

Senate Bill No. 1557

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the Assembly

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of _____, 2008, at _____ o'clock ____M.

Private Secretary of the Governor

CHAPTER _____

An act to amend Section 65041.1 of the Government Code, relating to state environmental planning.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1557, Wiggins. State Environmental Goals and Policy Report.

(1) Existing law requires the Governor to prepare and cause to be maintained, reviewed, and revised a comprehensive State Environmental Goals and Policy Report that addresses specified state planning priorities.

This bill would include, as one of the specified planning priorities, meeting the state's greenhouse gas emission limits and development that reduces vehicle miles traveled.

(2) Existing law provides for the State Administrative Manual as a reference source for statewide policies, procedures, regulations, and information developed and issued by various state agencies.

This bill would require the Department of Finance to update the chapters in the State Administrative Manual regarding statewide planning and capitalized assets to include the state planning priorities in the State Environmental Goals and Policy Report.

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

SECTION 1. Section 65041.1 of the Government Code is amended to read:

65041.1. The state planning priorities, which are intended to promote equity, strengthen the economy, protect the environment, assist in meeting the state's greenhouse gas emission limits adopted pursuant to Section 38562 of the Health and Safety Code, and promote public health and safety in the state, including in urban, suburban, and rural communities, shall be as follows:

(a) To promote infill development and equity by rehabilitating, maintaining, and improving existing infrastructure that supports infill development and appropriate reuse and redevelopment of previously developed, underutilized land that is presently served by transit, streets, water, sewer, and other essential services,

particularly in underserved areas, and to preserving cultural and historic resources.

(b) To protect environmental and agricultural resources by protecting, preserving, and enhancing the state's most valuable natural resources, including working landscapes such as farm, range, and forest lands, natural lands such as wetlands, watersheds, wildlife habitats, and other wildlands, recreation lands such as parks, trails, greenbelts, and other open space, and landscapes with locally unique features and areas identified by the state as deserving special protection.

(c) To encourage efficient development patterns by ensuring that any infrastructure associated with development, other than infill development, supports new development that does all of the following:

- (1) Uses land efficiently.
- (2) Is built adjacent to existing developed areas to the extent consistent with the priorities specified pursuant to subdivision (b).
- (3) Is located in an area appropriately planned for growth.
- (4) Is served by adequate transportation and other essential utilities and services.
- (5) Minimizes ongoing costs to taxpayers.
- (6) Reduces vehicle miles traveled.

SEC. 2. The Department of Finance shall revise Chapter 1100, relating to statewide planning, and Chapter 6800, relating to capitalized assets, in the State Administrative Manual to include the state planning priorities set forth in the State Environmental Goals and Policy Report, as required by Article 5 (commencing with Section 65041) of Chapter 1.5 of Division 1 of Title 7 of the Government Code.

Approved _____, 2008

Governor