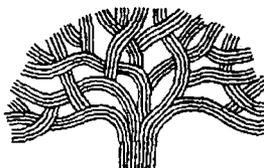


City of Oakland
Bill Analysis



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Bill Number: AB 1523 Bill Author: Assembly Member Brewer

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SUMMARY OF THE BILL

This Bill requires the local share of the Bay Bridge Project Eastern Span if an alignment other than the one preferred by Caltrans is chosen.

POSITIVE FACTORS FOR OAKLAND

Caltrans would prefer the northern alignment. This choice is not in conflict with either the Port of Oakland's future development plans or with proposal being put forth by the East Bay Regional Parks District for a Gateway Park at the Oakland anchorage.

NEGATIVE FACTORS FOR OAKLAND

Should an alternate alignment be chosen which would affect the cost of the project, local revenues would be required to pay for said difference in costs. Support for this would also lead to a conflict with San Francisco at a time when regionalism is fragile at best.

RECOMMENDED POSITION: Oppose

(possible positions may be: support, support if amended, neutral, watch, oppose, not relevant)

This bill undermines our environmental process. The purpose of the Draft Environmental Document or EIS is to present alternatives to the proposed project and to determine in advance any consequences of choices being studied in an attempt to determine the least damaging alternative or in the event that that cannot be accomplished, the proper mitigation's for the project to lessen undesirable impacts. This bill is asking the legislature to tie punitive economic consequences to an environmental process if the predetermined outcome is not reached. I'm not sure that NEPA could be undermined in this manner, but even if this legislation is considered "legal" it should not support anything written so poorly and for such a narrow purpose.

PLEASE RATE THE EFFECT OF THIS MEASURE ON THE CITY OF OAKLAND:

- Critical (top priority for City lobbyist, city position required ASAP) _____
- Very Important (priority for City lobbyist, city position necessary) XXX _____
- Somewhat Important (City position desirable if time and resources are available) _____
- Minimal or None (do not review with City Council, position not required) _____

KNOWN SUPPORT:

KNOWN OPPOSITION:

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