

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: March 24, 2011
POSITION: Oppose
SPONSOR: California Pan-Ethnic Health Network

BILL NUMBER: AB 441
AUTHOR: W. Monning

BILL SUMMARY: State Planning

This bill would require the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to include health and health equity factors, strategies, goals, and objectives in the next revision of the guidelines for the preparation of the regional transportation plans. In the meantime, the CTC will have to include an appendix to the current guidelines to highlight best practices, share resources, and support the adoption of health and health equity factors, strategies, goals, and objectives. The bill also requires the Office of Planning and Research (OPR) to adopt similar guidelines for local general, specific, or regional plans.

FISCAL SUMMARY

The CTC indicates that it would need one Supervising Transportation Planner for 10 months to develop the appendix and the revision required by the bill at a cost of approximately \$90,000. This funding would come from the Public Transportation Account.

OPR indicates it would need one project manager/senior planner at approximately \$78,000, one quarter attorney at \$27,000, one quarter assistant planner at \$13,000, and one quarter administrative assistant at \$9,000 for a total of approximately \$127,000. This funding would come from the General Fund.

COMMENTS

The Department of Finance is opposed to this bill because it would require additional staff time and resources without providing an appropriation and it would result in costs to the General Fund. It is not clear that the CTC and OPR are the right entities to perform the health evaluation required by this bill. Also, the CTC and OPR do not have the additional resources to perform the work associated with this bill without hiring new staff or redirecting existing staff. According to the author's office, transportation systems have a direct impact on individual health. For example, children living near freeways may have a higher chance of developing asthma than children not in close proximity to major transportation corridors.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)								Fund Code
	SO	(Dollars in Thousands)							
	LA	PROP		2010-2011	FC	2011-2012	FC	2012-2013	
	RV	98	FC						
0650/OPR	SO	No		--	C	\$127		--	0001
2600/Trans Comm	SO	No		--	C	\$90		--	0046

<u>Fund Code</u>	<u>Title</u>
0001	General Fund
0046	Public Transportation Account, STF

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