

**SENATE TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING COMMITTEE**  
**SENATOR MARK DESAULNIER, CHAIRMAN**  
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**Committee Policy on:**           **OMNIBUS COMMITTEE BILLS**

**Policy:** A committee omnibus bill shall contain the signatures of all of the members of the committee. The process for including an item in a committee omnibus bill shall be as follows:

- a) **Submit background materials.** The proponent of an item shall submit proposed language and provide sufficient background material to the committee for the item to be described to other legislative staff and stakeholders.
- b) **Prior notification to staff and stakeholders required.** Prior to including an item within an omnibus committee bill, committee staff shall provide a summary of the item and the actual legislative language to all relevant majority and minority consultants in both the Senate and Assembly and to known or presumed interested parties.
- c) **No opposition.** If an item encounters any opposition and the proponent cannot work out a solution with the opposition, the item shall be omitted from or amended out of the bill.
- d) **Deadline for new proposals.** No new item shall be considered after the bill is approved by the policy committee(s) in the second house. (Amendments to existing items already contained in the bill in print are exempt from this rule.)

**Discussion:** Every year or every other year, the committee introduces an “omnibus bill” to enact non-controversial changes to various committee-related statutes. By combining these simple changes into one bill, the Legislature avoids numerous single-issue bills and realizes cost savings in the printing and processing of legislation. These committee bills are intended to deal efficiently with noncontroversial provisions. Proposals in the bills must reflect a consensus and be without opposition from legislative members, agencies, and other interests.

Adopted by the Senate Committee on Transportation and Housing on April 2, 2013.