



MEMO TO: THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
 FROM: THE CALIFORNIA RAILROADS
 DATE: AUGUST 15, 2019
 SUBJECT: **NOTICE OF OPPOSITION TO AB 1321 (GIPSON)**
 ANOTHER STUDY OF PORT AUTOMATED EMISSION REDUCTION TECHNOLOGY
 IN SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MONDAY, AUGUST 19TH



The California Railroads must respectfully continue to oppose AB 1321 authored by Assembly Member Gipson, even with recent amendments. This bill, as amended in the Senate Natural Resources Committee, would require another study related to port automation technologies, this time a new State Lands Commission and GO-Biz study on the impacts on the maritime labor force of transitioning seaports to new technologies. There are already three other studies that duplicate the study proposed by the bill:

1. AB 398 (E. Garcia – 2017): mandates the review of the transition of the workforce to zero-emission and near-zero emissions technologies.
2. Executive Order N-11-19: creates the Governor’s Future of Work Commission.
3. Sustainable Freight Action Plan: requires GO-Biz to implement the competitiveness provisions of the Sustainable Freight Action Plan which includes workforce development components.

The railroads continue to review options available to meet the many critical economic and environmental goals sought by the State of California, along with the entire port, freight and maritime industries. We appreciate that the author has supported many of these strategies. However, adding another study in statute will not improve but has the possibility of conflicting with these other actions already underway. For this reason, we respectfully ask that this bill not move forward.

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