

AB 146 (Dickinson)

Air Resources Board: representation for the Sacramento Area

SUMMARY

Increases the California Air Resources Board (ARB) membership from 11 to 12 and requires the 12th board member be chosen from one of five local air districts in the federally-designated Sacramento non-attainment region.

BACKGROUND

The Sacramento region is in violation of two key federal air quality standards, one for ozone and another for particulate matter. It is the largest region in the state without designated membership on the ARB. The region's fast-growing cities such as Elk Grove, Lincoln and Roseville and its suburban areas generate substantial vehicle miles traveled, and major interstate trucking routes (Interstates 5 and 80) crisscross the region. These mobile emission sources are not directly regulated by local air districts. ARB is the state entity with jurisdiction over vehicular sources.

In order to meet stricter state and federal air quality standards, urban areas such as Sacramento have relied increasingly on statewide efforts undertaken in consultation with multiple state agencies, such as ARB, Caltrans, and the California Energy Commission. The region's 2+million residents will benefit from having a seat at the ARB table as these collaborative efforts take shape at the state level.

Air districts play a vital role in ensuring that proposed ARB regulations can be sensibly implemented by local communities and businesses. The Sacramento region has been

an innovative leader in fostering collaborative solutions on air quality challenges ranging from diesel particulate pollution to wood smoke to community education.

THIS BILL

This bill would add one member to the California Air Resources Board, bringing the total number of members from 11 to 12. The additional member shall be a board member from the Sacramento air district, the Placer County Air Pollution Control District, the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District, the Feather River Air Quality Management District, or the El Dorado County Air Pollution Control District.

This bill would also authorize the chairperson of the board to cast an additional vote in the case of a tie vote.

SUPPORT

Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District

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