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SB-64 California Transportation Plan. (2015-2016)

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Senate Bill No. 64

CHAPTER 711

An act to amend Section 14536 of, and to add Section 65073.1 to, the Government Code, relating to transportation planning.

[Approved by Governor October 09, 2015. Filed with Secretary of State October 09, 2015.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 64, Liu. California Transportation Plan.

(1) Existing law requires the California Transportation Commission to adopt and submit to the Legislature, by December 15 of each year, an annual report summarizing the commission's prior-year decisions in allocating transportation capital outlay appropriations, and identifying timely and relevant transportation issues facing the state. Existing law provides that the annual report may also include a discussion of any significant upcoming transportation issues anticipated to be of concern to the public and the Legislature.

This bill would require that the annual report also include specific, action-oriented, and pragmatic recommendations for legislation to improve the transportation system.

(2) Existing law requires various transportation planning activities by state and regional agencies. Existing law requires the Department of Transportation to prepare the California Transportation Plan and to update the plan by December 31, 2015, and every 5 years thereafter. Existing law specifies certain subject areas for the movement of people and freight to be considered in the plan. Existing law requires the plan to address how the state will achieve maximum feasible emissions reductions in order to attain a statewide reduction of greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by 2020 and 80% below 1990 levels by 2050 and identify the statewide integrated multimodal transportation system needed to achieve greenhouse gas emission reductions. Existing law requires the department to consult with and coordinate its planning activities with specified entities, including the California Transportation Commission, and to provide an opportunity for public input. Existing law authorizes the California Transportation Commission to present the results of its review and comment to the Legislature and the Governor.

This bill would require the California Transportation Commission to review recommendations in the update to the California Transportation Plan prepared by the department in 2015, and every 5 years thereafter, to prepare specific, action-oriented, and pragmatic recommendations for transportation system improvements, and to submit a report in that regard to the Legislature and the Governor by December 31, 2016, and every 5 years thereafter.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 14536 of the Government Code is amended to read:

14536. (a) The annual report shall include an explanation and summary of major policies and decisions adopted by the commission during the previously completed state and federal fiscal year, with an explanation of any changes in policy associated with the performance of its duties and responsibilities over the past year.

(b) The annual report may also include a discussion of any significant upcoming transportation issues anticipated to be of concern to the public and the Legislature and shall include specific, action-oriented, and pragmatic recommendations for legislation to improve the transportation system.

SEC. 2. Section 65073.1 is added to the Government Code, to read:

65073.1. The California Transportation Commission shall review recommendations in the update to the California Transportation Plan prepared by the department in 2015, and every five years thereafter, and prepare specific, action-oriented, and pragmatic recommendations for transportation system improvements. A report containing the specific recommendations shall be submitted to the Legislature and the Governor by December 31, 2016, and every five years thereafter, and in compliance with Section 9795.