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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001-02 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 368**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Cedillo**

February 20, 2001

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An act relating to public capital facilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 368, as amended, Cedillo. Breed Street Shul.

Under existing law, the annual Budget Act provides various items of appropriation of funds for local public capital facilities.

This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to provide funding for the renovation and improvement of the Breed Street Shul in Los Angeles by an appropriation in the Budget Act of 2001 and would make findings and declarations in that regard.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares the  
2 following:

3 (a) The Breed Street Shul, which opened in ~~1923 and is located~~  
4 ~~in Boyle Heights, was once~~ 1915 in the Boyle Heights  
5 neighborhood of Los Angeles, was the home of the Congregation

1 Talmud Torah, once the largest Orthodox synagogue in Los  
2 Angeles.

3 (b) The Breed Street Shul is currently in disrepair and requires  
4 significant renovation and capital improvements in order to bring  
5 it into compliance with seismic and building standards, thereby  
6 ~~making it available as a cultural, social, and training center for the~~  
7 ~~community of Boyle Heights.~~ *making it available as a museum*  
8 *and community cultural and educational center for children and*  
9 *adults.*

10 (c) Jewish and Latino groups throughout the community are  
11 working together to redevelop the *Breed Street Shul*, preserve its  
12 historical legacy and architectural integrity, and create a  
13 multipurpose center that responds to the needs of the dynamic area.  
14 These groups include the Jewish Historical Society of Southern  
15 California, which has acquired the Shul, the Boyle Heights  
16 Neighbors Organization, the East Los Angeles Community  
17 ~~Corporation, Homeboy Industries, and Self-Help Graphics~~  
18 *Corporation, Impacto/El Proyecto de Pastoral, Self-Help*  
19 *Graphics, the University of California at Los Angeles School of*  
20 *Public Policy, the University of Southern California School of*  
21 *Architecture, the Jewish Community Relations Committee of the*  
22 *Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles, Hebrew Union*  
23 *College, and the Los Angeles Conservancy.*

24 (d) Partial funding for the restoration effort has been made  
25 available through the California Endowment, the J. Paul Getty  
26 ~~Trust, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.~~ *The Trust,*  
27 *the National Trust for Historic Preservation-Save America's*  
28 *Treasures Planning Fund, and the Jewish Federation of Greater*  
29 *Los Angeles. The Federal Emergency Management Agency has*  
30 *also awarded partial funding to the Shul; the agency Breed Street*  
31 *Shul for seismic retrofitting of the Shul's unreinforced masonry*  
32 *building, but requires that matching funds be obtained.*

33 (e) *The Breed Street Shul is designated City of Los Angeles*  
34 *Historic-Cultural Monument Number 359, is designated as an*  
35 *Official Site of Save America's Treasures, and has been deemed*  
36 *eligible to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.*



1     SEC. 2. It is the intent of the Legislature to provide funding  
2 for the renovation and improvement of the Breed Street Shul by  
3 an appropriation in the Budget Act of 2001.

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