

AMENDED IN SENATE MAY 31, 2005

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 26, 2005

SENATE BILL

No. 284

Introduced by Senator Maldonado

(Coauthors: Senators Chesbro, Denham, Perata, and Speier)

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Chan, Shirley Horton, Jones, and Leno)

February 16, 2005

An act relating to specialty crops, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 284, as amended, Maldonado. Specialty crop funding.

Existing federal law, Public Law ~~108-465~~, ~~authorizes 107-25, authorized~~ block grants to state departments of agriculture ~~to promote the marketing of specialty crops, for the purpose of enhancing the competitiveness of those crops for specified purposes.~~

This bill would appropriate ~~a minimum of 15% of the~~ *the sum of \$2,200,000 from this* block grant to the Department of Agriculture for allocation to California food banks to support the marketing of specialty crops.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. ~~A minimum of 15 percent of the federal block~~
2 ~~grant awarded to California pursuant to the Specialty Crops~~
3 ~~Competitiveness Act of 2004, Public Law 108-465, is hereby~~
4 ~~appropriated to the~~ *The sum of two million two hundred thousand*

1 *dollars (\$2,200,000) is hereby appropriated from the United*
2 *States Department of Agriculture Specialty Crop Block Grant*
3 *funds in the Federal Trust Fund to the Department of Agriculture*
4 *for allocation by the Secretary of Agriculture to California food*
5 *banks to support the marketing of specialty crops.*

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