

Introduced by Senator Harman

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Senate Resolution No. 50—Relative to Senate Rules 22.1, 22.2, and 22.3.

1 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California*, That Rules
2 22.1, 22.2, and 22.3 are added to the Standing Rules of the Senate
3 for the 2009–10 Regular Session, to read:

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5 Bills with a Statewide Economic Impact

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7 22.1. (a) The Committee on Rules shall refer each bill to the
8 Committee on Appropriations to review and determine whether
9 the bill may have a statewide economic impact affecting business.
10 The referral shall not affect any other referral made by the
11 Committee on Rules to any other policy committee or the
12 appropriations committee.

13 (b) If the Committee on Appropriations reviews and determines
14 that a bill does not have a statewide economic impact affecting
15 business, the bill shall be placed on the committee’s consent
16 calendar and passed out of the committee. However, if the
17 committee determines that the bill may have a statewide economic
18 impact affecting business, the bill shall remain with the committee
19 until approved by a vote of the committee.

20 (c) (1) In determining whether a bill has a statewide economic
21 impact affecting business, the Committee on Appropriations shall
22 consider, among others, the following factors:

23 (A) Whether the proposed bill contains language that includes
24 a tax or a fee; directly provides for the regulation of a specific
25 industry; provides for environmental mitigation or regulation; adds

1 burdens to the state economy; imposes additional burdens on
2 insurers; increases workers' compensation, disability, or health
3 insurance requirements; or affects housing costs or the housing
4 market.

5 (B) Whether the proposed bill contains any other provision that
6 may affect the statewide economy.

7 (2) The Committee on Appropriations shall construe bills
8 broadly in favor of a determination that a bill has a statewide
9 economic impact affecting business.

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11 Committee on Appropriations Economic Impact Analysis

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13 22.2. (a) The Committee on Appropriations shall prepare an
14 economic impact analysis on a bill that may have a statewide
15 economic impact affecting business prior to hearing the bill.

16 (b) If a bill that may have a statewide economic impact affecting
17 business relates to, or may affect, a business or businesses, the
18 economic impact analysis shall include all of the following:

19 (1) An estimate of the number of businesses that will be subject
20 to, or affected by, the bill.

21 (2) The estimated annual average cost of compliance by a
22 business subject to, or affected by, the bill.

23 (3) A description of reasonable alternatives that would lessen
24 any adverse impact on a business subject to the bill, including the
25 following:

26 (A) The establishment of less burdensome compliance or
27 reporting requirements for the businesses.

28 (B) The establishment of less burdensome schedules or deadlines
29 for compliance or reporting requirements for the businesses.

30 (C) The consolidation or simplification of compliance or
31 reporting requirements for the businesses.

32 (D) The use of performance standards for the businesses, instead
33 of design or prescriptive standards.

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35 Hearings on Bills with a Statewide Economic Impact

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37 22.3. (a) The Committee on Appropriations shall refer to and
38 hold on its suspense file a bill that is estimated to generate a
39 statewide economic impact affecting business of ten thousand

1 dollars (\$10,000) or more for further consideration at a later date,
2 without prejudice.

3 (b) Any amendments proposed or accepted by the author of a
4 bill that is held in committee pursuant to subdivision (a) shall be
5 submitted no later than eight calendar days prior to a vote to pass
6 the bill off the suspense file. Failure to meet this deadline shall
7 result in that bill not being considered eligible for passage off the
8 suspense file.

9 (c) An author shall present all testimony at the time of the first
10 regularly scheduled hearing on a bill held in committee pursuant
11 to subdivision (a).

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