SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND FISCAL REVIEW

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Urgency: No **Fiscal**: Yes

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Subject: Transportation

Summary: This bill is the omnibus Transportation budget trailer bill. It contains provisions necessary to implement the 2025 Budget Act.

Proposed Law: This bill:

- 1) SR 185. Authorizes the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to issue permits to operate vehicles or mobile equipment on the 1.7-mile portion of State Route 185 in the City of Oakland if it meets specified criteria until December 31, 2031, or until an alternate truck route becomes available. The bill also requires the City of Oakland to report certain data to the Legislature and the Department of Transportation by January 1, 2031.
- Charter Bus Services. Authorizes specified entities to provide charter bus services during the 2026 FIFA World Cup in the County of Los Angeles and greater San Francisco Bay Area.
- 3) **Mobile Driver License.** Increases the percentage of licensed drivers who can participate in a pilot mobile driver license program from 5 to 15 percent.
- 4) Transport Refrigeration Unit Fee. Authorizes the State Air Resources Board to impose a fee on regulated entities under the Transport Refrigeration Unit program for implementation, administration, and enforcement. The fee shall be set to the amount as of January 1, 2025 and increase annually based on the Consumer Price Index. The bill also appropriates \$1,000 from the Air Pollution Control Fund to the State Air Resources Board for the Transport Refrigeration Unit Program.
- 5) **HVIP.** Exempts the \$132 million appropriated to the State Air Resources Board for the Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project from the Administrative Procedure Act.
- 6) **LCTOP.** Clarifies the allocation formula for the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program is paused from 2019-20 to 2025-26, inclusive.

Fiscal Effect: The funding related to the changes in this bill is contained in the Budget Act of 2025.