

**SUBJECT:** Approval of payments by certain navigation districts

**COMMITTEE:** Transportation — favorable, without amendment

**VOTE:** 10 ayes — Morrison, Martinez, Burkett, Y. Davis, Goldman, Israel, Pickett, Simmons, E. Thompson, Wray

0 nays

3 absent — Minjarez, Phillips, S. Thompson

**SENATE VOTE:** On final passage, April 26 — 31-0, on Local and Uncontested Calendar

**WITNESSES:** None

**BACKGROUND:** Observers note that some port authorities do not have a district treasurer, as the county has abolished the position of the county treasurer who can fulfill that role. Some say that this can make the procedure for authorizing a payment by the port authority unclear.

**DIGEST:** SB 1131 would allow a designated officer of certain navigation districts to make a payment on behalf of the district without first receiving authorization from the district treasurer. The payment would have to be made by a check and consistent with certain existing procedures.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2017.

**NOTES:** A companion bill, HB 2592 by Herrero, was reported favorably by the House Committee on Transportation on May 2.