

REPORT OF THE CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

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TO: Honorable Members of the Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

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SUBJECT: Resolution (Blumenfield—Hernandez) to SUPPORT HR 5356 (Davis)

CLA RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution (Blumenfield—Hernandez) to include in the City's 2025-2026 Federal Legislative Program, SUPPORT for HR 5356 (Davis), which would establish a National Infrastructure Bank to stimulate job creation and facilitate investment in and financing of infrastructure projects.

SUMMARY

Resolution (Blumenfield—Hernandez), introduced on April 24, 2026, indicates that HR 5356 (Davis) would establish a National Infrastructure Bank to address the infrastructure needs of the United States, which the American Society of Civil Engineers estimates at a cost of over \$9 trillion between 2024 through 2033. The Resolution notes that although over \$5 trillion is expected to be financed by the Federal Government, States, and municipal governments around the country at continued appropriation levels, a substantial shortfall of approximately \$4 trillion remains. The Resolution further reports that the City is limited in its ability to finance infrastructure projects beyond the jurisdictional limits of the City, even though such areas may be economically connected to the City. Thus, establishing a National Infrastructure Bank responsible for facilitating efficient, long-term financing of infrastructure projects, business and economic growth, and new job creation throughout the United States is beneficial to the City. The Resolution therefore recommends that the City support HR 5356.

BACKGROUND

Banks have historically played a large role in financing infrastructure in the United States, funding a diverse mixture of public works projects such as roads, turnpikes, bridges, canals, dams, schools, and rail. Such investments created the conditions for improved productivity, economic growth, and job creation, which lifted the United States out of the Great Depression and contributed to victory in World War II.

The purpose of the National Infrastructure Bank (Bank) would be to facilitate efficient, long-term financing of infrastructure projects, business and economic growth, and new job creation in the United States. The NIB would be governed by a Board of Directors consisting of 25 members, appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate and would include individuals

representing different regions of the United States and occupations related to civil engineering and finance. The bill would direct the Bank to raise capital stock, in an amount approved by the Board, but not to exceed \$500 billion, in the form of Treasury securities. The Board would then be responsible for the approval and monitoring of infrastructure projects across the United States, with specified powers related to making agreements and executing contracts in furtherance of the business of the Bank.

Local jurisdictions in California are limited in their ability to raise revenue to either fund new infrastructure or maintain existing sites. The developing Metro D-Line extension, which will eventually connect Los Angeles Union Station to University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), has cost nearly \$10B to complete and has been funded through a series of local tax initiatives and federal and State grants. Although this project is expected to be extremely beneficial for City residents, workers, and businesses, it has been delayed by funding shortfalls and cost overruns. HR 5356 would therefore simplify economic development for United States residents by forming a centralized funding source for capitalizing infrastructure projects.

BILL STATUS

9/15/2025 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Transportation and Infrastructure, Financial Services, Education and Workforce, Natural Resources, and the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

9/15/2025 Introduced in House


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Attachments:

1. Resolution (Blumenfield—Hernandez)

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations, or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal government body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City has historically supported a number of measures to address matters related to economic development by investing in essential infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the American Society of Civil Engineers estimates that over \$9 trillion dollars is needed from 2024 to 2033 to meet all of the infrastructure needs of the United States, of which over \$5 trillion is to be financed by the Federal Government, States, and municipal governments around the country at continued appropriation levels; and

WHEREAS, even with the investments described in the previous paragraph, a substantial financing gap remains, which will require funding to come from different sources to address a multitude of needs ranging from affordable housing and high-speed rail construction to public parks and major water supply projects; and

WHEREAS, the City is limited in its ability to finance infrastructure projects beyond a certain appropriations amount and cannot subsidize public works projects beyond the jurisdictional limits of the City, even though such areas may be economically connected to the City; and

WHEREAS, HR 5356 (Davis) establishes a mixed-ownership Government corporation responsible for facilitating efficient, long-term financing of infrastructure projects, business and economic growth, and new job creation in the United States; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2025-2026 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for HR 5356 (Davis), which would establish a National Infrastructure Bank to stimulate job creation and facilitate efficient investment in and financing of infrastructure projects.

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