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THIRD READING

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Bill No: SCR 84  
Author: Blakespear (D), et al.  
Amended: 3/12/26  
Vote: 21

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**SUBJECT:** California Rail Month

**SOURCE:** Author

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**DIGEST:** This resolution recognizes May 2026 as California Rail Month.

**ANALYSIS:** This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Since California became the 31st state in 1850, rail has been historically important in connecting communities to the rest of the nation and growing economic opportunity, making rail services a vital public infrastructure that is intrinsically linked to many of the state's most important goals and celebrated successes.
- 2) There are five local agencies responsible for operating regional rail services: the Southern California Regional Rail Authority operating Metrolink, the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board operating Caltrain, the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission operating the Altamont Corridor Express, the North County Transit District operating COASTER, and the Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District operating Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit.
- 3) The California State Rail Plan establishes a long-term vision for passenger and freight rail services across the state, recognizing the urgency of developing a rail network by 2050 that is zero emission, provides reliable and frequent service, and is interconnected as part of a multimodal transportation ecosystem.
- 4) The California State Rail Plan has set a goal of providing nearly 200 million daily passenger-miles on a statewide rail network by 2050.
- 5) The California State Rail Plan has identified \$65 billion in federal, state, local, and private investment to be completed in the state over the next 10 years, and

has a vision for a total investment of \$307 billion by 2050 which will create an economic return of over \$537 billion for the state; and be it further.

- 6) The state plans to have approximately 1,500 miles of rail electrified by 2050 and 440 miles of rail constructed over the next 10 years.

This resolution recognizes May 2026 as California Rail Month in recognition of the invaluable contributions that rail has made to the state.

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

**SUPPORT:** (Verified 3/13/26)

None received

**OPPOSITION:** (Verified 3/13/26)

None received

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