

Date of Hearing: July 5, 2023

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Laura Friedman, Chair

ACR 87 (Ta) – As Introduced May 26, 2023

SUBJECT: “Next Exit Surf City USA” off ramps

SUMMARY: Designates the northbound and southbound exits from State Highway Route 405 in the County of Orange at Beach Boulevard as the “Surf City USA” off ramps. The measure would request the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to determine the cost of appropriate signs at those off ramps reading “Next Exit Surf City USA” and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

EXISTING LAW: Assigns Caltrans the responsibility of operating and maintaining state highways. This includes the installation and maintenance of highway signs.

FISCAL EFFECT: Unknown, but the measure requests that Caltrans determine the cost of appropriate signage consistent with requirements for the state highway system, and only erect the appropriate signage upon receiving donations from non-state sources covering the cost.

COMMENTS: In 1991, the City of Huntington Beach adopted the nickname “Surf City USA” to recognize the city’s surf and beach culture. The City of Huntington Beach’s unique location offers consistent waves year round and is home to over 100 years of surfing history and 10 miles of coastline, including popular surfing spots such as the Huntington Beach Pier, HB Cliffs, Bolsa Chica State Beach, and Huntington State Beach.

Surfing is a major part of the City of Huntington Beach’s culture and economy and its surf culture is mentioned in popular songs such as “Surf City” by Jan and Dean. The City of Huntington Beach is the home of the US Open of Surfing, the Huntington Beach International Surfing Museum, the Surfers’ Hall of Fame, and the Surfing Walk of Fame.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

Visit Huntington Beach

Opposition

None on file

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