

## Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 96

## RESOLUTION CHAPTER 158

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 96—Relative to intermodal freight access.

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## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 96, Karmene. Intermodal freight access.

This measure would request the Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, the Trade and Commerce Agency, the California Transportation Commission, and other appropriate parties, to prepare a proposal for a "Global Gateways Development Program" to enhance intermodal freight access. The measure would further encourage the department to consult and utilize information compiled by the California Transportation Commission, among other sources, in response to a specified resolution of the Senate, and would request a progress report and a final report to the Legislature.

WHEREAS, California's major seaports and airports serve as global gateways for the movement of goods between domestic and international locations and serve as crucial access points to major trade corridors throughout the state, nation, and world; and

WHEREAS, The continued economic viability and improvement of the state's global gateways and access are critical to California's most significant export industries, including, but not limited to, agriculture, apparel, electronics, entertainment, professional management services, technology, and tourism; and

WHEREAS, The value of international trade through California's global gateways in 1999 was an estimated \$331 billion, the volume of container traffic shipped through California's gateways exceeded 6,500,000 20-foot total equivalent units (TEUs) in 1999, and the international air freight tonnage passing through the state's global airport facilities was 928,624 tons at Los Angeles International Airport and 425,000 tons at San Francisco Airport alone; and

WHEREAS, The state's roads, freeways, and interstate railroad systems are critical for the effective movement of goods to air and seaports; and

WHEREAS, The development of these global gateway facilities and state transportation infrastructure has not kept pace with California's economic growth and there is a growing need to accommodate the continued growth and coordinate the movement

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of goods and people at those entry points with the larger transportation infrastructure of the state; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby requests that the Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, the Trade and Commerce Agency, the California Transportation Commission, lead transportation agencies, ports and airports, and other appropriate parties, prepare a proposal for a "Global Gateways Development Program." The purpose and objective of the program shall be to improve major freight gateways in California to enhance overall mobility, including increased access at and through international ports of entry, international airports, seaports, other major intermodal transfer facilities and goods movement distribution centers, and trade corridors in California. Preparation of the Global Gateways Development Program shall, among other actions, identify high-priority airport and seaport access and intrastate transportation projects for purposes of potential state, federal, and other funding. The identified projects should serve to facilitate the movement of intrastate, interstate, and international trade beneficial to the state's economy; and be it further

*Resolved,* That, in developing the Global Gateways Development Program, the Department of Transportation is encouraged to consult and utilize, among other sources, information compiled by the California Transportation Commission in response to Senate Resolution 8 of the 1999-2000 Regular Session. The department is requested to prepare and submit to the Legislature a report on the department's progress in preparing the Global Gateways Development Program, on or before March 1, 2001, and to submit a final report on that program to the Legislature on or before July 1, 2001; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the Director of Transportation, the Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing, the Secretary of Trade and Commerce, and the Chairperson of the California Transportation Commission.

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