

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 838

Introduced by Assembly Member Blakeslee

February 22, 2007

An act to add Section 5011.7 to the Public Resources Code, relating to parks and recreation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 838, as introduced, Blakeslee. Parks and recreations: easements.

Under existing law, the Department of Parks and Recreation has control of the state park system, and is authorized to grant easements for specified purposes.

This bill would authorize the department to acquire or make grants for the acquisition of conservation easements on real property, if the department determines that the conservation easement is necessary to protect a unit of the state park system from an incompatible use or to preserve and enhance the natural resource, cultural, or historic value of the unit of the state park system.

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. Section 5011.7 is added to the Public Resources
- 2 Code, to read:
- 3 5011.7. (a) The Legislature finds and declares that the use of
- 4 conservation easements can assist the department in protecting the
- 5 natural resources of the state park system and prevent incompatible

1 uses on property at a low cost and while maintaining land in private
2 ownership and productive use.
3 (b) The department may acquire or make a grant for the
4 acquisition of a conservation easement on real property, if the
5 department determines that the conservation easement is necessary
6 to protect a unit of the state park system from an incompatible use
7 or to preserve and enhance the natural resource, cultural, or historic
8 value of the unit of the state park system.

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