

Senate Resolution No. 19

Introduced by Senator Lee

Relative to San Francisco Bay Water Transport.

WHEREAS, San Francisco Bay area residents rank transportation as the region's number one problem according to surveys by the Bay Area Council; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco Bay area residents spend 90,000 hours per day sitting in traffic congestion; and

WHEREAS, The cost of this congestion is estimated to cost \$841,000 per day in lost time and resources; and

WHEREAS, The cost of building freeways now exceeds \$32 million per mile; and

WHEREAS, The economic cost of idling car engines amounts to \$300 million annually in damage to health, property, and plant life; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Bay area's efforts to maintain state and federal air quality standards rely, in part, upon vehicular emission reductions; and

WHEREAS, In 1921, the three largest ferry operators on the San Francisco Bay carried nearly 50 million passengers across the bay; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Bay is a vastly underutilized resource for travel; and

WHEREAS, Military base closures, new developments in the national and state parks, and the transportation needs of airports in the region create potentially significant new water transport opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Eighty-two percent of San Francisco Bay area residents are in favor of expanded ferry service according to the most recent Bay Area Council poll; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, That it is in the best interests of the state to make a careful study of the feasibility of expanded water transport on the San Francisco Bay; and be it further

Resolved, That the Senate of the State of California endorses the leadership of the Bay Area Council and the Bay Area Economic Forum in forming a Blue Ribbon Advisory Task Force to report recommendations for the improvement or expansion of water transport on the San Francisco Bay; and be it further



Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the Bay Area Council and the Bay Area Economic Forum.

Senate Resolution No. 19 read and adopted by the Senate September 8, 1997.

Attest: _____
Secretary of the Senate

