

****FLOOR ALERT****

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OPPOSE**AB 516 (Chiu) Authority to Remove Vehicles**

AB 516 (Chiu) would eliminate the ability for cities to adequately enforce state and local vehicle violations. Specifically, it will eliminate the ability for cities to: 1) “immobilize,” or place a boot on a vehicle, for motorists who have five or more unpaid parking tickets, 2) remove vehicles with expired registration that are operating illegally; and 3) remove vehicles in violation of parking time restrictions.

The approach in AB 516 rewards people who:

- Fail to pay their parking tickets,
- Abandon their vehicles,
- Decide to store their vehicles on public roads (instead of private property); and
- Operate their vehicles illegally by failing to register their vehicles, which helps pay for all of the following:
 - The California Highway Patrol
 - The California Department of Motor Vehicles
 - The State Highway System (including SB 1 basic maintenance and operation funding)
 - The California Air Resources Board
 - Local streets and roads (including SB 1 basic operation and maintenance funding)
 - The State General Fund
 - Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies fees (for emergency call boxes)
 - Air quality fees set be air quality management districts to reduce air pollution
 - The Vehicle License Fee
 - Toll violations

AB 516 will exacerbate parking scarcity by creating an environment extremely vulnerable for exploitation with consequences much more serious than the problem the bill is trying to solve. This bill, coupled with efforts by the state aimed at eliminating local parking minimums, will create quality of life concerns across income demographics in California.