

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1644**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Carter**

February 13, 2012

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An act relating to redevelopment.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1644, as introduced, Carter. The California Military Base Reuse and Preservation Act of 2012.

The Military Base Reuse Authority Act authorizes cities and counties to establish an authority with specified powers and duties relating to the transition of a military base to civilian use; the Fort Ord Reuse Authority Act authorizes specified local agencies to establish the Fort Ord Reuse Authority; and existing law designates the local redevelopment authority recognized by the Department of Defense as the single local reuse authority for other specified military bases.

Existing law dissolved redevelopment agencies on February 1, 2012, and authorizes the designation of successor agencies to act as successor entities to the dissolved redevelopment agencies. Existing law provides for the continued application of specified provisions of law relating to redevelopment under specified circumstances.

This bill would enact the California Military Base Reuse and Preservation Act of 2012. The bill would make several legislative findings and declarations relating to the granting of redevelopment powers to communities affected by federal military base closures and declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation providing the option of a successor entity to areas affected by base closures and the deposit of funds to further redevelop activities in the affected area.

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. This act shall be known, and may be cited, as the  
2 California Military Base Reuse and Preservation Act of 2012.

3 SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

4 (a) Since the Legislature first enacted legislation in 1989,  
5 Assembly Bill 409 of the 1998–89 Regular Session, to address  
6 military base closures in San Bernardino County, the Legislature  
7 has adopted similar military base closure statutes to provide  
8 redevelopment assistance to base closure reuse agencies for Fort  
9 Ord, March Air Force Base, Hamilton Field, Mare Island, Tustin  
10 Marine Corps Air Station, Alameda Naval Air Station, Castle Air  
11 Force Base, Mather Air Force Base, McClellan Air Force Base,  
12 and Norton and George Air Force Bases.

13 (b) The state has implemented a policy of granting additional  
14 redevelopment powers to communities affected by federal military  
15 base closures in furtherance of their need to redevelop and improve  
16 military facilities that were conveyed to local communities and  
17 other governmental and nonprofit organizations. Only through  
18 these redevelopment efforts have the base closure communities  
19 been able to begin to address many of the environmental and  
20 physical deficiencies and other problems that remain on the former  
21 military base properties after their closure.

22 (c) Extraordinary measures must continue to be taken to mitigate  
23 the effects of the federal government’s efforts to reduce the number  
24 of military bases throughout the country and, in particular, the  
25 adverse economic impacts of military base closures within the  
26 state. It is in the best interests of the state to continue to support  
27 statutory provisions mitigating the economic and social degradation  
28 that is faced by communities in jurisdictions that include military  
29 bases that have been ordered to be closed or to be realigned by the  
30 Federal Base Closure Commission.

31 (d) It is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that  
32 allows those areas affected by base closure to have a choice of a  
33 successor agency similar to the one established in Section 3173  
34 of the Health and Safety Code and that would allow funds to be

- 1 deposited in the California Military Base Closure Fund to be used
- 2 solely for the sole purpose of redeveloping the affected area.

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