

# The Omnibus Law of the Job Creation Bill is Potentially Causing Traffic Congestion Points

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Prof. Dr. Ing. Ir. Ahmad Munawar, M.Sc., as a Professor of Transportation, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Faculty of Engineering UGM, appraised that the released Job Creation Bill was causing the Traffic Impact Analysis (ANDALALIN) elimination. The government eliminated some of the ANDALALIN details into shorter forms within AMDAL discussion. Hence, it probably would cause traffic congestion.

"Surely, it must have sped up the licensing process, but it also has an impact on increasing traffic jams possibilities around," said Munawar on Friday (9/10).

He explained that all this time, the discussion of ANDALALIN certainly took a long time, for example, when there were hotels, malls, and other public facilities construction. Although it took a long time, so far, ANDALALIN has performed exceptionally well and can prevent congestion around the projected buildings.

"I'm not quite sure if there will be extortion. Estimating parking facilities, entrances, and exits of buildings and regulating traffic flow around them is essential to prevent congestion. There must be a



thorough traffic survey within a certain radius from the building. This process indeed requires a long time and in-depth analysis," explained the senior researcher from the UGM Center for Transportation and Logistics Studies (PUSTRAL).

Seeing this condition, Munawar hopes that if there is a review of the Job Creation Bill, hopefully, ANDALALIN will remain to be implemented to prevent traffic jams.

#### UGM Student Open Letter

Meantime, the UGM student alliance proposed an open letter to UGM academics. In an open letter submitted by the UGM leadership and represented by the Director of Student Affairs, Dr. R. Suharyadi, M.Sc., they assessed that there were procurements in the Job Creation Bill that were not based on the prevailing rules, principles, and regulations.

"There are many streams of rejection expressed in various forms. Besides, it remained to rise long before ratification and post-ratification," the letter said.

Moreover, the condition during the Covid-19 pandemic must be a threat to all Indonesians' health and safety. This condition has been worsened by another impact, namely the economic recession.

"All Indonesian have given great hope and trust to governmental officials and leaders to encourage Indonesia and escape from the Covid-19 virus pandemic circle by prioritizing policies that are only necessary to make," added the students.

He also continued that UGM academicians have a significant responsibility to complete UGM's vision, mission, and values for the Indonesian nation's progression.

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