
Introduced by Senator Ashburn

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An act to amend Section 7106 of the Government Code, relating to economic development.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 992, as introduced, Ashburn. Economic development: military bases.

Existing law, the Local Agency Military Base Recovery Area Act, authorizes local agencies to propose to the Department of Housing and Community Development specific geographic areas to receive regulatory, tax, and other governmental program incentives to offset federal military base closures by being designated local agency military base recovery areas. Existing law makes various legislative findings and declarations with regard the need to stimulate business and industrial growth in areas experiencing military base closures.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to the legislative findings and declarations.

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 7106 of the Government Code is
2 amended to read:
3 7106. The Legislature finds and declares that the health,
4 safety, and welfare of the people of California depend upon the
5 development, stability, and expansion of private business,
6 industry, and commerce, and that there are certain areas within
7 the state that have been and will be severely economically

1 impacted because of the closure of military bases by the *federal*
2 Department of Defense.

3 The Legislature further finds and declares that while it is
4 necessary for the Department of Defense to close military bases
5 in California because of the cuts in Department of Defense
6 funding, military bases have historically been crucial to the State
7 of California and its local economies and that their closure
8 creates an economic emergency for many communities.

9 The Legislature further finds and declares that more than
10 147,700 California military and civilian personnel have lost their
11 jobs as a result of the military base closures and another 180,000
12 *jobs* are at stake in the next round of base closures, and that
13 because of military base closures statewide more than thirteen
14 billion dollars (\$13,000,000,000) of revenues have been lost by
15 the state and ~~localities~~ *local economies* since 1988.

16 The Legislature further finds and declares that many
17 communities want and need to attract new business and private
18 investment to compensate for the loss of revenue that occurs
19 when a military base closes or downsizes, but that many
20 communities have insufficient means to do so.

21 The Legislature further finds and declares that many military
22 bases have significant soil contamination and hazardous waste
23 cleanup problems that must be addressed in any reuse plan. In
24 order to encourage the safe and beneficial use of this land, it is
25 important that these problems be addressed in a safe and
26 cost-effective manner. Therefore, it is intended that this ~~law~~
27 *chapter* shall encourage the development of adequate treatment
28 capacity for hazardous waste generated at military bases. In
29 addition, special consideration shall be given to reuse plans
30 incorporating the development of commercial offsite facilities, as
31 part of the reuse plan to address California's treatment capacity
32 shortfall.

33 Therefore, it is the purpose of this ~~act~~ *chapter* to stimulate
34 business and industrial growth in those areas that are
35 experiencing military base closures by relaxing regulatory
36 controls and thereby encouraging private investment,
37 cooperation, and innovation between local government and
38 private business and industry.

39 The Legislature further finds and declares that nothing in this
40 chapter shall be construed to infringe upon regulations relating to

1 civil rights, equal employment rights, equal opportunity rights, or
2 fair housing rights of any person.

3 The Legislature further finds and declares that no local agency
4 military base recovery area shall be designated in which any
5 boundary thereof is drawn in a manner as to include any area
6 outside former base property or outside base property of a base
7 that is scheduled to be closed.

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