

**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS**

**AMENDMENT DATE:** 08/06/2012  
**POSITION:** Oppose

**BILL NUMBER:** AB 2200  
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**BILL SUMMARY: Transportation: High-Occupancy Vehicle Lanes**

This bill, until January 1, 2020, would suspend the hours of operation for highway lanes designated for High-Occupancy Vehicles (HOV) along Interstate 80 in the Bay Area in the morning-reverse commute direction.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

Caltrans estimates this bill would result in a one-time cost of approximately \$180,000 in State Highway Account funds. Caltrans would have to replace 75 barrier-mounted/ground mounted signs at a cost of \$2,000 each and 6 overhead HOV restriction signs at a cost of \$5,000 each.

Finance estimates that this bill would not result in a reimbursable state-mandated cost because it does not require a local agency to engage in any additional responsibilities or incur obligations.

**COMMENTS**

The Department of Finance is opposed to this bill for the following reasons:

- The bill is unnecessary. According to Caltrans, Interstate 80 reverse morning commute traffic already flows with minimal delays.
- The bill would result in additional costs not reflected in the 2012 Budget Act.

Existing law authorizes local agencies and Caltrans to designate certain highway lanes for preferential or exclusive use by HOV within their respective jurisdictions.

This bill suspends the operation of the HOV lanes along Interstate 80 between the Carquinez Bridge and the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge in the morning-reverse commute direction.

This bill defines the morning-reverse commute direction as eastbound Interstate 80 between the hours of 5 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)					Fund Code	
	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)						
	CO	PROP						
	RV	98	FC	2012-2013	FC	2013-2014	FC	2014-2015
2660/Caltrans	SO	No	C	--	C	180	C	-- 0042
<u>Fund Code</u>	<u>Title</u>							
0042	Highway Account, State, STF							

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