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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 1526**

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**Introduced by Senator Hollingsworth**  
*(Coauthor: Assembly Member Jackson)*

February 19, 2004

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An act to add Section ~~8588.12 to the Government Code, relating to public~~ 715 to the Public Resources Code, relating to forest resources.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1526, as amended, Hollingsworth. Department of Forestry and Fire Protection: pilots: certification.

Existing law establishes the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection within the Resources Agency and makes the department responsible for the fire protection, fire prevention, maintenance, and enhancement of the state's forest, range, and brushland resources, contract fire protection, associated emergency services, and assistance in civil disasters and other nonfire emergencies.

This bill would require the department to develop a program to certify active duty military pilots to engage in firefighting in the state.

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

1 (a) Active military personnel and equipment are located in  
2 areas that can provide immediate fire response to assist local  
3 efforts during equipment shortages or widespread disasters.

4 (b) The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection provides  
5 valuable assistance in coordinating emergency air response  
6 efforts.

7 (c) It is necessary to ensure that all available personnel and  
8 equipment in this state are immediately available to protect the life  
9 and property of the residents of this state.

10 (d) It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of  
11 Forestry and Fire Protection work with the active military to  
12 certify pilots and equipment for firefighting efforts in this state.

13 SEC. 2. ~~Section 8588.12 is added to the Government Code~~ 715 is  
14 *added to the Public Resources Code*, to read:

15 ~~8588.12.—~~

16 715. The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection shall  
17 develop a program to certify active duty military pilots to engage  
18 in firefighting in the state.

