

AB-950: TRUCK DRIVER EMPLOYMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY PROTECTION ACT

Speaker of the Assembly John Pérez (D-Los Angeles)
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"Our ports are one of California's most valuable engines of economic growth and prosperity, and AB 950 will make sure the vital activity at our ports is conducted safely by trucking companies that are playing by the rules. AB 950 will also help get the state's fiscal house in order by allowing for the collection of millions of dollars in payroll taxes that trucking companies can dodge by illegally misclassifying their drivers."

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AB-950 will require port truck drivers to be treated as employees of the trucking companies who arrange for or engage these workers' services.

The bill will curb the widespread practice of misclassifying port drivers as contractors and ensure drivers are guaranteed minimum wage, workers' compensation, disability, Social Security and occupational health and safety protections.

AB-950 will provide drivers protection from retaliation when reporting safety concerns.

Port truck drivers are responsible for hauling loads weighing up to 80,000 pounds through California marine terminals, residential streets and public roadways. They often transport overweight loads and hazardous materials that require special permits. However, when these workers report safety concerns such as faulty brakes or violations of the work hour limits set by the Department of Transportation, they are often threatened, retaliated against or fired.

WHY AB-950 MATTERS...

AB 950 WILL PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY

"Sometimes the trucking company gives me unsafe loads to haul, but if I question their safety, instead of fixing the problem they get mad and give the load to another guy, leaving me without work. We have no choice but to navigate the city's freeways risking an accident because we need to support our families."

- Leonardo Mejia, port truck driver

AB 950 WILL PROTECT WORKING FAMILIES

"I often put in over 70 hours of work in a week but end up taking home a check for only \$400. How are we supposed to support our family on pay that comes out to less than \$6 per hour?"

- Alex Mejia, port truck driver

AB 950 WILL RELIEVE OVERBURDENED PUBLIC SERVICES

"All day long we are surrounded by heavy machinery that can take a limb or our lives in the blink of an eye, but we don't even have basic workers' compensation or disability insurance. If I get hurt, I have to rely on public hospitals for my care and my family is left without a safety net while I recuperate."

- Abdul Khan, port truck driver