SENATE BILL SB-73

Introduced by Senator Dave Cortese (D-15)

An act relating to Transit Stop Heat Protection Act.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB-73, Dave Cortese (D-15). Transit Stop Heat Protection Act.

Existing law requires the Department of Transportation to maintain the California Transit Stop Registry, which includes information about transit stops across the state, such as whether they have seating or shelter.

This bill would provide funding to improve heat protection at public transit stops that do not have enough shade or shelter. Funding could be used for shade structures, covered seating, trees where appropriate, or other improvements that help protect riders from extreme heat. Priority would be given to heavily used transit stops that have limited protection from the sun.

Vote: Majority. **Appropriations/fiscal:** yes. **Local program:** no.

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

SECTION 1. Section 14113 of the Government code is amended to read:
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a. On or before June 1, 2027, the department shall create, with input from transit operators, the california Transit Stop Registry, which shall be a centralized, statewide dataset of standardized information regarding transit stops. To the extent possible, the department shall maximize the use of publicly available data and shall update the registry at least once per year, unless the department determines the inclusion of additional data is necessary or more frequent updates are required. The department may also include data voluntarily submitted by transit agencies, transit operators, or other state, regional, or local authorities. The department shall not be held liable for information made available or not made available through the registry.

b. The registry shall include, but not limited to, all of the following for each transit stop in the state:

1. The transit's stop name
2. The transit stop location
3. If seating is available at the transit stop, as reported pursuant to section 99150.5 of the Public Utilities Code.
4. If the transit stop is sheltered, as reported pursuant to Section 99150.5 of the Public Utilities Code.
5. A unique identifier for the transit stop, as established by the department.

c. The department shall not require a transit operator to change the unique identifying number the operator assigns to each transit stop.

d. The department shall consider input from transit operators on registry design, data sources, and data collection methods and for any guidelines or guidance the department may create to facilitate compliance with subdivision (b) of Section 99150.5 of the Public Utilities Code to limit adverse financial and human resources impacts on transit operators.

e. (e) The department shall establish a Transit Stop Heat Protection Fund to provide funding for improvements at public transit stops that do not have enough shade or shelter.

(1) Funding shall be prioritized for transit stops with high ridership and limited protection from extreme heat.

(2) Funding may be used for shade structures, covered seating, trees where appropriate, or other improvements that provide riders with protection from direct sunlight and extreme heat.

(3) The department shall use information from the California Transit Stop Registry, including information about existing seating and shelter, when determining which transit stops receive priority for funding.

(4) The sum of twenty million dollars ($20,000,000) shall be appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Transportation for the purposes of this subdivision.