

Date of Hearing: July 12, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY AND ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW  
Susan Talamantes Eggman, Chair  
SB 702 (Stern) – As Amended May 26, 2017

**SENATE VOTE:** 40-0

**SUBJECT:** State vehicles: bicycles

**SUMMARY:** Requires the Department of General Services (DGS) to expand the State Employee BikeShare Program (BikeShare) throughout the state, as specified. Specifically, **this bill:**

- 1) Provides DGS discretion to choose locations for new BikeShare sites.
- 2) Sets a maximum of three new sites per year.
- 3) Requires an online reservation system.
- 4) Requires BikeShare to provide a participant a helmet and bicycle lock when renting a bicycle.

**EXISTING LAW** requires state agencies with parking facilities to include bicycle parking.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** According to the Senate Appropriations Committee:

- 1) Potential costs to DGS for BikeShare startup costs in new locations. Each new program location would cost approximately \$12,000 in startup costs including bicycle and equipment purchase and maintenance service contracts. New programs would be limited to three new locations per year, thereby limiting annual startup costs to \$36,000. (Service Revolving Fund)
- 2) Ongoing costs to DGS of \$138,000 per year for one Associate Governmental Program Analyst within the Office of Fleet and Asset Management to manage multiple bike share programs statewide. (Service Revolving Fund)

**COMMENTS:** This bill expands BikeShare, which currently operates with 12 bicycles in Sacramento only. The program allows state employees to use bicycles to travel to nearby meetings or run errands during the workday. To participate, employees must sign a waiver and complete a training that includes program information and bicycle safety instructions.

The BikeShare program is located in downtown Sacramento in the State Garage at 1416 10<sup>th</sup> Street. Users are not charged for bicycle rentals and the program is run by the existing vehicle rental program staff at the garage.

This bill specifies that DGS can choose a maximum of three additional locations per year throughout the state that the department determines are feasible and reasonable.

The program is required to provide a helmet and bicycle lock with the bicycle rental and to use an online reservations system. Currently, the reservation system is online and the program

already provides locks and helmets. Also, participants agree in the terms of the program waiver to wear a helmet while riding.

The author states that the current program "offers a lower-cost, healthier mode of transportation than cars, while also reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving air quality. This simple expansion of a successful program will help diversify transportation options for state employees."

According to DGS, since the program's inception in May 2016, there have been about 330 bicycle reservations through March 2017. This represents an average of about 30 per month.

While there's a large number of state employees concentrated in downtown Sacramento, the number of reservations has been relatively low. It is unclear how many state employees located in other parts of the state would participate in an expanded program. However, this bill gives DGS the discretion to determine where additional sites would be appropriate.

### **REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

#### **Support**

California Bicycle Coalition (sponsor)

#### **Opposition**

None on file

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