

SENATE THIRD READING
SJR 6 (Cortese, et al.)
As Introduced April 24, 2025
Majority vote

SUMMARY

This resolution calls upon President Donald J. Trump and Congress to safeguard and continue the historic federal investments authorized by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the CHIPS and Science Act, and the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022.

Major Provisions

COMMENTS

This resolution is a time-sensitive, strategic measure asserting California's formal opposition to federal clawbacks, freezes, and administrative delays affecting critical state funding. The resolution urges President Donald J. Trump and Congress to maintain and honor the historic federal investments authorized under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), the CHIPS and Science Act, and the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (IRA).

California is the nation's largest recipient of these federal packages, capturing an estimated \$54 billion to \$61.8 billion in total projected allocations under the BIL alone. To date, the state has secured over \$53.9 billion in announced formula and discretionary grant awards, including: \$38.8 Billion for Mobility: Active transit overhauls managed by the U.S. Department of Transportation, featuring \$25.3 billion for state highways, \$9.45 billion for public transit systems, and \$4.2 billion for bridge repairs.

\$3.5 Billion for Safe Water: Targeted funds to replace contaminated lead pipes and upgrade water purification systems.

\$3.5 Billion for Energy Equity: Allocated for home weatherization, residential utility reductions, and grid modernization. Tech & Innovation Seed Capital: Billions in CHIPS Act grants fueling a domestic semiconductor manufacturing renaissance and public-private research partnerships in Silicon Valley and Southern California.

Recent federal administrative freezes, including pauses on over \$2 billion in EPA clean energy rebates and delayed Department of Energy grid modernizations have injected extreme volatility into state planning. Because California pairs these federal infusions with multiyear state budget funds, these disruptions cause immediate local fallout.

- 1) Stalled Public Works: Vital highway expansions, bridge seismic retrofits, and broadband rollouts face abrupt delays.
- 2) Human Services & Health Strained: Rural communities face clean drinking water project freezes, while community resilience centers and low-income utility upgrades are halted.
- 3) Public Health Setbacks: Delayed clean-air freight initiatives at state ports leave disadvantaged communities exposed to severe childhood asthma triggers.

- 4) Economic & Workforce Cuts: Freezes on innovation grants have triggered immediate layoffs among environmental scientists, tech manufacturing workers, and public health researchers.

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."

Arguments in Support

Supporters argue that major federal investments like the CHIPS Act, the Inflation Reduction Act, and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law have triggered a manufacturing boom, steering California toward a modern, green industrial economy. Consequently, sudden cuts jeopardize these gains. Proponents emphasize that SJR 6 acts as a vital, defensive message from the legislature, establishing that California will actively defend its workforce, climate mandates, and socioeconomic progress against arbitrary federal clawbacks.

Arguments in Opposition

None on file.

FISCAL COMMENTS

Unknown. This resolution is not keyed fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

VOTES

SENATE FLOOR: 27-6-7

YES: Allen, Archuleta, Arreguín, Ashby, Becker, Blakespear, Cabaldon, Caballero, Cervantes, Cortese, Durazo, Gonzalez, Grayson, Hurtado, Laird, Limón, McGuire, McNERNEY, Menjivar, Padilla, Pérez, Richardson, Smallwood-Cuevas, Stern, Wahab, Weber Pierson, Wiener

NO: Choi, Dahle, Grove, Jones, Seyarto, Strickland

ABS, ABST OR NV: Alvarado-Gil, Niello, Ochoa Bogh, Reyes, Rubio, Umberg, Valladares

ASM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, GROWTH, AND HOUSEHOLD IMPACT: 7-0-1

YES: Solache, Caloza, Patel, Petrie-Norris, Michelle Rodriguez, Soria, Wallis

ABS, ABST OR NV: Castillo

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