

Introduced by Senator Dutton

February 18, 2010

An act to amend Section 21080.21 of the Public Resources Code, relating to environmental quality.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1226, as introduced, Dutton. Environmental quality: California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): pipelines: exemption.

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency to prepare, or cause to be prepared, and certify the completion of, an environmental impact report on a project, as defined, that it proposes to carry out or approve that may have a significant effect on the environment, as defined, or to adopt a negative declaration if it finds that the project will not have that effect. CEQA provides some exemptions from its requirements for specified projects, including for a project of less than one mile in length within a public street or highway or another public right-of-way for the installation of a new pipeline or the maintenance, repair, restoration, reconditioning, relocation, replacement, removal, or demolition of an existing pipeline.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to that provision.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 21080.21 of the Public Resources Code
- 2 is amended to read:

1 21080.21. This division does not apply to ~~any~~ a project of less
2 than one mile in length within a public street or highway or any
3 other public right-of-way for the installation of a new pipeline or
4 the maintenance, repair, restoration, reconditioning, relocation,
5 replacement, removal, or demolition of an existing pipeline. For
6 purposes of this section, “pipeline” includes subsurface facilities
7 but does not include ~~any~~ a surface facility related to the operation
8 of the underground facility.

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