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AMENDED IN SENATE FEBRUARY 27, 2002
AMENDED IN SENATE FEBRUARY 4, 2002
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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 388

Introduced by Assembly Member Strom-Martin

February 20, 2001

An act to add Article 9.5 (commencing with Section 590) to Chapter 3 of Part 1 of Division 1 of the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to specialty fiber crops.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 388, as amended, Strom-Martin. Specialty fiber crops.

Existing law provides for the University of California to conduct various studies, pilot demonstration projects, and programs designed to provide information and support to the Department of Food and Agriculture and California's agricultural community.

This bill would request that the University of California conduct an assessment of economic opportunities available through the production

of specialty or alternative fiber crops. This bill would request the University of California to report its finding to the Legislature by January 1, 2004.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Article 9.5 (commencing with Section 590) is
2 added to Chapter 3 of Part 1 of Division 1 of the Food and
3 Agricultural Code, to read:

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5 Article 9.5. Specialty or Alternative Fiber Crops
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7 590. (a) The University of California is requested to conduct
8 an assessment of economic opportunities available through the
9 production of specialty or alternative fiber crops including
10 industrial hemp, kenaf, and flax by extrapolating data on
11 productivity and production costs available from trials conducted
12 in other states and countries to California's conditions. The
13 assessment shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- 14 (1) An estimation of market demand and likely crop prices.
 - 15 (2) Identification of potential barriers to profitability.
 - 16 (3) Identification of production, *legal*, processing, and
17 marketing issues that would need to be addressed in future
18 demonstration research or pilot commercial trials.
- 19 (b) Not later than January 1, 2004, the University of California
20 is requested to report its findings to the Assembly Committee on
21 Agriculture, and the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Water
22 Resources.

