

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 83**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Logue  
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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 83, as introduced, Logue. Employment: improving economic opportunities.

This measure would encourage state government to make the retention of private sector employment and the creation of new employment opportunities its highest priority, and it would declare the Legislature's leading role in restoring the business climate in the state to encourage economic growth.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, California currently finds itself in the middle of  
2 an economic crisis more severe than that experienced by most of  
3 the nation; and  
4 WHEREAS, The world and national economies have contributed  
5 to an unstable job market, and California's profound private sector  
6 job losses are exacerbated by excessive regulation and taxation;  
7 and  
8 WHEREAS, These statements may be verified by the  
9 Employment Development Department report that shows a loss  
10 of 95,300 private sector jobs while adding 36,400 public sector  
11 jobs between June 2007 and June 2008; and

1 WHEREAS, California has lost 536,000 manufacturing jobs  
2 since 2000, a 28-percent decrease in such employment over the  
3 decade, and, in the past year alone, California has lost 100,600  
4 manufacturing jobs; and

5 WHEREAS, California is losing more manufacturing jobs than  
6 other western states such as Nevada, Texas, Arizona, and Oregon;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, In 2009, the nonpartisan National Tax Foundation  
9 ranked California 48th for business tax climate among the 50 states,  
10 and this same foundation ranked California 49th for individual tax  
11 rates, and 43rd for sales tax rates, all before our recent sales tax  
12 increase enacted by the Legislature; and

13 WHEREAS, The Milken Institute reports that the cost of doing  
14 business in California is 24 percent higher than the national  
15 average; and

16 WHEREAS, According to the California Business Executive  
17 Attitudes survey poll of 1,113 California business executives, 42  
18 percent of those employers rated government regulation as a  
19 primary factor in creating a disadvantage for California companies;  
20 28 percent identified the ability to hire and maintain a qualified  
21 work force as a problem for their business; and 26 percent reported  
22 that high labor costs in the state make it difficult to create jobs;  
23 and

24 WHEREAS, The Washington-based Tax Foundation ranks  
25 California as having the nation's sixth-highest state and local tax  
26 burden in 2008, again before taking into account the income, sales,  
27 and vehicle tax increases enacted by the Legislature in February  
28 2009; and

29 WHEREAS, Business may thrive in a stable and predictable  
30 environment, and unchecked government bureaucracy leads to  
31 instability; and

32 WHEREAS, Private sector jobs generate stable tax revenues  
33 that will greatly assist the Legislature's attempt to balance the state  
34 budget; and

35 WHEREAS, In recognition of all of the foregoing and of the  
36 undeniable fact that private sector jobs are the engine that will  
37 ultimately turn this economy around; now, therefore, be it

38 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
39 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature, recognizing the will of  
40 the voters as expressed in the May 19, 2009, special election, in

1 opposing increased taxes and borrowing and witnessing the  
2 unprecedented loss of jobs in this state, calls upon every  
3 instrumentality of state government to immediately make the  
4 retention of existing private sector employment and the creation  
5 of new private sector employment its highest priority; and be it  
6 further

7 *Resolved*, That the Legislature will itself take a leading role in  
8 restoring California's business climate to a status that invites  
9 entrepreneurs and private sector employers and their employees  
10 to retain, locate, and create new jobs in California, and to reject  
11 all legislation that will result in withering, reducing, or repelling  
12 the creation of new private sector jobs in the state or that will grow  
13 state government in a manner that increases the tax and regulatory  
14 burden upon taxpayers as well as those who seek to create and  
15 retain jobs in our state; and be it further

16 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
17 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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