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Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 80

Introduced by Senator Cogdill

February 20, 2008

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 80—Relative to Fire Safe Councils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 80, as amended, Cogdill. Fire Safe Councils.

This measure would recognize that Fire Safe Councils serve as leading community-based wildfire preparedness organizations and the vital services provided by Fire Safe Councils for the citizens of California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The California wildfires of 2007 have garnered
2 broad public attention due to the severity of the damage and
3 expanse of the areas consumed by those wildfires; and

4 WHEREAS, The State of California has a compelling interest
5 in reducing the threats of wildfires, including threats to lives,
6 property, and natural resources; and

7 WHEREAS, The state's increasing population and the threat of
8 catastrophic wildfires will affect vast acres of private and public
9 forests, wildland-urban interface, homes, and public safety; and

10 WHEREAS, Wildfire has become a significant threat to the
11 state's environmental health and public safety; and

12 WHEREAS, Wildfire threats present an increased challenge for
13 efforts to reduce carbon emissions; and

14 WHEREAS, The California Fire Safe Council and ~~local~~ other
15 Fire Safe Councils ~~collectively serve as one of the state's leading~~

1 ~~community-based wildfire preparedness organizations~~ *play critical*
2 *roles in mobilizing Californians to protect their homes,*
3 *communities, and environment from wildfire; and*

4 WHEREAS, All local Fire Safe Councils work to educate
5 communities, provide wildfire safety planning, fire prevention,
6 and educational programs throughout the state and remain a critical
7 component of statewide fire protection efforts; now, therefore, be
8 it

9 *Resolved, by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
10 *thereof concurring, That the Legislature recognizes that the Fire*
11 *Safe Councils serve as leading community-based wildfire*
12 *preparedness organizations; and be it further*

13 *Resolved, That the Legislature recognizes the vital services*
14 *provided by the Fire Safe Councils for the citizens of California;*
15 *and be it further*

16 *Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of*
17 *this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.*