

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 22, 2004

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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 1732**

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**Introduced by Senator Hollingsworth**

February 20, 2004

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An act to add Chapter 5.5 (commencing with Section 33600) to Part 1 of Division 15 of the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to dairy.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1732, as amended, Hollingsworth. Dairy: environmental quality.

Existing law generally regulates the sanitation of dairy farms and milk product plants.

This bill would state findings and declarations of the Legislature with respect to the importance of dairy farms to the state. The bill would create within the Department of Food and Agriculture a California Dairy Farmer Environmental Enhancement Program. The purpose of this program would be to add to the protection of this state's resources, including, but not limited to, surface and ground water, air and air quality, and animal and fish habitat, by providing on-farm ~~dairy~~ dairy environmental enhancement. This bill would also create the California Dairy ~~Farm~~ Farmer Environmental Enhancement Program Fund Account within the Department of Food and Agriculture Fund. Funds collected pursuant to this program would be expended, 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 5.5 (commencing with Section 33600)  
2 is added to Part 1 of Division 15 of the Food and Agricultural  
3 Code, to read:

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5 CHAPTER 5.5 CALIFORNIA DAIRY FARMER ENVIRONMENTAL  
6 ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

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8 33600. The Legislature finds and declares the following:

9 (a) The dairy industry is of extreme importance to the vitality  
10 of the state.

11 (b) The dairy industry is responsible for 17.5 billion dollars  
12 (\$17,500,000,000) in California economic activity and for  
13 122,300 California jobs.

14 (c) It is important to provide business-oriented incentives to  
15 improve the state’s air and water quality in order to maintain a  
16 healthy environment.

17 33601. (a) There shall be established within the Department  
18 of Food and Agriculture a California Dairy Farmer Environmental  
19 Enhancement Program.

20 (b) The purpose of this program is to add to the protection of  
21 this state’s resources, including, but not limited to, surface and  
22 ground water, air and air quality, and animal and fish habitat, by  
23 providing on-farm ~~dairy~~ *dairy* environmental enhancement.

24 33602. There shall be the California Dairy ~~Farm~~ *Farmer*  
25 Environmental Enhancement Program Fund Account within the  
26 Department of Food and Agriculture Fund.

27 33604. Funds collected pursuant to this chapter shall be used  
28 for the following:

29 (a) Environmental education, environmental research, water  
30 conservation, farmland improvement, proven ~~waster-to-energy~~  
31 *waste-to-energy* technologies, and onsite waste management.

32 (b) Other enhancement activities as determined by the  
33 secretary to be of benefit to the people of California.

34 33605. An advisory committee shall be established to assist  
35 the secretary in the administration of this chapter. The members of



- 1 the advisory committee shall be appointed by the secretary and
- 2 may hold office at the pleasure of the secretary.

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