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**SB 582 (Hall) Electrified Security Fences**  
**FACT SHEET**

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**ISSUE**

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Many California-based companies that are in the cargo transportation, inventory storage and containment shipping business have, at any given time, millions of dollars worth of products and service-related equipment on their premises. Storage is often held overnight for several days or weeks awaiting transport.

The primary protection of valuable goods and equipment is a security fence, designed to prevent criminal trespass and theft. The installation of an electric security fence in a jurisdiction is subject to permitting and approval.

Current state law on the use and installation of an electric security fence in non-agricultural zones is vague. There is no consensus among local jurisdictions whether or not they can allow the installation of electric security fences.

**SOLUTION**

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SB 582 provides clear guidelines for the installation of electric security fences, based on international standards insuring their safe and reliable installation in non-residential zones.

Existing international standards require the installation of a perimeter fence at least six feet tall separating the public from the electrified fence. Additionally, to insure the safety of the public, warning signs must be visibly posted and access for emergency responders must be available.

This bill helps the permitting process in local ordinances by clarifying state law, and regulating the use and installation of an electric security fence in non-residential zones.

**SUPPORT**

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Electric Guard Dog (Sponsor)  
ABF Freight System, Inc  
Copart, Inc  
Old Dominion Freight  
SA Recycling, LLC  
SAIA Freight, LTL  
Westward Liberty  
YRC Freight Worldwide

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