

Introduced by Senator Lowenthal

February 22, 2007

An act to amend Section 16000 of, to amend, renumber, and add Section 16004 of, and to add Section 16005 to, the Public Resources Code, relating to recycled concrete.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 585, as introduced, Lowenthal. Recycled concrete: Department of Transportation.

Existing law authorizes the use of recycled concrete, as defined, if the user has been fully informed, as defined, that the concrete may contain recycled concrete materials. Existing law prohibits recycled concrete from being offered, provided, or sold to the Department of Transportation or the Department of General Services for any use unless specifically requested and approved by the respective department.

The bill would require the Department of Transportation, by December 31, 2008, and annually thereafter, to report on the amount of recycled concrete materials used by the Department of Transportation in the prior fiscal year. The bill would additionally require the department to contract with the Institute of Transportation Studies to conduct workshops, as specified, for public works professionals on using recycled concrete materials.

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 16000 of the Public Resources Code is
- 2 amended to read:

1 16000. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

2 (a) Facilitating the recycling of natural resources is in the best
3 interest of the state.

4 (b) This division is intended to ~~encourage~~ *promote* the use of
5 recycled concrete as provided in this division.

6 SEC. 2. Section 16004 of the Public Resources Code is
7 amended and renumbered to read:

8 ~~16004.~~

9 *16006.* Nothing in this division shall supersede the requirements
10 of the Uniform Building Code or other provisions of law.

11 SEC. 3. Section 16004 is added to the Public Resources Code,
12 to read:

13 16004. The Department of Transportation shall report by
14 December 31, 2008, and annually thereafter, on the amount of
15 recycled concrete materials used by the Department of
16 Transportation in the previous fiscal year.

17 SEC. 4. Section 16005 is added to the Public Resources Code,
18 to read:

19 16005. The Department of Transportation shall contract with
20 the Institute of Transportation Studies at the University of
21 California, Berkeley, to conduct workshops biennially for city and
22 county public works professionals on the use of recycled concrete
23 materials.