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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1618

Introduced by Assembly Member Galgiani

February 8, 2012

An act to add Section ~~66013.4~~ 185033.5 to the ~~Education~~ *Public Utilities Code*, relating to the ~~University of California~~ *high-speed rail*.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1618, as amended, Galgiani. ~~University of California academic majors: high-speed rail transportation.~~ *High-speed rail.*

Existing law creates the High-Speed Rail Authority, with various powers and duties relative to the development and implementation of a high-speed rail system.

This bill would require the authority to consult with the University of California, the California State University, and the California Community Colleges to determine how the state can best meet the educational needs for the future high-speed rail operations and maintenance workforce, including, but not limited to, the use of extension programs, contract education, and new or revised academic programs. The bill would require the authority to seek federal funding in this regard and to report to the Legislature and the Governor by July 1, 2014.

~~Existing law, the Donahoe Higher Education Act, sets forth the missions and functions of the 3 segments comprising the state's public postsecondary education system. Among those segments is the University of California, administered by the Regents of the University~~

of California. Provisions of the act apply to the University of California only to the extent that the regents act, by resolution, to make the provisions applicable.

This bill would request the regents to direct the Academic Senate of the University of California to develop an academic major program or programs related to high-speed rail transportation for implementation commencing with the 2013–14 academic year. The bill also would make specified findings and declarations relating to high-speed rail.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 185033.5 is added to the Public Utilities
2 Code, to read:

3 185033.5. (a) The authority shall consult with the University
4 of California, the California State University, and the California
5 Community Colleges to determine how the state can best meet the
6 educational needs for the future high-speed rail operations and
7 maintenance workforce, including, but not limited to, the use of
8 extension programs, contract education, and new or revised
9 academic programs. The authority shall seek federal assistance
10 for these purposes.

11 (b) The authority shall report to the Legislature and the
12 Governor on or before July 1, 2014, regarding its implementation
13 of this section. The report submitted pursuant to this subdivision
14 shall be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the
15 Government Code.

16 SECTION 1. ~~The Legislature finds and declares all of the~~
17 ~~following:~~

18 ~~(a) The construction of the proposed high-speed rail project will~~
19 ~~be a very significant event in the history of this state and in the~~
20 ~~history of the central valley in particular.~~

21 ~~(b) California has led the nation in many facets of American~~
22 ~~life, and will soon again be a national leader with its development~~
23 ~~of high-speed rail.~~

24 ~~(c) High-speed rail will help to reduce air pollution and~~
25 ~~California's dependence on foreign oil.~~

26 ~~(d) Academic majors relating to high-speed rail will help to~~
27 ~~generate jobs in parts of the state where unemployment is highest.~~

1 (e) ~~Engineering, economics, architecture, and public~~
2 ~~administration are among the academic disciplines where~~
3 ~~high-speed rail-related studies could make important contributions~~
4 ~~to the communities that will be served by high-speed rail~~
5 ~~transportation.~~

6 ~~SEC. 2. Section 66013.4 is added to the Education Code, to~~
7 ~~read:~~

8 ~~66013.4. The Regents of the University of California are~~
9 ~~requested to direct the Academic Senate of the University of~~
10 ~~California to develop an academic major program or programs~~
11 ~~related to high-speed rail transportation for implementation~~
12 ~~commencing with the 2013-14 academic year.~~