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**Senate Joint Resolution**

**No. 19**

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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 amended, 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 *of Defense* Leon  
2 Panetta recently released the 2013 fiscal year defense budget  
3 proposal which includes a request for two new base closure periods,  
4 one in 2013 and one in 2015; and

5 WHEREAS, The Department of Defense lists ~~33~~ *30 major*  
6 *military* installations 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

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

3 WHEREAS, The impact of a base closure goes beyond the  
4 employment of the base personnel, impacting ~~small~~, *small* local  
5 businesses, schools, sales and property tax bases of the local  
6 community, the environment, the hospitality industry, and the  
7 housing market; ~~now, therefore, be it and~~

8 *WHEREAS, Military installations in California are important*  
9 *in ensuring our military personnel are well-trained, ensuring our*  
10 *national security, and ensuring our military resources are*  
11 *well-positioned to provide assistance; and*

12 *WHEREAS, The Sea Range at Point Mugu is the Defense*  
13 *Department's largest and most extensively instrumented over-water*  
14 *range that offers realistic, open-ocean, and littoral operating*  
15 *environments. The range supports the testing and evaluation of a*  
16 *variety of systems for the military, Homeland Defense, NASA,*  
17 *foreign ally, and private sector programs; and*

18 *WHEREAS, California is home to the Naval Special Warfare*  
19 *Command, which provides leadership, resources, and oversight*  
20 *to all Navy SEALs; and*

21 *WHEREAS, California is home to the Naval Special Warfare*  
22 *Center, which runs the SEAL training curriculum; and*

23 *WHEREAS, Edwards Air Force Base is home to the United*  
24 *States Air Force Test Pilot School, which is where the Air Force's*  
25 *top pilots, navigators, and engineers learn how to conduct flight*  
26 *tests and generate the data needed to carry out test missions; and*

27 *WHEREAS, Travis Air Force Base handles more cargo and*  
28 *passengers than any other military air terminal in the United States*  
29 *and is the west coast terminal for aeromedical evacuation aircraft*  
30 *returning sick or injured patients from the Pacific area; and*

31 *WHEREAS, The Eleventh Coast Guard District includes the*  
32 *states of California, Arizona, Nevada, and Utah, with the District*  
33 *and the Pacific area headquarters located on Coast Guard Island*  
34 *in Alameda, California. The Eleventh Coast Guard District carries*  
35 *out search and rescue, Homeland Security, law enforcement,*  
36 *marine safety, and aids to navigation missions over 3.3 million*  
37 *square miles of water. It also plays a dynamic role in protecting*  
38 *the District's major ports, including six tier one ports in San Diego,*  
39 *Los Angeles, Long Beach, San Francisco, Oakland, and Richmond;*  
40 *and*

1     *WHEREAS, Camp Pendleton is one of the Defense Department's*  
2 *busiest installations offering a broad spectrum of training facilities*  
3 *for active and reserve Marine, Army, and Navy units, as well as*  
4 *nation, state, and local agencies. Several of the specialized schools*  
5 *and training are located at Camp Pendleton, including the Assault*  
6 *Amphibian School Battalion, School of Infantry-West, Field*  
7 *Medical Service School, and Marine Corps University; and*

8     *WHEREAS, Governor Brown has been encouraged to form a*  
9 *task force similar to the California Council on Base Support and*  
10 *Retention and the California Military Base Reuse Task Force,*  
11 *authorized by previous California Governors, to ensure a*  
12 *collaborative effort at federal, state, and local levels in protecting*  
13 *California's military installations; now, therefore, be it*

14     *Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of*  
15 *California, jointly, That the Legislature urges the California*  
16 *delegates of Congress to protect California military bases during*  
17 *any upcoming base realignment and closure processes; and be it*  
18 *further*

19     *Resolved, That California military bases are a vital part of our*  
20 *national security, particularly with California's proximity to the*  
21 *unrest in Asia; and be it further*

22     *Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of*  
23 *this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United*  
24 *States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the*  
25 *Majority Leader of the Senate, to the minority leader of each house,*  
26 *and to each Senator and Representative from California in the*  
27 *Congress of the United States.*