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California Lawmakers Seek Bullet Train Audit as Cost Rises

A bipartisan team of lawmakers is seeking a formal audit of California's high-speed rail project following a nearly \$3 billion jump in costs.

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — A bipartisan team of lawmakers is expected to request a formal audit of California's high-speed rail project after the projected cost of one segment rose by nearly \$3 billion.

Democratic Sen. Jim Beall of San Jose and Republican Assemblyman Jim Patterson of Fresno will make their pitch for the audit Tuesday to a joint committee, which will choose whether to authorize it. A representative from the California High-Speed Rail Authority has been asked to testify.

"As a vital partner in the delivery of the high-speed rail system, it is incumbent upon us as a legislative body to provide strong oversight and guidance to ensure that the project is on an effective path toward successful completion," the lawmakers wrote in their audit request.

California's plan to build high-speed rail from Los Angeles to San Francisco is now estimated to cost more than \$65 billion, up substantially from a decade ago.

Earlier in January, the project's board announced a \$3 billion hike in the costs for a segment of track in the Central Valley, the project's first phase. A segment from San Francisco to Bakersfield is slated to be open by 2025, with the tracks to Los Angeles open by 2029, but that timeline could face delays.

Despite those challenges, Gov. Jerry Brown forcefully defended the project last week in his State of the State address. It would be the nation's first high-speed train if completed. He noted the project has created 1,500 construction jobs in the Central Valley.

The audit would examine ideas for accelerating the project's timeline and reducing its costs. It would also evaluate the authority's contract management and the community and economic impacts.

The lawmakers' audit request comes as the authority brings on a new chief executive officer, Brian Kelly, most recently the head of California's state transportation agency. The lawmakers said an audit would help ensure "effective management" of the project.

"Without question, the high-speed rail program is the largest, most complex and, in some ways, most far-reaching public infrastructure project in the nation," they wrote.

The High-Speed Rail Authority is also preparing to release its biennial business plan. It's typically due by May 1, but the board requested a month-long extension, prompting criticism from Democratic Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon. Lawmakers must pass a budget by June 15, and the rail project is paid for in part through revenue from the cap-and-trade program.

<https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/california/articles/2018-01-30/california-lawmakers-seek-bullet-train-as-cost-rises>

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CHAIRPERSON LLOYD:
Supervisor DeSaulnier.

SUPERVISOR DeSAULNIER: I'd be happy to make a motion. And if you need you need an amendment to the resolution, D.D., you can do that, or if the direction is sufficient for you to come back. But I'll move resolution -

CHAIRPERSON LLOYD:
Supervisor DeSaulnier, appreciate your anxiety, but we do have three witnesses signed up to -

SUPERVISOR DeSAULNIER: I thought we had -- sorry, Charlie. I know you'll get back at me some way. Sorry Charlie. What commercial did that come from?

CHAIRPERSON LLOYD: So indeed, if there are no more question from the Board, we do have three witnesses signed up. Charlie Peters, Larry Armstrong, and Chris Ervine. And then we will be ready for the motion.

Charlie.

MR. PETERS: Mr. DeSaulnier, Mr. Chairman, and Board. Very much appreciate Mr. DeSaulnier's attention him being a small businessman in the Bay Area with significant efforts against small businesses -- restaurant businesses throughout the state of California currently with unfair business practice situations where some regulator might come in to Dr. DeSaulnier's business, in spite of the fact of how important and

powerful he is, and put some minor correctional issue against his business. And what can happen there can get pretty interesting, even in spite of his power.

What I'm here to talk to you about today is I gave you a packet of information which includes -- and I'm interested in the policy issues -- includes a small businessman in Southern California. There was no opportunity to make corrections. An employee of his did something inappropriate, which he immediately let go before he found out what had happened.

He goes to his association, which is the largest in the state supporting these issues, and the attorney says \$20,000 to start and you lose. He said, "Well, gee, I'm good guy." He goes before the regulator, and they say, "You're out of business. That's an interesting place to start. He's currently today out of business. He's 40 years old, AAA approved shop, CAP approved shop, passed every test, every standard there is. Has never had a citation in his life. Has had a perfect record with AAA. State of California has him out of business today.

We are trying to mitigate that. He now has an attorney. He's now a petitioned this to the Supreme Court. He's now petitioned this to the Department of Consumers Affairs. We're hoping he gets back in business. We hope he gets some additional consideration. We hope we can

mitigate this.

But what's right behind that is immediately after that they can take him to the district attorney. The attorney general's got him now. Then the district attorney comes for him. And then immediately after that -- because there's been some action against him, we can have an unfair business practice suit against him that can extract another 20,000, \$30,000 from this money. Immediately as soon as that's done, the same attorney with the same pseudo consumer can make another action, and every attorney in the state of California can continue to take action against this individual. And this guy never did anything wrong. What are we doing to small business in California? What are we doing to the air, putting somebody who's a professional that can fix the problem out of business with no consideration. It's wrong. I want your help. Say you have nothing to do with this. I've had everybody tell me for 15 years it's ain't my problem. Well, it's mine. I'm the problem and my lack of ability to communicate -- I'm working on trying to make it better. I'm petitioning you. I'll get on my hands and knees if it takes it to help support small business and better air quality in California starting today and to create some protection for Mr. DeSaulnier and his business in the Bay Area.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON LLOYD: Thank you for your written statement.

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