

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: January 12, 2012
POSITION: Oppose
SPONSOR: California Construction and Industrial Materials Association

BILL NUMBER: AB 812
AUTHOR: F. Ma

BILL SUMMARY: Solid Waste: Recycled Asphalt

This bill would authorize the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to establish specifications for the use of reclaimed asphalt pavement of up to 40 percent for hot asphalt mixes on or before January 1, 2014. The bill also requires Caltrans to submit a report to the Legislature, on or before March 1, 2016, on its progress toward developing and implementing these specifications.

FISCAL SUMMARY

This bill would result in minor and absorbable costs to Caltrans to establish specifications, which are already in the process of being revised, and produce a report for the Legislature by March 1, 2016. However, as a result of the workforce cap and other departmental reductions, Caltrans may need to redirect staff from other departmental priorities to produce a formal report.

COMMENTS

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

- This bill is unnecessary as Caltrans is already developing and implementing specifications to allow the use of up to 40 percent reclaimed asphalt pavement on surface paving projects.
This bill is inconsistent with the Administration's efforts of streamlining and eliminating unnecessary reports.

According to the author's office, the intent of this bill is to encourage the use of recycled material, thereby reducing the need to dispose of large quantities of used material to storage sites and landfills and reducing long-distance materials transportation and greenhouse gas emissions. By requiring Caltrans to report back to the Legislature on its progress, this bill intends to ensure that Caltrans makes advancements in implementing a higher percentage of reclaimed asphalt concrete.

Caltrans released draft specifications on October 27, 2011, increasing the allowable percentage of reclaimed asphalt pavement to be used in surface paving projects from 15 percent to 25 percent. Through coordination with the Caltrans/Industry Rock Products Committee, Caltrans is continuing to test the specification in anticipation of increasing the allowable percentage to 40 percent.

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Governor's Office: By: Date: Position Approved Position Disapproved

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Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)							Fund Code
	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)							
	CO	PROP							
	RV	98	FC	2011-2012	FC	2012-2013	FC	2013-2014	
2660/Caltrans	SO	No		-----	No/Minor	Fiscal Impact	-----		0042
<u>Fund Code</u>	<u>Title</u>								
0042	Highway Account, State, STF								