

REPORT OF THE CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

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TO: Honorable Members of the Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations, and Neighborhoods Committee

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Assignment No: 15-06-0542

SUBJECT: Resolution (Blumenfield - Fuentes - Huizar) to SUPPORT AB 857 (Perea) Clean and Low Carbon Heavy-Duty Vehicles

CLA RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution (Blumenfield - Fuentes - Huizar) to include in the City's 2015-2016 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 857 (Perea) which seeks to extend and expand incentives for the deployment of clean and low carbon heavy-duty vehicles in order to improve the air quality throughout the state and local communities.

SUMMARY:

Resolution (Blumenfield - Fuentes - Huizar), introduced on June 26, 2015, states that there is an urgent need to improve the air quality throughout the state and local communities. It follows that the transportation sector is the largest air polluter, accounting for 80 percent of the region's smog-forming emissions (NOx) and 40 percent of the region's greenhouse gas emissions.

Heavy-duty trucks account for the largest source of harmful emissions.

The Resolution indicates that poor air quality contributes to health risks of asthma, cancer and premature death, with those likely to be most impacted consisting of disadvantaged communities near or around major transportation corridors and ports.

According to the Resolution, AB 857 (Perea) gives the state a practical and affordable way to improve the air quality and health of local communities, while allowing jurisdictions to achieve air quality mandates. AB 857 extends and expands incentives to support deployment of clean and low carbon heavy-duty vehicles involved in goods movement. This helps to reduce the up-front costs of purchasing clean heavy-duty trucks.

Therefore, the Resolution requests that the City support AB 857 in order to reduce smog-forming emissions from heavy-duty trucks.

BACKGROUND:

According to the author of the bill, the state continues to suffer from the worst air quality in the nation, contributing to serious health risks and premature death. A report by the American Lung Association revealed that the five most ozone-polluted areas within the state include the Los

Angeles region, the Central Valley (Bakersfield and Fresno-Madera regions), and the Sacramento-Roseville region.

The state's car-dependent culture is largely to blame for the poor air quality. Heavy-duty diesel trucks are the biggest polluters in this sector. Replacing heavy-duty diesel trucks represents the best, most cost effective way to mitigate poor air quality and help the many disadvantaged communities along major transportation corridors.

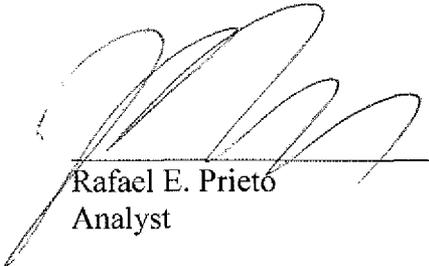
To address this matter, AB 857 seeks to appropriate 50% or \$100 million annually, whichever is greater, of the state's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund monies to support/incentivize commercial deployment of clean heavy-duty trucks. The measure seeks to provide this allocation for clean heavy-duty trucks from January 2018 through January 2023.

DEPARTMENTS NOTIFIED

Department of Water and Power
Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation

BILL STATUS

7/1/15 Passed Senate Environmental Quality Committee



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Attachment: 1. Resolution (Blumenfield - Fuentes - Huizar)

RESOLUTION RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal government body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, there is urgent need to improve the air quality throughout the state and local communities; and

WHEREAS, the City and region continues to suffer the effects of poor air quality; and

WHEREAS, the transportation sector is the largest air polluter, accounting for 80 percent of the region's smog-forming emissions (NOx) and 40 percent of the region's greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, heavy-duty trucks account for the largest source of smog-forming emissions (NOx) and a significant amount of greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, this pollution contributes to health risks of asthma, cancer and premature death, with those likely to be most impacted consisting of disadvantaged communities near or around major transportation corridors and ports; and

WHEREAS, AB 857 (Perea) gives the state a practical and affordable way to improve the air quality and health of local communities, while allowing jurisdictions to achieve air quality mandates; and

WHEREAS, AB 857 extends and expands incentives to support deployment of clean and low carbon heavy-duty vehicles involved in goods movement, reducing the up-front costs of purchasing clean heavy-duty trucks; and

WHEREAS, the City should support AB 857 in order to reduce smog-forming emissions from heavy-duty trucks and improve the air quality throughout the state and local communities;

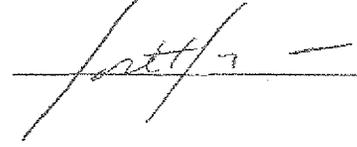
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2015-2016 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 857 (Perea) which seeks to extend and expand incentives for the deployment of clean and low carbon heavy-duty vehicles in order to improve the air quality throughout the state and local communities.

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