

Travel Restrictions

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Recent discussions around the state have brought up concerns involving travel accommodations using AirBnB and VRBO services. Due to these concerns, lodging and/or accommodations for Travel Requests using the services of AirBnB and VRBO services are now restricted.

These concerns include:

- No verification of ADA compliance
- Security and privacy issues
- Safety concerns
- Potential property damage
- One-sided District indemnification
- District exposure to deep pocket lawsuits
- Perceptions regarding sleeping accommodations
- Insurance coverage

States Subject to AB 1887's Travel Prohibition

At the November 14, 2017 Board Meeting the Board of Trustees approved a Resolution Supporting AB 1887. The following states are currently subject to California's ban on state-funded and state-sponsored travel:

- Alabama
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Mississippi
- North Carolina
- Oklahoma
- South Carolina
- South Dakota
- Tennessee
- Texas

Exceptions

The Legislature created exceptions in AB 1887 that allow travel to banned states in certain circumstances. (Gov. Code, § 11139.8, subd. (c).) These exceptions only apply if travel to a subject state is "required." (Ibid.)

Specifically, AB 1887 does not apply to state travel that is required for any of the following purposes:

- Enforcement of California law, including auditing and revenue collection.
- Litigation.
- To meet contractual obligations incurred before January 1, 2017.
- To comply with requests by the federal government to appear before committees.
- To participate in meetings or training required by a grant or required to maintain grant funding.

- To complete job-required training necessary to maintain licensure or similar standards required for holding a position, in the event that comparable training cannot be obtained in California or a different state not subject to the travel prohibition.

For the protection of public health, welfare, or safety, as determined by the affected agency, department, board, authority, or commission, or by the affected legislative office.

(Gov. Code, § 11139.8, subd. (c).)