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Memorandum

TO: Legislation Committee

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FR: Executive Director

W. I. 1131

RE: SB 878 (DeSaulnier): Regional Planning

Background

Senate Bill 878 (DeSaulnier), originally introduced in February 2011, was amended on June 4, 2012 to make revisions to the due dates and contents of the regional governance and economic development studies the bill requires be prepared by the Joint Policy Committee (JPC) and its member agencies. The bill's amendments came as a surprise, as Senator DeSaulnier had publicly agreed just two weeks prior, to drop legislation bearing on many of the same issues (SB 1149) in exchange for the JPC member agencies agreeing to work collaboratively with him over the next six months on ways to address his concerns.

Given that SB 878 was set for a hearing in the Senate Local Government Committee only one week after the June 4 amendments were in print, MTC Chair Tissier and Legislation Committee Chair Haggerty exercised the Commission's "urgency procedure" to permit MTC staff to communicate an oppose position to the Senate Local Government Committee in advance of this Commission meeting. Consistent with that procedure, staff recommends the Commission ratify an oppose position to SB 878.

Recommendation: Ratify Opposition

Known Positions

Support

League of Women Voters (Bay Area)

Oppose

California Department of Finance
California Right to Life Committee, Inc.



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