

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill No: SB 1274
Author: Archuleta (D), et al.
Amended: 7/2/26
Vote: 21

SENATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE: 7-0, 4/22/26

AYES: Durazo, Choi, Arreguín, Ashby, Cervantes, Laird, Seyarto

SENATE FLOOR: 36-0, 4/30/26 (Consent)

AYES: Allen, Alvarado-Gil, Archuleta, Ashby, Becker, Blakespear, Cabaldon, Cervantes, Choi, Cortese, Dahle, Durazo, Gonzalez, Grayson, Grove, Hurtado, Jones, Laird, Limón, McGuire, McNerney, Menjivar, Niello, Ochoa Bogh, Padilla, Pérez, Reyes, Richardson, Rubio, Seyarto, Smallwood-Cuevas, Stern, Strickland, Umberg, Weber Pierson, Wiener

NO VOTE RECORDED: Arreguín, Caballero, Valladares, Wahab

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 68-0, 8/13/26 - See last page for vote

SUBJECT: Industrial cities

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This bill defines the term industrial cities.

Assembly Amendments provide that the measure does not modify or affect local government warehouse standards, and make technical and clarifying changes.

ANALYSIS:

Existing law:

- 1) Allows cities and counties to make and enforce within its limits, all local, police, sanitary and other ordinances and regulations not in conflict with general laws.

- 2) Allows cities and counties that adopt charters to control their own municipal affairs, and makes these laws supreme over all laws inconsistent therewith.

This bill:

- 1) Defines industrial city to mean a city:
 - a) With a resident population under 25,000;
 - b) A majority of the city's jurisdiction is zoned or used for industrial, manufacturing, logistics, warehousing, energy production, or other large-scale commercial use; and
 - c) Supports a daytime workforce that exceeds its resident population.
- 2) Provides that it does not modify or affect local government warehouse standards.

Background

Whether living in general law or charter cities, city residents receive a variety of municipal services including police and fire protection, libraries, parks and recreation, road maintenance, public transit, street trees, lighting and landscaping, water, sewers, planning and development. Full service cities provide these services themselves. Partial service and contract cities rely on special districts and counties to provide many of these services to their residents. Cities come in all shapes and sizes. The state's largest city is Los Angeles with nearly 3.9 million residents. The state's smallest city is Amador City with about 200 residents.

Comments

Purpose of this bill. According to the author, "California is home to a small number of unique cities that have a higher daytime workforce population than nighttime residential population. In these cities, the number of jobs exceeds the number of residents, industrial land use often dominates the municipal footprint, and freight and commercial traffic often represent a significant share of roadway demand. This phenomenon typically occurs when a city is primarily zoned for industrial use and is experiencing large numbers of workers commuting to and from the city every day. One of the many unique challenges faced by industrial cities is the lack of financial resources for infrastructure maintenance and transportation. Because many transportation funding formulas rely heavily upon a city's residential population, industrial cities in California are not receiving

funding that reflects the reality of roadway wear, freight demand, and infrastructure usage in their jurisdictions.”

Necessary? SB 1274 adds a definition of industrial city to state law, but does not do anything beyond define the term. The cities sponsoring the legislation indicate that this definition will allow them to craft future legislative efforts to consider their unique concerns. Is this sufficient to justify legislation?

FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: No Local: No

SUPPORT: (Verified 8/13/26)

City of Industry
City of Santa Fe Springs
City of Vernon

OPPOSITION: (Verified 8/13/26)

None received

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 68-0, 8/13/26

AYES: Addis, Aguiar-Curry, Ahrens, Alanis, Arambula, Ávila Farías, Bains, Bauer-Kahan, Bennett, Boerner, Bryan, Calderon, Caloza, Carrillo, Castillo, Chen, Davies, DeMaio, Dixon, Elhawary, Ellis, Flora, Garcia, Gipson, Jeff Gonzalez, Mark González, Hadwick, Haney, Harabedian, Hart, Hoover, Irwin, Jackson, Johnson, Kalra, Krell, Lackey, Lowenthal, Macedo, McKinnor, Nguyen, Ortega, Pacheco, Papan, Patel, Patterson, Pellerin, Quirk-Silva, Ramos, Ransom, Celeste Rodriguez, Michelle Rodriguez, Blanca Rubio, Sanchez, Schiavo, Sharp-Collins, Solache, Soria, Stefani, Ta, Tangipa, Valencia, Wallis, Ward, Wicks, Wilson, Zbur, Rivas

NO VOTE RECORDED: Alvarez, Berman, Bonta, Connolly, Fong, Gabriel, Lee, Muratsuchi, Petrie-Norris, Rogers, Schultz

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