

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1284

Introduced by Assembly Member Baker

February 27, 2015

An act to amend Section 30952.1 of the Streets and Highways Code, relating to toll bridges.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1284, as introduced, Baker. Bay Area state-owned toll bridges: Toll Bridge Program Oversight Committee.

Existing law specifies the powers and duties of the Department of Transportation, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, and the Bay Area Toll Authority with respect to the collection and expenditure of toll revenue from the 7 state-owned toll bridges within the geographic jurisdiction of the commission. Existing law requires the department and the authority to form the Toll Bridge Program Oversight Committee, consisting of the Director of Transportation, the Executive Director of the authority, and the Executive Director of the California Transportation Commission to review and provide program direction for seismic retrofit and replacement projects on those toll bridges. Existing law provides that the committee is not a state body or a local agency for the purposes of the open meeting laws applicable to either state bodies or local agencies known as the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act and the Ralph M. Brown Act, respectively.

This bill would delete that provision and would thereby make the Toll Bridge Program Oversight Committee subject to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 30952.1 of the Streets and Highways
2 Code is amended to read:

3 30952.1. (a) The authority and the department shall establish
4 a Toll Bridge Program Oversight Committee, which shall consist
5 of the director, the authority’s executive director, and the Executive
6 Director of the California Transportation Commission. The
7 committee may establish a project management team to assist it
8 in performing the duties required of it under this section and
9 Section 30952.05.

10 (b) The Toll Bridge Program Oversight Committee shall review
11 project status, program costs, and schedules; resolve project issues;
12 evaluate project changes; develop and regularly update cost
13 estimates, risk assessments, and cashflow requirements for all
14 phases of the toll bridge projects; and provide program direction.

15 (c) In addition to the duties described in subdivision (b), the
16 committee shall review project staffing levels and structures, and
17 consultant and contractor services related to the Benicia-Martinez
18 Bridge construction project, as described in Section 30917, and
19 the state toll bridge seismic retrofit program, as described in
20 Section 188.5.

21 (d) Expenses incurred by the department, the authority, and the
22 California Transportation Commission for costs directly related
23 to duties required by this section, Section 30952, and Section
24 30952.05 shall be reimbursed by toll revenue collected pursuant
25 to Section 30916, 31010, or 31011.

26 ~~(e) The Toll Bridge Program Oversight Committee is not a state
27 body as that term is defined in Article 9 (commencing with Section
28 11120) of Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the
29 Government Code or a local agency as that term is defined in the
30 Ralph M. Brown Act (Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 54950)
31 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 of the Government Code).~~

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