



Agenda

Assembly Budget Committee

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

Upon Adjournment of Session – State Capitol, Room 437

1. Call to Order
2. Overview of the 2026 Early Action Package
 - a. AB/SB 107 Amendment to the 2025 Budget Act
 - b. AB/SB 117 Bay Area Transit Loans

Panelists:

- Erika Li, Department of Finance
- Ross Brown, Legislative Analyst's Office
- Christian Griffith, Assembly Budget Committee

3. Committee Member Questions
4. Public Comment
5. Adjournment

SUMMARY

Amends the 2025 Budget Act to make technical changes, error corrections, and to appropriate additional federal funds.

Major Provisions

- 1) Amends Federal Fund appropriations to reflect updated federal fund awards, including:
 - a. \$1 million authority increase for Exposition Park to expand the Park's camera and CCTV system in high-traffic and high-risk areas, including park perimeters, parking structures, pedestrian corridors, and public gathering spaces
 - b. \$485,000 authority increase Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act for the Department of Conservation Geologic Energy Management Division, for various orphan oil and gas well plugging and abandoning activities to help communities eliminate dangerous environmental conditions and pollution caused by legacy development.
 - c. \$14 million in new federal funds authority for CalFire and a re-authorization of remaining federal fund balances from prior years for use in the Urban Forestry Program.
- 2) Amends a variety of appropriations, including correcting errors and scheduling, as follows:
 - a. \$6 million in funding for the Bureau for Descendents of American Slavery within the Civil Rights Department.
 - b. \$20 million in fund to promote California travel and tourism within the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development.
 - c. \$750,000 for a grant program for LGBTQ+ archives within the State Library.
 - d. \$20 million in Proposition 4 funds for public access at Hollister Ranch within the State Lands Commission.
 - e. \$2 million for the City of Petaluma River Foundation within the State Coastal Conservancy
- 3) Authorizes the California Tahoe Conservancy to utilize a portion of Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clear Air Bond Act of 2024 (Proposition 4) funding appropriated in the 2025 Budget Act for technical assistance to disadvantaged or severely disadvantaged communities or vulnerable populations.
- 4) Specifies that of the \$39 million provided to CalFire to transition firefighter positions from seasonal to permanent, \$5.98 million shall be available for encumbrance or expenditure for deferred maintenance, special repairs, or the purchase of vehicles, automatic vehicle locators, and mobile radios until June 30, 2029.

- 5) Corrects funding allocation of \$2.5 million Proposition 4 for a CalFire training center from local assistance to department support.
- 6) Exempts the specific appropriations of Proposition 4 funds in the 2025 Budget Act from the Administrative Procedures Act.
- 7) Shifts funding for the Transport Refrigeration Unit regulatory program workload from the Certification and Compliance Fund to the Air Pollution Control Fund.
- 8) Specifies \$40 million in Greenhouse Gas Reduction funds for zero emission vehicle infrastructure can be used for refueling and charging stations as well as for medium- and heavy-duty vehicles.
- 9) Extends encumbrance periods for four different allocations in the 2024 and 2025 budget act to allow the funds to be fully expended as intended.
- 10) Corrects seven numerical, wording or citation errors.
- 11) Makes other technical changes.

COMMENTS

This bill amends the 2025 Budget Act, SB 101 (Wiener), to make technical changes and corrections. These changes allow provisions of the 2025 Budget Package to be implemented as intended.

According to the Author

This bill makes technical changes to the 2025 Budget Act to allow the funding in the budget package to be used as intended.

Arguments in Support

None on file.

Arguments in Opposition

None on file.

FISCAL COMMENTS

This bill allows the state to begin spending \$15.485 million in new federal grant funds in the 2025-26 fiscal year. The remaining provisions of the bill are cost neutral. This bill has no State General Fund impact.

VOTES

SENATE FLOOR: 28-10-2

YES: Allen, Archuleta, Arreguín, Ashby, Becker, Blakespear, Cabaldon, Caballero, Cervantes, Cortese, Durazo, Gonzalez, Grayson, Hurtado, Laird, Limón, McGuire, McNerney, Menjivar, Padilla, Pérez, Richardson, Rubio, Smallwood-Cuevas, Umberg, Wahab, Weber Pierson, Wiener

NO: Alvarado-Gil, Choi, Dahle, Grove, Jones, Niello, Ochoa Bogh, Seyarto, Strickland, Valladares

ABS, ABST OR NV: Reyes, Stern

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SUMMARY

This bill authorizes the California Transportation Agency to loan up to \$590 million, by July 1, 2026, to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to fund operations shortfalls by the following transit agencies: San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board, and the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District.

Major Provisions

The funding for the loan will come from previously awarded but unallocated funds for the same agencies from the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program with backstop funding from their local share of the State Transit Assistance Program.

COMMENTS

According to the Author

This loan provides flexibility to Bay Area transit districts facing challenges from ridership changes and expenditure demands starting with the COVID 19 pandemic. This loan is consistent with the Budget Act of 2025 and provides bridge funding for a potential local ballot measure authorized under SB 63 (Wiener, Ch. 740, Statutes of 2025).

Arguments in Support

None on file.

Arguments in Opposition

None on file.

FISCAL COMMENTS

Authorizes a loan of up to \$590 million from existing transit funds.

VOTES

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