

Assembly Joint Resolution

No. 23

Introduced by Assembly Members John A. Pérez and Conway
(Principal coauthors: Senators Huff and Steinberg)

January 23, 2012

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 23—Relative to economic development.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 23, as introduced, John A. Pérez. Economic development.

This bill would urge the United States Patent and Trademark Office to place a satellite office in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, California is at the forefront of the innovation
2 economy; and

3 WHEREAS, Northern California is the birthplace of
4 biotechnology, inventors and leaders in high technology, and the
5 burgeoning field of green technology; and

6 WHEREAS, Central California is home to much of our nation's
7 food supply; and

8 WHEREAS, Southern California is home to pioneers and leaders
9 of the entertainment industry, biomedical devices, and the
10 aerospace industry; and

11 WHEREAS, California entrepreneurs and companies continue
12 to innovate and expand; and

13 WHEREAS, In 2010, California received 30,080 patents,
14 representing 25 percent of all patents granted in the United States
15 and more than four times the number of any other state; and

1 WHEREAS, California has many of the top-ranked universities
2 in the country for engineering, science, and the law that produce
3 the educated workforce necessary to staff a satellite office of the
4 United States Patent and Trademark Office; and

5 WHEREAS, Many of the highest ranking law firms in
6 intellectual property and patent law all have offices in California;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The landscape of California is incredibly diverse;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, California is the transportation hub of the west
11 coast with 11 ports, 29 commercial airports, 170 commuter trains,
12 38 intercity trains, and 16,662.16 miles of state highway; and

13 WHEREAS, Most of the foreign patent filings come from
14 countries in Asia, and California's proximity to Asia is a key reason
15 our major cities have well-established business networks within
16 Asia; and, therefore, be it

17 *Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of*
18 *California, jointly,* That the Legislature of California stands
19 committed to fostering the economic and business environment
20 necessary to continue promoting the innovation economy in our
21 state and urges the United States Patent and Trademark Office to
22 place a satellite office in California; and be it further

23 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
24 of this resolution to the United States Patent and Trademark Office,
25 and to the author for appropriate distribution.