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New bills threaten public notices

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Two bills introduced this week would permit two northern California transit districts to post public notices online bypassing the existing requirement that the notices be published in a newspaper of general circulation.

<u>AB 2711</u> by Assemblywoman <u>Susan Eggman</u> (D-Stockton) would allow the San Joaquin Regional Transit District to post bid notices that exceed \$150,000 on an undefined "public internet website."

<u>AB 2777</u> by Assemblyman <u>Bill Quirk</u> (D-Hayward) would allow transit districts in Alameda and Contra Costa counties to post all "ordinances and notices" on the districts' internet websites.

Neither bill has yet been assigned to a policy committee, but they will likely be heard by the Assembly Judiciary Committee sometime in mid to late March.

CNPA staff is gathering information from both authors about their reasons for introducing the legislation in preparation of a strategic plan to defeat them.

Please stay tuned to upcoming editions of the Legislative Bulletin for more information.

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