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Attached please find our Board approved Resolution in support of AB 1321. This resolution was unanimously passed by the Wilmington Neighborhood Council on September 24, 2019. This Bill would be the first step in addressing the economic impacts that automation would have at our ports. There is further a need to have all laws be aligned with each other, specifically with the California Coastal Act which states in Section 1.3 that one of the goals is to integrate economic, engineering, environmental and safety considerations into the Port development process for measuring the long-term impact of varying development options on the Port's natural and economic environment. Your bill would have helped in accomplishing that purpose.

We urge you to consider our Resolution and its recommendations to support this Assembly Bill.

Sincerely,

*Valerie Contreras*

Valerie Contreras, Chairperson  
Wilmington Neighborhood Council

**Motion to support resolution and letter of support for Assembly Bill 1321 Public Lands: State Lands Commission: Coastal Ports: Automated Technology.**

Full bill text: [http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201920200AB1321](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1321)

Status: Moved to Inactive

Letter in Support of AB 1321 and Request that Assemblyman Mike Gipson as author of the Bill use his discretion and remove this bill from “Inactive” status at the start of the next Legislative cycle in January 2020.

Summary:

Summary: This bill seeks to ensure that California’s ports are positioned to improve their operational efficiency while maintaining the livelihood of people who depend on them for a stable job. It identifies automation as a key issue that is expanding its application into a range of industries, including port equipment. Estimates show that about 10% of manufacturing tasks globally were performed by robots in 2015. It is suggested that percentage is expected to rise to 25% by 2025 as robots become less expensive and more accessible. The author frames the question of not whether or not to automate, but how to do so responsibly. He notes that automation may help companies with California’s emission reduction standards, but at the same time he suggests that human-powered zero and near-zero equipment is readily available. He argues that worker displacement from ports creates larger economic impacts for children, families, communities, and local business

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Existing law vests control over specific public lands with the State Lands Commission. The members of the commission are the Lieutenant Governor, the Controller, and the Director of Finance.

WHEREAS , Existing law specifies that the commission has exclusive jurisdiction over all ungranted tidelands and submerged lands owned by the state, and of the beds of navigable rivers, streams, lakes, bays, estuaries, inlets, and straits, including tidelands and submerged lands or any interest in those lands, as described, which have been or may be acquired by the state by quitclaim, cession, grant, contract, otherwise from the federal government, or by any other means.

WHEREAS, Existing law also provides specific responsibilities for the commission with respect to the ports of Los Angeles and Oakland.

WHEREAS , AB 1321I would require the commission, subject to the availability of resources, in collaboration with the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development, to hold a series of meetings at or near California ports that operate on granted public trust lands to consider the impacts of automated technology at California’s ports, as provided.

WHEREAS, AB 1321 would require the commission to submit two reports to the Legislature, as prescribed, on the commission’s activities under these provisions.

NOW THEREFOR, LET IT BE RESOLVED, the Wilmington Neighborhood Council supports Assembly Bill 1321 Public Lands: State Lands Commission: Coastal Ports: Automated Technology.