



SACOG Board of Directors

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Consideration of AB 2137 (Niello & Jones) – Sacramento Regional Transit District Governance

Issue: Update on pending legislation to reconfigure powers and governance of Sacramento Regional Transit District.

Recommendation: Receive and file only.

Discussion: Existing law establishes the Sacramento Regional Transit District and defines its powers and governance structure, in the Public Utilities Code. The incorporation of new cities within the district's service area that want seats on the District Board creates a need to reexamine the existing structure.

AB 2137 (Niello & Jones) would reform the structure, voting powers, and some operating requirements of the Sacramento Regional Transit District Board. In summary, it contains the following key provisions:

- revises Board membership to encompass all cities and counties annexed into the district as well as “participating entities” that also receive transit service from the district and contribute funds to the district's operating budget;
- defines a 100-vote weighted vote on the Board, distributed according to a formula based on financial contribution to district operating costs of specified local, state, and federal funds attributable to the jurisdictions;
- allows multiple Board members for jurisdictions with more than 15 formula votes (out of the 100 total);
- recalculates Board votes each year as part of the annual district budget adoption, or any time a new member joins the district;
- specifies certain findings and linkages between annual budget and services provided; and
- specifies certain district powers, including authority to issue bonds with voter approval.

Sacramento County and the five cities receiving district services all support the bill, and has no opposition. The bill would provide a framework under which new members could join the Board.

The bill has passed the Assembly unanimously, and awaits hearing in Senate Transportation & Housing Committee.

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