
32 sustainable communities strategy, may, pursuant to an agreement
33 with the local air quality management district that has responsibility
34 over the jurisdiction, share revenues received pursuant to this
35 section with the local air quality management district.

36 (e) All revenue received by the local air quality management
37 district pursuant to subdivision (d) shall be used to assist local and
38 regional governments in reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
39 Appropriate assistance includes, but is not limited to, all of the
40 following:

1 (1) Assistance in the development of a subregional sustainable
2 communities strategy.

3 (2) Assistance in the development of local greenhouse gas
4 emission inventories.

5 (3) Assistance in the development of greenhouse gas emission
6 reduction strategies in general plans.

7 (4) Development of and assistance with CEQA guidelines and
8 review of greenhouse gas emissions in CEQA analyses.

9 (5) Consultation and development of local climate action plans.

10 (6) Project-specific consultation work to reduce greenhouse gas
11 emissions from local transportation and land use decisions.

12 (f) For purposes of this section, a sustainable communities
13 strategy and an alternative planning strategy shall both be
14 considered to be a regional blueprint plan.

15 SEC. 4. Section 75125 of the Public Resources Code is
16 amended to read:

17 75125. The council shall do all of the following:

18 (a) Identify and review activities and funding programs of
19 member state agencies that may be coordinated to improve air and
20 water quality, improve natural resource protection, increase the
21 availability of affordable housing, improve transportation, meet
22 the goals of the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006
23 (Division 25.5 (commencing with Section 38500) of the Health
24 and Safety Code), encourage sustainable land use planning, and
25 revitalize urban and community centers in a sustainable manner.
26 At a minimum, the council shall review and comment on the
27 five-year infrastructure plan developed pursuant to Article 2
28 (commencing with Section 13100) of Chapter 2 of Part 3 of
29 Division 3 of the Government Code and the State Environmental
30 Goals and Policy Report developed pursuant to Section 65041 of
31 the Government Code.

32 (b) Recommend policies and investment strategies and priorities
33 to the Governor, the Legislature, and to appropriate state agencies
34 to encourage the development of sustainable communities, such
35 as those communities that promote equity, strengthen the economy,
36 protect the environment, and promote public health and safety,
37 consistent with subdivisions (a) and (c) of Section 75065.

38 (c) Provide, fund, and distribute data and information to local
39 governments and regional agencies that will assist in developing
40 and planning sustainable communities.

(d) Manage and award grants and loans to support the planning and development of sustainable communities, pursuant to Sections 75127, 75128, and 75129. To implement this subdivision, the council may do all of the following:

(1) Develop guidelines for awarding financial assistance, including criteria for eligibility and additional consideration.

(2) Develop criteria for determining the amount of financial assistance to be awarded. The council shall award a revolving loan to an applicant for a planning project, unless the council determines that the applicant lacks the fiscal capacity to carry out the project without a grant. The council may establish criteria that would allow the applicant to illustrate an ongoing commitment of financial resources to ensure the completion of the proposed plan or project.

(3) Provide for payments of interest on loans made pursuant to this article. The rate of interest shall not exceed the rate earned by the Pooled Money Investment Board.

(4) Provide for the time period for repaying a loan made pursuant to this article.

(5) Provide for the recovery of funds from an applicant that fails to complete the project for which financial assistance was awarded. The council shall direct the Controller to recover funds by any available means.

(6) Provide technical assistance for application preparation.

(7) Designate a state agency or department to administer technical and financial assistance programs for the disbursing of grants and loans to support the planning and development of sustainable communities, pursuant to Sections 75127, 75128, and 75129.

(e) In making recommendations pursuant to subdivisions (a) and (b) and in providing data and information pursuant to subdivision (c), the council shall consult with and coordinate its recommendations with the Planning Advisory and Assistance Council created pursuant to Section 65040.6 of the Government Code.

(f) No later than July 1, 2012, and every year thereafter, provide a report to the Legislature that shall include, but is not limited to, all of the following:

(1) A list of applicants for financial assistance.

(2) Identification of which applications were approved.

(3) The amounts awarded for each approved application.

1 (4) The remaining balance of available funds.

2 (5) A report on the proposed or ongoing management of each
3 funded project.

4 (6) Any additional minimum requirements and priorities for a
5 project or plan proposed in a grant or loan application developed
6 and adopted by the council pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section
7 75126.

8 SEC. 5. Section 9250.20 is added to the Vehicle Code, to read:

9 9250.20. (a) Effective July 1, 2011, the fee imposed by Section
10 9250 shall be increased by an additional one dollar (\$1).

11 (b) After deducting the costs incurred pursuant to subdivision
12 (d), 1 percent of all revenues received from the additional fee
13 imposed pursuant to this section shall be transmitted to the Planning
14 Advisory and Assistance Council to perform the functions specified
15 in subdivision (c) of Section 65040.6 of the Government Code.

16 (c) The department shall distribute the remaining revenues from
17 the fee increase to metropolitan planning organizations, councils
18 of governments outside of metropolitan planning organizations,
19 and transportation planning agencies in areas outside of
20 metropolitan planning organizations or councils of governments
21 in accordance with Section 65080.6 of the Government Code,
22 based upon the amount of fees collected from motor vehicles
23 registered within each jurisdiction.

24 (d) The department may annually expend for its costs not more
25 than the following percentages of the fees collected pursuant to
26 subdivision (a):

27 (1) Two percent during the first year after the increased fee is
28 imposed.

29 (2) One percent during any subsequent year.