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Legislation Text

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Chief Administrative Office and Transportation Department recommending Chairman be authorized to sign a letter to the Assembly Transportation Committee in opposition to Senate Bill 1507 prohibiting the California Transportation Commission from authorizing the construction or expansion of, and the California Department of Transportation from constructing or expanding, a state highway within one-quarter mile of a school boundary with exceptions for certain operational, safety, and high occupancy vehicle projects; and authorize the Chief Administrative Office to prepare additional letters to be sent to other legislative committees that may hear this bill.

Background: SB 1507 by Senator Jenny Oropeza prohibits the California Transportation Commission from authorizing the construction or expansion of, and the California Department of Transportation from constructing or expanding, a state highway within one-quarter mile of a school boundary with certain exceptions for operational, safety, and High Occupancy Vehicle projects.

Reason for Recommendation: The Department of Transportation believes that some El Dorado County transportation projects could be negatively impacted by this bill depending on the definitions of operational and safety improvements, and how the distance to school boundaries is measured.

Action to be taken following Board approval: The Chief Administrative Office will distribute copies of the attached letter.

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