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Frazier bill package approved by Assembly, moves to Senate

SACRAMENTO – A number of bills that make up the 2018 legislative package of Assemblymember Jim Frazier (D-Discovery Bay) are now in the Senate after being approved by the Assembly.

“I am excited about the range and scope of bills Team Frazier has successfully moved forward this year,” Frazier said. “My bill package this year seeks to help clear the Delta of abandoned commercial vessels put more clean energy commercial vehicles on the road to meet California’s greenhouse gas reduction goals, create more opportunities for those with disabilities, encourage more affordable housing construction, and so much more.”

[AB 2441](#) would establish a funding mechanism for the removal of abandoned commercial vessels in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. A recent Department of Fish & Wildlife survey found 54 derelict commercial vessels throughout the Delta. These large vessels are a significant threat to the environment, hinder navigation in the Delta and cost on average \$500,000 each to remove. The full Assembly approved AB 2441 78-0.

[AB 2061](#), which Frazier is authoring as chairman of the Assembly Transportation Committee, would put more clean energy trucks on California’s roads in place of gasoline and diesel powered models. The Clean Truck Deployment Act aims to create a more equal playing field for zero-emission and near zero emission trucks to allow them to have the same carrying capacity as diesel trucks. The full Assembly approved AB 2061 78-0.

[AB 2171](#) would require the three state agencies that provide services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to ensure each individual achieves their fullest employment potential. The full Assembly approved AB 2171 78-0.

[AB 2353](#) would help to reduce the cost of building new housing by implementing added protections for builders from unwarranted construction defect lawsuits. This bill would ensure that inspectors used in construction defect cases are qualified to perform such inspections by requiring them to be licensed by the Contractors State License Board. The full Assembly approved AB 2353 71-0.

[AB 2096](#) would create a voluntary checkoff fund (VCF) on state tax forms for Donate Life California, the nonprofit that manages the state's organ and tissue donor registry. California has the largest registry in the nation, but the rate of registered donors is below the national average. Donate Life California would use the funds from this VCF for outreach to increase participation in the registry. More than 120,000 people are waiting for lifesaving transplants nationwide and 21 individuals die each day without a transplant. The full Assembly approved AB 2096 73-0.

[AB 1792](#) would allow Affordable Housing Authorities, authorized by previous legislation, to use tax increment financing to support the development of infrastructure around affordable housing projects. Allowing an Affordable Housing Authority to update and improve the infrastructure around a project would be a practical and efficient approach to improving infrastructure alongside any future development.

[AB 3032](#) encourages maternity hospitals to develop programs to address the growing prevalence of post-partum depression. The bill aims to bridge the gap between families and health care providers, which hospitals are in a good position to do, given 99 percent of births occur in hospitals. The full Assembly approved AB 3032 73-0.

[AB 2734](#) removes the California Transportation Commission (CTC) from under the oversight of the executive branch, reestablishing the CTC as an independent entity within state government. The full Assembly approved AB 2734 73-0.

[AB 3136](#), which Frazier is joint-authoring with the chairman of the Assembly Education Committee, would remedy several long standing deficiencies in the state's special education finance system, providing resources to help California students with disabilities reach their full potential. The full Assembly approved AB 3136 77-0.

[AB 2543](#), which Frazier is co-authoring, would require each state agency or department authorized to undertake any infrastructure project costing \$100,000,000 or more to publicly post

on its Internet Web site any change in the cost or schedule of the project that would result in the project exceeding its established budget by 10 percent or more or being delayed by 12 months or longer. The bill would require that posted information describe how much the project is expected to exceed its established budget or delay its construction schedule. The full Assembly approved AB 2543 74-0.

[AB 1873](#), which Frazier is co-authoring, would remove the \$5 fee the DMV charges veterans to obtain a “Veteran” designation on their California Driver License or ID card. Frazier authored the 2014 bill that created the “Veteran” designation (AB 935), which gives veterans an efficient means of proving their eligibility for benefits and discounts. The full Assembly approved AB 1873 76-0.

[AB 1743](#), which Frazier is also coauthoring with the chairman of the Assembly Education Committee, would direct \$500 million annually toward Career Technical Education (CTE) to keep these programs in our public high schools. CTE prepares students, particularly those who are not college-bound, for rewarding careers after high school in a wide range of fields that require specific skills, including the building trades and technology. The full Assembly approved AB 1743 78-0.

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Assemblymember Frazier represents the 11th Assembly District, which includes the communities of Antioch, Bethel Island, Birds Landing, Brentwood, Byron, Collinsville, Discovery Bay, Fairfield, Isleton, Knightsen, Locke, Oakley, Pittsburg (partial), Rio Vista, Suisun City, Travis AFB, Vacaville and Walnut Grove.

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