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AB 174: CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION RURAL REPRESENTATION ACT

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IN BRIEF:

AB 174 would require one voting member of the California Transportation Commission to reside in a county with a population of less than 100,000.

EXISTING LAW:

Currently, the California Transportation Commission consists of 11 voting members, and 2 Members of the Legislature who are appointed as non-voting ex-officio members. Of the 11 voting members, 9 are appointed by the Governor, one is appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, and one is appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.

THE ISSUE & AUTHOR'S STATEMENT:

The California Transportation Commission's mission is to be a unified voice for transportation issues in California; however every current member of the California Transportation Commission resides in a county with a population over one million people. It is impossible for the Commission to meet their mission as a unified voice for transportation issues in California without a representative from a small rural county of under 100,000 people.

THE SOLUTION:

AB 174 will ensure the voices of small, rural California counties are heard on the Commission. Our rural roads are crumbling and polka dotted with pot holes. Shovel-ready projects to update our infrastructure keep receiving the red line. The time has come to ensure our issues have a voice and a vote.

SUPPORT:

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