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ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, GROWTH, AND
HOUSEHOLD IMPACT

José Luis Solache, Jr., Chair

SJR 6 (Cortese) – As Introduced April 24, 2025

SENATE VOTE: 27-6

SUBJECT: Federal funding for essential state infrastructure, technology, and economic development

SUMMARY: This measure would urge President Donald J. Trump and Congress to protect and maintain the historic investments made possible by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the CHIPS and Science Act, and the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022.

Specifically, **this bill:**

- 1) Supports and analyzes major federal infrastructure, clean energy, and economic investment programs, including the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, CHIPS and Science Act, and Inflation Reduction Act.
- 2) Highlights the impact of billions of dollars in federal funding supporting California transportation, broadband expansion, clean energy development, and high-speed rail projects.
- 3) Monitors policy changes and federal funding risks affecting infrastructure projects, local governments, economic growth, and public services throughout California.
- 4) Evaluates the economic, environmental, and workforce benefits of federal investments, including job creation, climate resilience, energy affordability, and long-term infrastructure improvements.

EXISTING LAW:

Federal Law

- 1) The federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (Bipartisan Infrastructure Law) authorizes approximately \$1.2 trillion in infrastructure investments, including funding for transportation, water systems, energy infrastructure, broadband deployment, public safety, and related projects.
- 2) The federal CHIPS and Science Act of 2022 provides federal support for domestic semiconductor manufacturing, scientific research, technology development, workforce training, and supply chain resilience.
- 3) The federal Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 provides funding, tax incentives, and grant programs related to clean energy, climate resilience, manufacturing, transportation, and other economic development initiatives.

State Law

- 4) California administers and coordinates numerous infrastructure and economic development programs that utilize federal funding sources to support transportation, broadband, energy, workforce, research, and business development initiatives. The state also provides financial and technical assistance for infrastructure projects that support economic growth and community development.

FISCAL EFFECT: None.

COMMENTS: The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, CHIPS and Science Act, and Inflation Reduction Act collectively represent historic federal investments designed to strengthen the nation's infrastructure, economic competitiveness, clean energy transition, and technological innovation. These laws provide billions of dollars in funding to support transportation systems, broadband expansion, renewable energy development, semiconductor manufacturing, public safety infrastructure, climate resilience, and workforce development initiatives throughout the United States, with California receiving substantial allocations for statewide and local projects.

California has benefited significantly from these federal investments through funding for high-speed rail construction, clean hydrogen energy systems, broadband and internet accessibility improvements, wildfire resilience efforts, zero-emission port infrastructure, and clean energy manufacturing projects. These initiatives have contributed to billions of dollars in economic investment, the creation of thousands of new jobs, and the expansion of infrastructure projects that support long-term economic growth, environmental sustainability, and public safety across communities statewide.

Additionally, these federal programs have played a critical role in supporting climate adaptation and infrastructure modernization efforts as California continues to address the increasing impacts of climate change, including wildfires, extreme weather, aging infrastructure, and energy reliability challenges. Ongoing policy discussions surrounding federal funding, infrastructure priorities, and clean energy investments continue to influence the future of transportation, economic development, environmental sustainability, and public infrastructure throughout California and the nation.

Author's Statement: According to the author, "California has worked tirelessly to make the most of historic federal investments in infrastructure, clean energy, broadband, and semiconductor research. These funds are helping us modernize our transportation system, combat climate change, and create good-paying jobs in every region of our state. It is deeply concerning that executive orders and policy changes from the new federal administration are putting billions of dollars - and countless shovel-ready projects - at risk. SJR 6 is a clear message to Congress and the White House urging them to not turn their back on the investments that are delivering results for working families, small businesses, and the future of our economy."

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

California Climate Reality Coalition
Climate Reality Project Riverside County Chapter
University of California

Opposition

None on file.

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