

SENATE BILL SB-64

Introduced by Senator Benjamin Allen (D-24)

An act relating to Clean Transit Resilience Act.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB-64, Benjamin Allen (D-24). Clean Transit Resilience Act.

Existing law provides funding and support for public transportation and clean energy programs in California. This bill would establish the Clean Transit Resilience Grant Program within the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to provide grants to eligible public transit agencies for installing solar energy systems and battery storage at transit facilities. The bill would appropriate \$20 million from the General Fund for the program and require participating transit agencies to report on the energy savings and reliability benefits of funded projects.

Vote: 2/3rds. **Appropriations/fiscal:** yes. **Local program:** yes.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

The legislature finds and declares that reliable public transportation is important to California communities and that transit agencies depend on electricity to operate many of their essential services.

SEC. 2.

The Clean Transit Resilience Grant Program is established within the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

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SEC. 4.

(a) Public transit agencies applying for a grant shall submit a proposal to Caltrans explaining:

- (1) Where the equipment will be installed
 - (2) The estimated cost of the project
 - (3) How the project is expected to reduce energy costs
 - (4) How the project could help maintain essential transit services during a power outage
- (B) Caltrans shall consider projects that would provide significant energy savings or improve the reliability of transit services during emergencies.

SEC. 5.

Caltrans shall be responsible for administering the grant program and establishing the application process and requirements for participating transit agencies.

SEC. 6.

The sum of twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) is appropriated from the General Fund to the California Department of Transportation for the purposes of this act.

SEC. 7.

A public transit agency that receives funding under this act shall provide Caltrans with a report describing how the project was completed and the estimated energy and reliability benefits resulting from the project.