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High-Speed Rail Authority, Items 2665-004-6043, 2665-304-0890, 2665-304-6043, 2665-305-0890, and 2665-305-6043

High-Speed Rail Language Issues

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Issue	Description	Senate	Assembly	LAO Recommendation
004	Ridership and Revenue Forecasts	BBL to make funding contingent on a report discussing the HSRA plans to incorporate the UC Berkeley assessment of the current model.		Adopt language.
312	Peer Review Group Funding	BBL to specify \$250,000 to reimburse peer review group costs; TBL to further define peer review group requirements.		Adopt language.
314	Contract Management Restrictions		BBL to require HSRA staff to be the primary manager of all contracts.	Do not adopt language. It is unclear how this would make any significant change to the current structure.
316	Exempt Positions		TBL to reclassify six positions as exempt management positions.	Do not adopt language. We believe this is a policy decision and therefore should be implemented through the regular bill process.
311	Legislative Reporting Requirements	BBL to require a one-time report by February 1; one-quarter annual funding contingent on JLBC approval of report.	TBL to require a semiannual report on deliverables, program costs, schedules, funding, financing, and project status.	LAO compromise—adopt both; no conflict, both improve legislative oversight.
603	Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs)	BBL to require any MOU with \$2.5 million in capital expenditures to be contingent on (1) future appropriation, (2) peer review, and (3) completed environmental clearance documents.		Withhold recommendation. While this action may provide more oversight, it appears to be unnecessary.

BBL = budget bill language; HSRA = High-Speed Rail Authority; UC = University of California; TBL = trailer bill language; JLBC = Joint Legislative Budget Committee.