



**STATE LEGISLATION
COMMITTEE**
Wednesday, June 26, 2024
10:00am – 12:00pm
City Hall, Room 201

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AGENDA

I. ROLL CALL

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES (Action Item). Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes from the meeting on May 22, 2024.

III. STATE LOBBYIST OVERVIEW AND UPDATE (Discussion Item). The City's state lobbyist will present to the Committee an update on State legislative matters.

IV. PROPOSED LEGISLATION (Discussion and Action). Discussion and possible action item: the Committee will review and discuss state legislation affecting the City and County of San Francisco. Items are listed by Department, then by bill number.

New Business

San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency

Presenter: Kathryn Angotti

AB 2043 (Boerner): Medi-Cal: nonmedical and nonemergency medical transportation.

Recommended Position: Support

This bill aims to ensure that public paratransit service operators are not unduly burdened by the costs of nonemergency medical transportation or nonmedical transportation. It mandates the State Department of Health Care Services to guarantee fair reimbursement for these services, allowing them to direct Medi-Cal managed care plans to reimburse public paratransit operators at fee-for-service rates. Additionally, the department must collaborate with these operators to understand their challenges and issue new guidelines by June 1, 2026, to ensure the fiscal burden is not unfairly placed on them. Implementation hinges on obtaining federal approvals and securing federal financial support.

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AB 2583 (Berman): School and walk zones.

Recommended Position: Support

This bill aims to enhance safety in school zones by implementing new requirements on circulation elements to create walk zones, reduce speed limits in school zones, and shift school zones signage requirements. Specifically, the bill requires (1) cities to identify and establish school walk zones in their circulation element — walk zones are roadways and sidewalks within 1,000 feet in all directions of the boundary line of a school grounds, (2) a prima facie speed limit of 20 miles per hour would be established in school zones instead of 25 mph as currently required, and (3) local authorities will be given school zone signage options of “speed limit 20 when flashing” and the beacons are flashing, “when children are present” and children are present, or stating specific hours.

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SB 532 (Wiener): Parking payment zones.

Recommended Position: Support

SB 532 modernizes municipal parking payment requirements by allowing cities to institute pay-by-phone only zones subject to specified criteria, including robust signage requirements and the adoption of an accessible and equitable cash payment plan that allows for the alternate payment of cash that doesn't rely on traditional parking meters. In practice, this bill would allow cities to keep all their parking meters, while allowing them to offer a combination of parking meters and pay by mobile device parking spots, or they can offer parking zones that pay by mobile device only.

San Francisco Public Utilities Commission

Presenter: Rebecca Peacock

SB 1255 (Durazo): Public water systems: needs analysis: water rate assistance

program.

Recommended Position: Support

This bill would require certain water systems to begin providing water rate assistance to eligible ratepayers, defined to mean a low-income residential ratepayer with an annual household income that is no greater than 200% of the federal poverty guideline level, on or before April 1, 2027. The bill would require a qualified system to automatically enroll an eligible ratepayer in the water rate assistance program if available information indicates that they are qualified to receive assistance and provide a water bill credit.

The bill would require a qualified system, on or before July 1, 2026, to provide an opportunity for each ratepayer to provide a voluntary contribution as part of the ratepayer's water bill to provide funding for the qualified system's water rate assistance program. The bill would require a qualified system to recommend a voluntary contribution amount on the bill of each ratepayer, other than an eligible ratepayer, at a level that will raise sufficient funding to provide a discount to eligible ratepayers, pay for the qualified system's administrative costs to implement the program, and establish a balancing account if the qualified system chooses to do so. The bill would require a qualified system to notify ratepayers of the voluntary contribution on the water bill and provide each ratepayer the option and method of opting out of the voluntary contribution, as specified.

Qualified systems with an existing water rate assistance program that meets minimum requirements of this bill are not required to comply but can collect voluntary contributions to supplement or expand the existing program.

The bill would authorize a qualified system to use any state or federal funds that are available to support a ratepayer assistance program by offsetting or supplementing the funds collected from voluntary contributions.

Department of Public Health

Presenter: Max Gara

SB 1230 (Rubio): Strengthen Tobacco Oversight Programs (STOP) and Seize Illegal Tobacco Products Act.

Recommended Position: Support

SB 1230 strengthens the enforcement of California's anti-tobacco laws by increasing the civil penalties for violations of the Stop Tobacco Access to Kids Enforcement Act. This bill also permits the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA) to seize flavored tobacco products/tobacco flavor enhancers at retail locations, which are currently prohibited under state law.

Department of Technology

Presenter: Brian Roberts

AB 2797 (Ashby): Telephone corporations: carriers of last resort: tariffs.

Recommended Position: Oppose

AB 2797 would allow AT&T and other carriers of last resort (COLRs) a fast-track method for relieving themselves of obligations to serve. The COLR rules were created by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) in the late 1990's to ensure universal service while ushering in competition for telecommunications

services. (AT&T is the state's largest COLR, but various smaller local phone companies are also COLRs.)

AB 2797 would establish a new regime where a COLR could be deemed relieved of its COLR obligations by notice to the CPUC demonstrating that there are at least two "alternative voice providers" that offer voice service in the area. The alternative provider could be a wireless provider and would not have to assume COLR responsibilities. The COLR seeking to be relieved of its obligations, would have to agree to certain customer notification, transition planning and digital equity planning obligations. However, these commitments would be self-executing, with no administrative review by the CPUC or opportunity for the public to comment.

AB 2797 would not require or incentivize investment in modern telecommunications infrastructure at all. It would facilitate disinvestment in AT&Ts more economically challenging rural and low-income markets. The proposed contains no administrative review by the CPUC or public input of any kind.

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