

CONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

AB 2730 (Cervantes)

As Amended August 25, 2020

Majority vote

SUMMARY:

- 1) Authorizes a regional transit district, county transportation commission, or other local transportation authority that provides paratransit services to enter into an agreement with adjacent regional transit districts, county transportation commissions, or local transportation authorities, upon request of the adjacent district, commission, or authority, for purposes of permitting the adjacent district, commission, or authority to borrow, for compensation, paratransit vehicles and drivers in the event of an emergency that requires the evacuation and relocation of the access and functional needs population in the jurisdiction or service area of the adjacent district, commission, or authority.
- 2) Authorizes a county, including a city and county, to enter into an agreement with an adjacent county, upon the request of the adjacent county, for purposes of permitting the adjacent county to borrow, for compensation, the county's emergency management and transportation services in the event of an emergency that requires the evacuation and relocation of the access and functional needs population in the adjacent county.

The Senate Amendments:

- 1) Require the service agreements between adjacent counties to be available 24 hours per day, seven days per week.
- 2) Revise the definition of "adjacent county" to mean a county with the same or a contiguous mutual aid region(s) as specified is a subdivision of the state emergency services organization, established to facilitate the coordination of mutual aid and other emergency operations within an area of the state consisting of two or more county operational areas.
- 3) Authorize instead of requires adjacent counties to enter into agreements.

COMMENTS:

In December of 2019, the California State Auditor released an audit entitled "California Is Not Adequately Prepared to Protect Its Most Vulnerable Residents From Natural Disasters" (Report No. 2019-134). The report highlighted deficiencies in state and local emergency preparations for addressing the needs of people with access and functional needs. Among other things, the audit underscored the need for counties to fully assess and prearrange to obtain the resources it would need in a disaster, such as entering into an agreement with an adjacent county to secure the transportation and other resources required to carry out the proper evacuation of our access and functional needs population

According to the Author:

During natural disasters or public health emergencies, our most vulnerable populations are often unable to evacuate or seek shelter. This includes, but is not limited to, the elderly, foster youth, and people with physical or developmental disabilities. This bill will facilitate local partnerships to allow counties and cities to share logistical resources (including paratransit vehicles, drivers, and medical equipment) to evacuate these vulnerable populations when natural disasters or

public health emergencies strike our state. We must ensure that when these emergencies occur in California, no one gets left behind.

Arguments in Support:

The Disability Rights California states, "as the most recent California wildfires have demonstrated, there is critical need for effective evacuation plans that must include all members of the communities, including persons with disabilities and the elderly. It is critical to leverage the availability of transportation that can effectively and efficiently provide services to the functional needs population."

Arguments in Opposition:

None.

FISCAL COMMENTS:

According to the Senate Committee on Appropriations, there will be "negligible state costs."

VOTES:

ASM GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION: 20-0-1

YES: Gray, Bigelow, Aguiar-Curry, Berman, Bonta, Brough, Cooley, Daly, Gallagher, Eduardo Garcia, Gipson, Jones-Sawyer, Lackey, Low, Mathis, Melendez, Quirk-Silva, Robert Rivas, Blanca Rubio, Salas

ABS, ABST OR NV: Cooper

ASM APPROPRIATIONS: 18-0-0

YES: Gonzalez, Bigelow, Bauer-Kahan, Bloom, Bonta, Calderon, Carrillo, Chau, Megan Dahle, Diep, Eggman, Fong, Gabriel, Eduardo Garcia, Petrie-Norris, McCarty, Robert Rivas, Voepel

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 78-0-1

YES: Aguiar-Curry, Arambula, Bauer-Kahan, Berman, Bigelow, Bloom, Boerner Horvath, Bonta, Brough, Burke, Calderon, Carrillo, Cervantes, Chau, Chen, Chiu, Choi, Chu, Cooley, Cooper, Cunningham, Megan Dahle, Daly, Diep, Eggman, Flora, Fong, Frazier, Friedman, Gabriel, Gallagher, Cristina Garcia, Eduardo Garcia, Gipson, Gloria, Gonzalez, Gray, Grayson, Holden, Irwin, Jones-Sawyer, Kalra, Kamlager, Kiley, Lackey, Levine, Limón, Low, Maienschein, Mathis, Mayes, McCarty, Medina, Mullin, Muratsuchi, Nazarian, O'Donnell, Obernolte, Patterson, Petrie-Norris, Quirk-Silva, Ramos, Reyes, Luz Rivas, Robert Rivas, Rodriguez, Blanca Rubio, Salas, Santiago, Smith, Mark Stone, Ting, Voepel, Waldron, Weber, Wicks, Wood, Rendon

ABS, ABST OR NV: Quirk

SENATE FLOOR: 39-0-1

YES: Allen, Archuleta, Atkins, Bates, Beall, Borgeas, Bradford, Caballero, Chang, Dahle, Dodd, Durazo, Galgiani, Glazer, Lena Gonzalez, Grove, Hertzberg, Hill, Hueso, Hurtado, Jackson, Leyva, McGuire, Melendez, Mitchell, Monning, Moorlach, Morrell, Nielsen, Pan, Portantino, Roth, Rubio, Skinner, Stern, Umberg, Wieckowski, Wiener, Wilk

ABS, ABST OR NV: Jones

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