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Introduced by Senator Strickland

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Senate Joint Resolution No. 19—Relative to military base closures.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SJR 19, as introduced, Strickland. Military base closures.

This measure would urge the California delegates of Congress to protect California military bases from closure during any upcoming base realignment and closure processes.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, United States Defense Secretary Leon Panetta  
2 recently released the 2013 Fiscal Year defense budget proposal  
3 which includes a request for two new base closure periods, one in  
4 2013 and one in 2015; and

5 WHEREAS, The Department of Defense lists 33 installations  
6 in the State of California; and

7 WHEREAS, As of September 30, 2009, the Department of  
8 Defense listed 117,806 military personnel and 61,365 civilian  
9 personnel employed in military bases located in California; and

10 WHEREAS, Nearly fifty-seven billion dollars (\$57,000,000,000)  
11 of federal defense funding is spent in California; and

12 WHEREAS, California has the second highest unemployment  
13 rate in the nation; and

14 WHEREAS, Another base closure in California could have a  
15 devastating impact on the state and local economies; and

16 WHEREAS, The impact of a base closure goes beyond the  
17 employment of the base personnel, impacting small, local  
18 businesses, schools, sales and property tax bases of the local

1 community, the environment, the hospitality industry, and the  
2 housing market; now, therefore, be it

3 *Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of*  
4 *California, jointly,* That the Legislature urges the California  
5 delegates of Congress to protect California military bases during  
6 any upcoming base realignment and closure processes; and be it  
7 further

8 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
9 this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United  
10 States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the  
11 Majority Leader of the Senate, to the minority leader of each house,  
12 and to each Senator and Representative from California in the  
13 Congress of the United States.