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| **California State Senate Holds Joint Committee Hearing on Governor’s 2012 Reorganization Plan**  Earlier today, the California State Senate’s Governance & Finance and Governmental Organization Committees, chaired by Senators Lois Wolk (D-05) and Roderick Wright (D-25) held a joint hearing on Governor Brown’s proposed reorganization plan that was introduced in March 2012. The ultimate aim of the proposed reorganization is cost savings and greater efficiency in management and coordination. The Governor proposes creating two new agencies, the Transportation Agency and the Consumer Services Agency, to assume the responsibilities of the Business, Transportation & Housing Agency as it exists today. The Transportation Agency would include Caltrans, Department of Motor Vehicles, High Speed Rail Authority, California Transportation Commission, California Highway Patrol, and the Board of Pilot Commissioners. Testimony was heard from various groups, including the Legislative Analyst’s Office, which asserted that the proposed changes to the structure and management of California’s government do not constitute a major restructuring and that many of the proposed changes are sensible. Metro Government Relations staff members are monitoring this matter and its potential impact on our agency. |
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