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AB-1679 (2023-2024)

Transactions and use taxes: County of Los Angeles: homelessness

District 54 - Assemblymember [Miguel Santiago](#)

Purpose

Would impose a 0.50% increase to the transaction and use tax in Los Angeles County, while exceeding the counties rate limit of 2%. The county must adopt an ordinance proposing the tax and must be approved by voters while subject to applicable voter approval requirements.

History 10/10/23 - Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 731, Statutes of 2023.

Votes: 09/13/23 (PASS) - Assembly Floor - AB 1679 Santiago Concurrence in Senate Amendments.

Recommended Position: **Oppose**

- The bill would allow through an electoral vote, for the removal of Measure H, a ¼ cent sales tax approved in March 2017, providing legislators the opportunity to initiate permanent, and higher sales tax laws.
- LA County's new sales tax would be 10.50%, making it the highest sales tax in the country.
- The bill is able to bypass the 2/3 majority vote needed when increasing taxes.
- This legislation was gut and amended. the bill previously was for horse racing laws, and had no association with homelessness.

View the gut and amended version of the bill [here](#). / Read the official bill. [Click Here](#)

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