

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

October 27, 2016

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: SBCCOG Steering Committee

RE: Bills to Monitor and for Action – FINAL

Adherence to Strategic Plan:

Goal B: Regional Advocacy. Advocate for the interests of the South Bay

NEW LAWS

SB1229 – Home-generated pharmaceutical waste: secure drug take-back bins. SBCCOG supported this bill

SB 32 - California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: emissions limit. SBCCOG was neutral on this bill

AB 2501 - Housing: density bonuses. SBCCOG opposed this bill

AB 2693 - Financing requirements: property improvements. SBCCOG was neutral on this bill

AB 1217 - Orange County Fire Authority. SBCCOG opposed this bill

AB 620 - High-occupancy toll lanes: exemptions from tolls. SBCCOG opposed this bill

SB 1069 - Land use: zoning. SBCCOG opposed this bill

STILL IN SPECIAL SESSION:

TRANSPORTATION

SBX1-1 (Beall)	Transportation Funding: environmental mitigation: oversight. This bill would create the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program to address deferred maintenance on the state highway system and the local street and road system and for other specified purposes. The bill would provide for the deposit of various funds for the program in the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account, which the bill would create in the State Transportation Fund, including revenues attributable to a \$0.12 per gallon increase in the motor vehicle fuel (gasoline) tax imposed by the bill and \$0.10 of a \$0.22 per gallon increase in the diesel fuel excise tax imposed by the bill, an increase of \$35 in the annual vehicle registration fee, a new \$100 annual vehicle registration fee applicable to zero-emission motor	MONITOR	8/29/16 Senate Appropriations Committee
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	vehicles, as defined, a new annual road access charge on each vehicle, as defined, of \$35, and repayment, by June 30, 2016, of outstanding loans made in previous years from certain transportation funds to the General Fund. The bill would provide that revenues from future adjustments in the applicable portion of the fuel tax rates, the annual vehicle registration fee increase, and the road access charge would also be deposited in the account.		
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FEDERAL

HR 935 (Hahn)	National Freight Network Trust Fund Act of 2015. Amends the Internal Revenue Code to establish the National Freight Network Trust Fund, from which expenditures shall be made to fund awards under the National Freight Network Grant Program. Appropriates to the Fund amounts equivalent to 5% of the import duties imposed under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States. Establishes such Program in the Department of Transportation, under which the Secretary of Transportation shall make grants to states, regional or local transportation organizations, or port authorities to assist projects that improve the performance of the national freight network. Directs the Secretary to evaluate and select projects on a competitive basis by considering their potential to generate national economic benefits, improve the performance of key corridors and gateways, reduce congestion, improve transportation safety, and enhance the network. Requires the Secretary to update the national freight network every five years.	MONITOR	2/13/15 House Transportation & Infrastructure & Ways and Means Committees Sub-committee on Railroads, Pipelines & Hazardous Materials
HR 1697 (Hahn)	Electric Charging and Refueling Act. Amends the Internal Revenue Code to replace the tax credit for qualified alternative fuel vehicle refueling property expenditures with a tax credit for 50% of the cost of any qualified electric vehicle recharging or refueling property that is: (1) installed on property used as the principal residence of the taxpayer, and (2) for the recharging or refueling of motor vehicles propelled by electricity.	MONITOR	3/26/15 House Committee on Ways and Means
HR 4888 (Waters)	End Homelessness Act of 2016. Amends the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to make additional FY2017-FY2021 appropriations available for: (1)	MONITOR	3/23/16 Referred to House Budget Committee

	<p>emergency relief grants to address the unmet needs of homeless populations in jurisdictions with the highest need, (2) rental assistance under the United States Housing Act of 1937 for persons and households who are homeless, and (3) homeless outreach and coordination services. Beginning in FY2017, the bill also provides annual additional funds for: (1) the Housing Trust Fund to provide grants to states for use to increase homeownership and the supply of rental housing for extremely low- and very low-income families, including homeless families; and (2) incremental project-based voucher or rental assistance under the Federal Housing Enterprises Financial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992. When the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allocates grants to states from the Housing Trust Fund for rental housing, the dwelling units must be subject to legally binding commitments to ensure that the residing family's contribution toward rent does not exceed 30% of the family's adjusted income. The bill provides funding to HUD to expand the Healthcare and Housing (H2) Systems Integration Initiative by assisting states and localities in coordinating policies among Medicaid programs, behavioral health providers, housing providers, and finance support services for homeless persons. The bill also makes permanent: (1) certain housing assistance programs under the Homeless Assistance Act, and (2) the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness.</p>		
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<p>S 2680 (Alexander)</p>	<p>Mental Health Reform Act of 2016. Reforms mental health funding to increase patient access to effective and evidence-based care particularly focused to those with serious mental illness (SMI). Notable provisions of this legislation include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helping the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) meet its mission by establishing a new Inter-Departmental Serious Mental Illness Coordinating Committee, and by promoting research and subsequent implementation of evidence-based practices to improve the prevention, diagnosis, treatment of and recovery from mental illness and substance use disorders. • Authorizing major mental health and substance abuse grant programs for individuals with SMI or serious emotional disturbance, and significantly improving the incentive grant program promoting integration of primary and behavioral health care. • Reauthorizing the Garrett Lee Smith youth suicide prevention grant program, and authorizing the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline program. • Clarifying appropriate use and disclosure of protected health information under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, and providing resources and training on requirements for communication between providers, patients and families. 	<p>MONITOR</p>	<p>4/26/2016 Passed Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions</p>
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