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**ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

Jim Frazier, Chair

AB 676 (Frazier) – As Introduced February 15, 2019

**SUBJECT:** California Transportation Commission: annual report

**SUMMARY:** Moves from December 15 to December 31 of each year the due date for the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to submit to the Legislature its annual report.

**EXISTING LAW:**

- 1) Directs CTC to advise and assist the Secretary of the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) and the Legislature in formulating and evaluating state policies and plans for transportation programs in the state.
- 2) Requires CTC to adopt and submit to the Legislature, by December 15 of each year, an annual report summarizing CTC's prior-year decisions in allocating transportation capital outlay appropriations, and identifying timely and relevant transportation issues facing the State of California.
- 3) Specifies that the CTC annual report include specific, action-oriented, and pragmatic recommendations for legislation to improve the state's transportation system and may also include a discussion of any significant upcoming transportation issues anticipated to be of concern to the public and the Legislature.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** Unknown

**COMMENTS:** The Legislature originally created the CTC in 1978 as a result of concerns that the state lacked a single, unified transportation policy. The 13-member commission is responsible for programming and allocating funds for the construction of highway, passenger rail, active transportation, aeronautics, and transit improvements throughout California. CTC also advises and assists the Secretary of CalSTA and the Legislature in formulating and evaluating state policies and plans for California's transportation programs.

As part of its duties, statute directs CTC to adopt and submit to the Legislature an annual report summarizing the Commission's prior-year decisions in allocating transportation capital outlay appropriations, and identifying timely and relevant transportation issues facing the State of California. This report is due to the Legislature by December 15 of each year.

In 2015, the Legislature passed and Governor Brown signed into law SB 64 (Liu), Chapter 711, Statutes of 2015, which expanded the Legislature's expectations of CTC's annual report to include specific, action-oriented, and pragmatic recommendations for legislation to improve the state's transportation system. In so doing, the Legislature signaled both its confidence in CTC and its expectation that CTC would take a larger role in developing and recommending policy solutions to the state's transportation-related challenges.

The Commission holds regular meetings seven times per year, with the penultimate meeting in October and the last meeting occurring typically in the first week of December. Due to printing times, it is nearly impossible for the Commissioners to adopt the annual report at the December meeting and have it printed by December 15th. Therefore, the Commission is forced to adopt its annual report at its October meeting. This early adoption can limit the report's efficacy because it doesn't reflect any activities taken in the fourth quarter of any given year.

According to the author, "a later due date for the annual report will give CTC the time to adopt the report in December and get it delivered to the Legislature on time. This proposal provides the Commission the time and flexibility it needs to provide its annual report to the Legislature reflecting the most effective and helpful information."

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:****Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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