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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 908**

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**Introduced by Senators Chesbro and Karnette**  
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Pavley)

February 23, 2001

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An act to add Sections 31408 and 31409 to the Public Resources Code, relating to coastal resources.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 908, as amended, Chesbro. State Coastal Conservancy: California Coastal Trail.

Existing law requires the State Coastal Conservancy to implement various coastal protection and preservation programs in coastal areas of the state.

This bill would require the conservancy, in consultation with the Department of Parks and Recreation and the California Coastal Commission, to coordinate the development of the California Coastal Trail, and would require each agency, board, department, or commission of the state with property interests or regulatory authority in coastal areas, to the extent feasible, and consistent with their individual mandate, to cooperate with the conservancy with respect to planning and making lands available for completion of the trail. The bill

would authorize the conservancy to award grants and provide assistance to public agencies and nonprofit organizations to establish and expand inland trail systems that may be linked to the California Coastal Trail. The bill would require the California Coastal Trail to be developed in a way, ~~regarding its proximity to residential uses, to show consideration for~~ *manner that demonstrates respect for property rights and the proximity of the trail to residential uses, and that evidences consideration for the* protection of the privacy of adjacent property owners.

The bill would also require the conservancy, not later than January 31, 2003, in consultation with the California Coastal Commission, the California Conservation Corps, and the Department of Parks and Recreation, to complete a plan for the development of the California Coastal Trail, and to submit to the Legislature a copy of the plan by that date. The provisions of the bill would be implemented only during those fiscal years for which funding is provided for the purposes of the bill in the annual Budget Act.

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. (a) The Legislature finds and declares all of the  
2 following:

3 (1) The California Coastal Trail, which has been designated a  
4 Millennium Trail by the Governor of California, should be  
5 completed in a timely manner.

6 (2) The California Coastal Trail is a trail that, to the extent  
7 feasible, should be constructed along the state’s coastline from the  
8 Oregon border to the border with Mexico.

9 (3) The California Coastal Trail should be constructed in a  
10 manner that is consistent with the protection of coastal resources.

11 (b) The California Coastal Trail shall be developed in a way,  
12 ~~regarding its proximity to residential uses, to show consideration for~~  
13 *manner that demonstrates respect for property rights and the*  
14 *proximity of the trail to residential uses, and that evidences*  
15 *consideration for the* protection of the privacy of adjacent property  
16 owners.

17 SEC. 2. Section 31408 is added to the Public Resources Code,  
18 to read:



1 31408. (a) The conservancy shall, in consultation with the  
2 Department of Parks and Recreation, and the California Coastal  
3 Commission, coordinate the development of the California  
4 Coastal Trail.

5 (b) To the extent feasible, and consistent with their individual  
6 mandates, each agency, board, department, or commission of the  
7 state with property interests or regulatory authority in coastal areas  
8 shall cooperate with the conservancy with respect to planning and  
9 making lands available for completion of the trail, including  
10 constructing trail links, placing signs and managing the trail.

11 SEC. 3. Section 31409 is added to the Public Resources Code,  
12 to read:

13 31409. Consistent with the conservancy's authority under this  
14 chapter to develop a system of public accessways to, and along, the  
15 state's coastline, the conservancy may award grants and provide  
16 assistance to public agencies and nonprofit organizations to  
17 establish and expand those inland trail systems that may be linked  
18 to the California Coastal Trail.

19 SEC. 4. (a) The conservancy shall, not later than January 31,  
20 2003, in consultation with the California Coastal Commission, the  
21 California Conservation Corps, and the Department of Parks and  
22 Recreation, complete a plan for the development of the California  
23 Coastal Trail that includes all of the following elements:

24 (1) Determination of a primary hiking route for the trail,  
25 including interim and permanent trail alignments where possible.

26 (2) Description of lands now under public or conservation  
27 ownership on which the trail is, or may be, constructed.

28 (3) A designation of various alternative routes for the trail,  
29 where necessary, that would encourage broad support and use of  
30 the trail, while protecting coastal resources and reducing conflicts  
31 among various users.

32 (4) A logo and signing program for the trail.

33 (5) An estimate of the costs for acquisition and construction of  
34 missing trail segments.

35 (6) A description of areas where the trail should connect to  
36 inland trail routes, especially where those connections can be  
37 utilized by underserved communities as an alternative means of  
38 accessing the coast. The plan shall include an estimate of the  
39 support and capital outlay costs for completing the trail by January  
40 31, 2008.



1 (b) Not later than January 31, 2003, the conservancy shall  
2 submit to the Legislature a copy of the plan required to be  
3 completed pursuant to subdivision (a).

4 SEC. 5. This act shall be implemented only during those fiscal  
5 years for which funding is provided for that purpose in the annual  
6 Budget Act.

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