

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 314

**Introduced by Assembly Member Kehoe
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Hancock and Plescia)**

February 7, 2003

An act to add Section 111 to the Water Code, relating to water.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 314, as introduced, Kehoe. Desalination.

Existing law, on or before January 1, 2004, requires the Department of Water Resources to report to the Legislature on potential opportunities for the use of seawater and brackish water desalination, and for the purposes of that report, to examine the role of the state, if any, in furthering the use of desalination in the state.

This bill would declare that it is the policy of the state to facilitate the development of desalination projects.

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. Section 111 is added to the Water Code, to read:
2 111. (a) The Legislature hereby finds and declares that the
3 growing water needs of the state require the development of
4 cost-effective and efficient water supply technologies.
5 Desalination technology is now feasible to help provide
6 significant new water supplies. Desalination is consistent with
7 both state water supply and efficiency policy goals, and joint

1 state-federal environmental and water policy and principles
2 promoted by the Cal-Fed Bay Delta Program.

3 (b) It is hereby declared to be the established policy of this state
4 to facilitate the development of desalination projects, and that
5 these projects should be eligible for assistance and funding on an
6 equal basis with projects for water supply reliability and
7 efficiency.

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