

Assembly Bill No. 665

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Secretary of the Senate

This bill was received by the Governor this _____ day
of _____, 2007, at _____ o'clock ____M.

Private Secretary of the Governor

CHAPTER _____

An act to add Section 65075 to the Government Code, and to add Section 50461 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to land use.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

AB 665, DeSaulnier. Growth management.

Existing law provides that the Office of Planning and Research within the Governor’s office serves as the state’s comprehensive planning agency in the formulation, evaluation, and updating of, among other things, long-range goals and policies for land use, population growth and distribution, urban expansion, development, open space, resource preservation and utilization, air and water quality, and other factors that shape statewide development patterns and significantly influence the quality of the state’s environment.

The bill would request, to the extent that funding is available, that the University of California produce a report on the best practices of transportation-land use planning and growth management, that includes specified criteria.

The bill would also require the Department of Housing and Community Development, in collaboration with the Office of Planning and Research and to the extent that funding is available, to produce, by January 1, 2009, and once every 5 years thereafter, a Growth Management Information Report using key indicators of growth by region as a guide, and to also provide the report to the transportation and housing committees of the Legislature.

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

SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

(a) There exists a need to assess California’s current ability to manage its growth at the local, regional, and state level. The best way to do this is by gathering information from appropriate local, regional, and state agencies.

(b) The state needs to coordinate the study of the current best practices of other states and countries regarding growth

management to make recommendations that will improve the state's ability to manage anticipated growth in order to ensure that future generations of Californians have the highest quality of life.

SEC. 2. Section 65075 is added to the Government Code, to read:

65075. To the extent that funding is available for this purpose, the University of California is requested to produce a report on the best practices of transportation-land use planning and growth management, that includes, but is not limited to, all of the following:

(a) The generally accepted planning oversight and implementation structures of other states in the United States and foreign industrialized nations facing planning and growth challenges similar to those currently being experienced by the state.

(b) An assessment of the state's transportation and land use practices and a comparison of the performance of all of the regions in managing growth.

(c) Recommendations to the Assembly Select Committee on Growth Management on future improvements that the state may consider implementing.

(d) For purposes of this section, "region" means the area within a transportation planning agency designated under Section 29532 or 29532.1.

SEC. 3. Section 50461 is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:

50461. (a) Subject to the provisions of subdivision (d), the department shall produce a Growth Management Information Report using key indicators of growth by region as a guide. The department shall work in collaboration with the Office of Planning and Research and other state agencies to produce the report. The report shall include, but is not limited to, all of the following criteria by region:

(1) The amount of housing produced and existing compared to the population, the population growth, and the employment growth of the region.

(2) The amount of affordable housing produced compared to the need for affordable housing.

(3) The jobs-housing balance.

(4) The vehicle miles traveled per household and in total within, to, and throughout the region compared to the previous year, the previous five years, and the previous 10 years.

(5) The amount of habitat converted to urban uses and the amount of habitat protected during the prior year.

(6) The amount of farmland converted to urban uses and the amount of farmland protected during the prior year.

(7) The percentage of population by region within walking distance of major public transit stops, stations, or hubs.

(8) The percentage of population by region within walking distance of a park or public recreational area.

(9) The areas covered by urban growth boundaries.

(b) The report shall also include an analysis of the implementation of Chapter 1016 of the Statutes of 2002, and any other measures of growth deemed appropriate by the department.

(c) The department shall produce the report by January 1, 2009, and once every five years thereafter. The department shall provide the report to the Senate Committee on Transportation and Housing, the Assembly Committee on Transportation, and to the Assembly Committee on Housing and Community Development.

(d) The department shall be required to implement this section only to the extent that funds are available for its implementation. The department shall make an effort to seek funds from private and public sources to cover the costs of producing the report.

(e) For purposes of this section “region” means the area within a transportation planning agency designated under Section 29532 or 29532.1 of the Government Code.

Approved _____, 2007

Governor