



STATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

10:00am – 12:00pm

City Hall, Room 288

OVERVIEW

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AGENDA

- I. **ROLL CALL**
- II. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES (Action Item).** Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes from the meeting on July 30, 2025.
- III. **STATE LOBBYIST OVERVIEW AND UPDATE (Discussion Item).** The City’s state lobbyist will present to the Committee an update on State legislative matters.

- IV. PROPOSED LEGISLATION (Discussion and Action).** Discussion and possible action item: the Committee will review and discuss state legislation affecting the City and County of San Francisco. Items are listed by Department, then by bill number.

New Business

San Francisco Department of Technology

Presenter: Jeremy Pollock

SB 716 (Durazo): Lifeline program: broadband internet access service.

Recommended Position: Support

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- VI. ADJOURNMENT**

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AGENDA

Meeting commenced at 10:01am.

VII. ROLL CALL

Present: Eileen Mariano, Robyn Burke, Brad Phelps, Rebekah Krell, Holly Lung, Calvin Quock, and Amanda Fried.

VIII. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES (Action Item). Discussion and possible

action to approve the minutes from the meeting on June 25, 2025.

Motion to Approve: Robyn Burke

Seconded by: Brad Phelps

Approved: 7-0

- IX. STATE LOBBYIST OVERVIEW AND UPDATE (Discussion Item).** The City's state lobbyist will present to the Committee an update on State legislative matters.
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New Business

San Francisco Public Utilities Commission

Presenter: Scott Ammon

SB 283 (Laird): Energy Storage Systems.

Recommended Position: Support

The bill would conform the California Building Code (CBC) and safety certification requirements to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 855 standards for battery storage. Specifically, the bill would require projects submitted for certification to the California Energy Commission (CEC) to demonstrate that they are constructed consistent with the CBC or NFPA 855, whichever is most protective. SB 283 would require projects submitted to local authorities to be designed in accordance with NFPA 855. The bill would also require projects submitted to the CEC or local authorities to be inspected by local fire officials prior to commencing operations.

The SFPUC recommends a support position for SB 283.

Motion to Approve: Brad Phelps

Seconded by: Amanda Fried

Approved: 7-0

San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency

Presenter: Monique Webster

SB 63 (Wiener): San Francisco Bay Area Local revenue measure: transportation funding

Recommended Position: Support

SB 63 would establish a Transportation Revenue Measure District including Alameda, Contra Costa and San Francisco counties, with a provision for San Mateo and Santa Clara counties to opt in, to be administered by the Metropolitan

Transportation Commission (MTC). The bill would authorize a multi-county regional transportation funding measure in the form of a sales tax, for a duration of 10 to 15 years subject to voter approval on the November 2026 ballot, to fund transit operations in the Bay Area.

Motion to Approve: Amanda Fried

Seconded by: Brad Phelps

Approved: 7-0

San Francisco Human Services Agency

Presenter: Rose Johns

SB 694 (Archuleta): Deceptive Practices: Service Members and Veterans

Recommended Position: Support

Senate Bill 694 seeks to strengthen protections for veterans by prohibiting any person not accredited by the Veterans Administration (VA) from charging a veteran for help with a benefits claim, prohibiting the charging of fees that exceed what a VA-accredited attorney or claims agent could legally charge to assist a veteran with a benefits claim, and prohibiting the requiring of access to veterans' data on VA systems.

As the home of the accredited San Francisco County Veterans Service Office, the Department of Disability and Aging Services (DAS) supports this bill to help ensure veterans utilize trusted and accountable claims assistance.

Motion to Approve: Robyn Burke

Seconded by: Holly Lung

Approved: 7-0

- XI. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.** Members of the public may address the Committee on items of interest that are within the Committee's subject matter jurisdiction and that do not appear on the agenda.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:24am.

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| SLC Meeting Presenter | Jeremy Pollock |
| Reviewed and approved by Department Head? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| Reviewed and approved by Commission? | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A |

SB 716

Senator Maria Elena Durazo, Senate District #26, D-Los Angeles

Lifeline program: broadband internet access service.

Recommended Position

☐ SPONSOR ☒ SUPPORT ☐ SUPPORT if amended ☐ OPPOSE ☐ OTHER & Describe

Summary

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Background/Analysis

In 2020 in response to the COVID pandemic, the federal Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) was created to offer eligible households a \$30/month broadband discount through participating ISPs, with broad provider participation and plan designs that zeroed out customer bills. At its peak, ACP supported about 3 million California households. However, ACP ran out of funding and ended in 2024. SB 716 aims to fill part of that affordability gap by adding a state-level, ACP-like option within the existing California LifeLine program.

San Francisco’s Fiber-to-Housing (FTH) program already provide free broadband service to non profit-managed affordable housing sites containing over 20,000 households. DT maintains the

network and MOHCD provides customer support. Under SB 716's framework, DT (or an affiliate) could qualify to receive the state LifeLine broadband subsidy for eligible FTH households once CPUC rules are adopted. This could create a significant new funding stream for maintaining and growing the FTH program. There is a significant backlog of affordable housing sites that have not been connected to the FTH network. SB 716 could also allow for the potential expansion of the program to eligible low-income households that do not live in affordable housing.

Challenge

Affordability is the top barrier to home broadband adoption for low-income households—even where infrastructure exists. State survey data show cost far outpaces other reasons for non-subscription. LifeLine is currently a phone-centric benefit, and there is no statewide option to apply the benefit to standalone home broadband, which residents need for school, work, telehealth, and more.

Solution/Recommended Proposal

SB 716 would provide direct affordability relief for tens of thousands of low-income San Francisco households by allowing the LifeLine subsidy to be applied to a home broadband plan. If DT was able to qualify as a participating ISP, this could generate more than \$1 million in annual revenue to fund the City's digital-equity programs.

Departments Impacted & Why

- DT: Potential new funding stream for maintaining and growing the FTH network.
- MOHCD: Potential new funding stream for FTH customer service.

Fiscal Impact

If DT was eligible for the SB 716 subsidy, and 25% of the 20,000 FTH households were enrolled, it would generate \$1.1 million in annual revenue, or \$1.7 million if DT was able to obtain ETC certification.

Support / Opposition

Support (abbreviated list)

AARP
Broadband Consortium Pacific Coast
Building Opportunities for Self-sufficiency California Association of Student Councils
California Emerging Technology Fund
California Human Development
California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation
California School Boards Association
California State Council of SEIU
City of Merced
Courage California
Digitallift
Disability Rights California
End Child Poverty California Powered by Grace
International Longshore & Warehouse Union Locals 13, 63, 94
Janice Hahn, Board Supervisor, Los Angeles
LA Cooperativa Campesina De California
Los Amigos De LA Comunidad, INC.

Monterey Bay Economic Partnership
Newstart Housing Corporation
San Francisco Tech Council
Unite Here International Union, AFL-CIO
Western Center on Law & Poverty

Opposition

California Taxpayers Association
CTIA