
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anthony Portantino, Chair
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AB 955 (Quirk) - Highways: encroachment permits: broadband facilities

Version: May 24, 2021

Urgency: No

Hearing Date: August 26, 2021

Policy Vote: TRANS. 14 - 0

Mandate: No

Consultant: Mark McKenzie

Bill Summary: AB 955 would place new requirements on the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) when it reviews an application for an encroachment permit for broadband facilities, including a requirement that Caltrans offer to act as the lead agency for purposes of ensuring compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in certain circumstances.

******* ANALYSIS ADDENDUM – SUSPENSE FILE *******

**The following information is revised to reflect amendments
adopted by the committee on August 26, 2021**

Fiscal Impact:

- Caltrans indicates any costs would be minor and absorbable. (State Highway Account)

Committee Amendments: Delete the provision that would require Caltrans to offer to act as lead agency for purposes of ensuring compliance with CEQA, if a proposed project requires an encroachment permit but does not require additional approval from a city or county.

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