

AB 3119 (GONZALEZ FLETCHER)

INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT MOBILITY & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

POSITION: The Chamber's Public Policy Sub-committee on Infrastructure, Housing and Land Use voted to OPPOSE the earlier version of AB 3119 on April 17, 2018. Since, dramatic changes have been made, prompting the Chamber Public Policy to SUPPORT the new version of the bill on May 8, 2018.

RATIONALE: The Airport Authority has recognized the value of such a committee by establishing the existing Harbor Drive Mobility Committee. Because solutions will require commitments from multiple agencies, the requirement of reporting to the State may prove to be productive.

STATUS: Re-referred by the Committee on Local Government on April 25, 2018 to the Assembly Committee on Appropriations.

SUMMARY

AB 3119 establishes a committee (and specified what organizations will be represented on that committee) to prepare and submit a report to the legislature on congestion of roadways near the airport, transit access to the airport, and the impacts of climate change on the airport. The airport is of enormous economic importance to the region, and improved access to the airport improves access to and from the region for residents, tourists and businesses alike.

INDUSTRY/IES IMPACTED

Access to the airport directly impacts tourism, and firms with air travel needs. Air travel has a substantial impact on companies that would locate anywhere and are therefore at higher risk of leaving the region. The airport, and access to the airport, is important to regional job creation efforts because of this. In addition, air travel is particularly important to accessing and working closely with our state's and our nation's civic and financial capitols, as well as other areas that are also leading in industries such as the Biotech, Cleantech, or Information and Communications Technology clusters.

SUPPORTERS

San Diego Regional Airport Authority

OPPONENTS

None known

ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR

According to Airport Authority Chair April Boling, as cited by the Voice of San Diego, "the committee is nearly identical to the existing Harbor Drive Mobility Committee, which is already working on the issue. Bolling stated, "by creating a requirement for a report going to the Legislature, I think it could identify where the funding shortfalls are."

ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION

None known

MORE INFORMATION

The previous version of AB 3119 rolled the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority into the Port of San Diego.