

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2673**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Simitian**

February 20, 2004

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An act to add Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 8451) to Part 4 of Division 6 of the Public Resources Code, relating to natural resources.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2673, as introduced, Simitian. Natural resources: grant of federal lands.

Existing law provides for the Resources Agency within state government. The Resources Agency consists of various boards and departments, including the Department of Conservation and the Department of Parks and Recreation. Existing law authorizes the board of supervisors of a county to transfer real property or an interest in real property to the United States for national park purposes.

This bill would require a city, county, or city and county, prior to accepting from the United States government a grant of real property or an interest in real property that is part of a designated wildlife area, national reserve, or national park, to submit to the Secretary of the Resources Agency, a statement indicating how the property will be used and managed and certifying compliance with state environmental law, as specified.

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. Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 8451) is  
2 added to Part 4 of Division 6 of the Public Resources Code, to read:

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4 CHAPTER 3.5. CONVEYANCE OF FEDERAL LAND

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6 8451. (a) Prior to accepting from the United States  
7 government a grant of real property or an interest in real property  
8 that is part of a designated wildlife area, national reserve, or  
9 national park, a city, county, or city and county shall submit to the  
10 Secretary of the Resources Agency, a statement indicating how the  
11 property will be used and managed, and certifying that the city,  
12 county, or city and county has determined that the current and  
13 intended use and management is in compliance with relevant state  
14 environmental law.

15 (b) The Secretary of the Resources Agency shall refer a  
16 submission of a city, county, or city and county under this section  
17 to the appropriate state agency for review upon the request of the  
18 city, county, or city and county, or upon receiving credible  
19 information indicating a potential violation or failure to comply  
20 with state environmental law.

