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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2017–18 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 179

Introduced by Assembly Member Cervantes
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Bloom, Cristina Garcia, and
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(Coauthor: Senator Roth)

January 18, 2017

An act to amend Section 14502 of, and to add Section 14516 to, the Government Code, relating to transportation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 179, as amended, Cervantes. California Transportation Commission.

Existing law creates the California Transportation Commission, with various powers and duties relative to the programming of transportation capital projects and allocation of funds to those projects pursuant to the state transportation improvement program and various other transportation funding programs.

Existing law provides that the commission consists of 13 members: 11 voting members, of which 9 are appointed by the Governor subject to Senate confirmation, one is appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, and one is appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly, and 2 Members of the Legislature who are appointed as nonvoting ex officio members.

This bill would require that one of those voting members have worked directly with those communities in the state that are most significantly burdened by, and vulnerable to, high levels of pollution, including, but not limited to, those communities with racially and ethnically diverse populations or with low-income populations.

This bill would require the commission and the State Air Resources Board to hold at least 2 joint meetings per calendar year to coordinate their implementation of transportation policies.

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. Section 14502 of the Government Code is
2 amended to read:

3 14502. The commission ~~consists~~ *shall consist* of 13 members
4 appointed as follows:

5 (a) (1) Nine members shall be appointed by the Governor with
6 the advice and consent of the Senate. One member shall be
7 appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly and one member shall
8 be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, with neither of
9 these members subject to confirmation by the Senate. A member
10 appointed pursuant to this subdivision shall not simultaneously
11 hold an elected public office, or serve on any local or regional
12 public board or commission with business before the commission.

13 (2) Of the members appointed pursuant to this subdivision one
14 member shall have worked directly with those communities in the
15 state that are most significantly burdened by, and vulnerable to,
16 high levels of pollution, including, but not limited to, those
17 communities with racially and ethnically diverse populations or
18 with low-income populations.

19 (3) When an appointment is made to the commission after
20 January 1, 2018, the Governor, Speaker of the Assembly, and
21 Senate Committee on Rules shall ensure that it is made in
22 conformance with this subdivision.

23 (b) One Member of the Senate appointed by the Senate
24 Committee on Rules and one Member of the Assembly appointed
25 by the Speaker of the Assembly shall be ex officio members
26 without vote and shall participate in the activities of the

1 commission to the extent that that participation is not incompatible
2 with their positions as Members of the Legislature.

3 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a voting member
4 of the commission may serve on the High-Speed Rail Authority
5 as established in Division 19.5 (commencing with Section 185000)
6 of the Public Utilities Code.

7 SEC. 2. Section 14516 is added to the Government Code, to
8 read:

9 14516. The commission and the State Air Resources Board
10 shall hold at least two joint meetings per calendar year to
11 coordinate their implementation of transportation policies,
12 including interagency efforts, which shall include, but not be
13 limited to, implementation of the sustainable freight action plan
14 developed pursuant to Executive Order B-32-15, development of
15 the California Transportation Plan update pursuant to Section
16 65071, and the setting of targets pursuant to subparagraph (A) of
17 paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) of Section 65080.

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