

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1277**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Hill and Perea**

February 18, 2011

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An act relating to business.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1277, as introduced, Hill. Biotechnology industry: regulation.

Existing law creates various state agencies and authorizes certain of those agencies to regulate the operations of businesses.

This bill would make findings and declarations of the Legislature and state the intent of the Legislature to adopt legislation that would reduce regulatory redundancies impacting the biotechnology industry.

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. (a) The Legislature finds and declares both of  
2 the following:  
3 (1) There are over 2,200 companies and more than 267,000  
4 employees statewide in the biotechnology industry. It is imperative  
5 that government agencies do not unnecessarily hinder this unique  
6 California industry, which added 12,000 jobs between 2005 and  
7 2009.  
8 (2) According to the 2011 California Biomedical Industry  
9 Report, 68 percent of chief executive officers said they expected  
10 to expand the overall size of their workforce within California.  
11 For the first time in the report's 17-year history, nearly twice as

1 many biomedical chief executive officers said they intend to  
2 increase manufacturing within California, 41 percent, compared  
3 to out-of-state, 21 percent, over the next two years. In addition,  
4 62 percent of chief executive officers surveyed said they expect  
5 to expand research and development within California.

6 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that  
7 would reduce regulatory redundancies impacting the biotechnology  
8 industry in California.

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