

CONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS
AB 1510 (Committee on Public Employment and Retirement)
As Amended June 13, 2025
Majority vote

SUMMARY

Makes a change to the existing Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) employment relations statute relating to an appeal of a final decision or order of the Public Employment Relations Board (PERB) for purposes of equity and parity to various other public employment relations statutes administered by the PERB.

Senate Amendments

Remove technical clean-up provisions regarding certain pay and benefits for state employees who are members of the California National Guard or United States military reserves relating to the Bosnia crisis and War on Terror, respectively, but maintain provisions relating to employment relations at the VTA, as previously passed by the Assembly.

COMMENTS

Background

Existing law authorizes a party aggrieved by a final decision or order of the Public Employment Relations Board (PERB) in an unfair practice case, except under certain circumstance, to petition a court of competent jurisdiction for a writ of extraordinary relief from such decisions or orders. (See Sections 3509.5 (local public employment relations); 3542 (K-14 education employment relations); 3524.73 (Judicial Council employment relations); 3564 (higher education employment relations); 71639.4 (trial court employment relations); 71825.1 (court interpreter employment relations) of the Gov. Code; Sections 40122.2 (Orange County transit employment relations); 28861 (San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit employment relations); 98172 (Santa Cruz Metropolitan transit employment relations); 99562 (Los Angeles County transit supervisory employment relations); 102409 (Sacramento Regional Transit employment relations) of the Public Utilities Code; and, Section 10428.5 (childcare providers employment relations) of the Welfare and Institutions Code.)

This Bill

This bill would add a similar necessary provision to the VTA employment relations statute administered by the PERB.

Please see the various policy committee analyses for a full discussion of this bill.

According to the Author

"This bill makes a necessary change to the VTA employment relations statute to ensure that any party aggrieved by a final decision or order of the PERB can request a writ of extraordinary relief from a court."

Arguments in Support

Among other things, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO states that, "[c]urrently, the VTA's employer-employee relations statute lacks explicit

provisions for both PERB enforcement and judicial review. This creates a disparity compared to other public sector employees in California who are under PERB's jurisdiction. By addressing this discrepancy, [this bill] will provide VTA workers with the same fundamental rights and protections afforded to their counterparts across the state. The proposed [VTA employment relations statute is] essential for creating a more balanced and just labor environment.

Arguments in Opposition

None.

FISCAL COMMENTS

This bill was passed by the Senate Committee on Appropriations pursuant to Senate Rule 28.8.

VOTES:

ASM PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AND RETIREMENT: 7-0-0

YES: McKinnor, Lackey, Alanis, Boerner, Elhawary, Garcia, Nguyen

ASM APPROPRIATIONS: 15-0-0

YES: Wicks, Sanchez, Arambula, Calderon, Caloza, Dixon, Elhawary, Fong, Mark González, Hart, Pacheco, Pellerin, Solache, Ta, Tangipa

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 73-1-5

YES: Addis, Aguiar-Curry, Ahrens, Alanis, Alvarez, Arambula, Ávila Farías, Bains, Bauer-Kahan, Bennett, Berman, Boerner, Bonta, Bryan, Calderon, Caloza, Castillo, Chen, Connolly, Davies, Dixon, Elhawary, Ellis, Flora, Fong, Gabriel, Garcia, Gipson, Jeff Gonzalez, Mark González, Hadwick, Haney, Harabedian, Hart, Hoover, Irwin, Jackson, Kalra, Krell, Lackey, Lee, Lowenthal, Macedo, McKinnor, Muratsuchi, Nguyen, Ortega, Pacheco, Papan, Patel, Patterson, Pellerin, Petrie-Norris, Quirk-Silva, Ramos, Ransom, Celeste Rodriguez, Rogers, Blanca Rubio, Schiavo, Schultz, Sharp-Collins, Solache, Soria, Ta, Tangipa, Valencia, Wallis, Ward, Wicks, Wilson, Zbur, Rivas

NO: DeMaio

ABS, ABST OR NV: Carrillo, Gallagher, Michelle Rodriguez, Sanchez, Stefani

SENATE FLOOR: 37-0-3

YES: Allen, Archuleta, Arreguín, Ashby, Becker, Blakespear, Cabaldon, Caballero, Cervantes, Choi, Cortese, Dahle, Durazo, Gonzalez, Grayson, Grove, Jones, Laird, Limón, McGuire, McNeerney, Menjivar, Niello, Ochoa Bogh, Padilla, Pérez, Reyes, Richardson, Seyarto, Smallwood-Cuevas, Stern, Strickland, Umberg, Valladares, Wahab, Weber Pierson, Wiener

ABS, ABST OR NV: Alvarado-Gil, Hurtado, Rubio

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