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AB-2879 High-Speed Rail Authority: contracting. (2023-2024)

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Assembly Bill No. 2879

CHAPTER 248

An act to add Section 185036.2 to the Public Utilities Code, relating to high-speed rail.

[Approved by Governor September 14, 2024. Filed with Secretary of State September 14, 2024.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2879, Lackey. High-Speed Rail Authority: contracting.

The California High-Speed Rail Act creates the High-Speed Rail Authority, composed of 11 members, to develop and implement a high-speed rail system in the state, with specified powers and duties. The act authorizes the authority to enter into contracts with private or public entities for the design, construction, and operation of high-speed trains. The act requires the authority to appoint an executive director to administer the affairs of the authority as directed by the authority.

This bill, notwithstanding the authority's ability to delegate power to the executive director, would require any contract change order with a value greater than \$100,000,000 to be approved by the authority.

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

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

SECTION 1. Section 185036.2 is added to the Public Utilities Code, to read:

185036.2. Notwithstanding the authority's ability to delegate power to the executive director pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 185024, a contract change order with a value greater than one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) shall be approved by the authority.