



April 7, 2016

The Honorable John Moorlach
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 2048
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Senate Bill 1141 - SUPPORT

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Dear Senator Moorlach:

On behalf of the American Council of Engineering Companies, California, I write in support of your Senate Bill 1141, which would require the Department of Transportation to participate in a pilot program over a 5-year period under which 2 counties, one in northern California and one in southern California, may be selected to operate, maintain, and make improvements to all state highways, including freeways, in the affected county.

The transfer of responsibility for state highways from the state to county responsibility is a common occurrence throughout many stretches of highway in California. Doing so has alleviated costs and burdens on the state, while providing counties with increased ability to consolidate and streamline infrastructure, structural and transportation planning and implementation. SB 1141 establishes a voluntary pilot program to explore whether local responsibility for all state highways within a county provides a better model of coordination, planning, maintenance and improvement. This is a worthwhile endeavor that should be given serious consideration as a pilot program.

ACEC California represents approximately 950 engineering and land surveying firms and 22,000 professionals who provide a wide variety of engineering, surveying, environmental consulting and construction management services for all types of residential, public works, commercial and industrial projects, and we thank you for your leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,

Kelly Garman
Director of Government Affairs

Professional engineers and surveyors dedicated to building a better California.