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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1166

Introduced by Assembly Member Blumenfield

February 22, 2013

An act to add the heading of Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 99500) to Title 20 of, and to add Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 99504) to Title 20 of, the Government Code, relating to international ~~relations~~: *relations, and making an appropriation therefor.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1166, as amended, Blumenfield. International relations: trade and economic development: Israel.

Existing law requires the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development to develop and implement an International Trade and Investment Program, as specified. Existing law authorizes the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development to establish an international trade and investment office outside of the United States if ~~2~~ *specified* conditions occur.

This bill would establish the California and Israel Trade and Economic Development Act of 2013 to facilitate greater economic development and job creation opportunities for this state. The bill would ~~express the intent of the act~~ *direct the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development* to formalize an economic relationship between this state and Israel and to build a framework to explore new research and development opportunities ~~in the innovation economy~~: *to increase investments for renewable energy and increase clean technology, promote development of green collar jobs, and expand employment opportunities in the state. The bill would provide that the provisions of*

this act that go beyond the current International Trade and Investment Program be funded through donations and bequests designated for this purpose and would create a special fund, the California-Israel Clean Tech Development Fund, that would be continuously appropriated for purposes of carrying out these provisions.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declare all of the
2 following:

3 ~~(a) The development of trade and economic relations between~~
4 ~~this state and Israel would provide opportunities for economic~~
5 ~~growth and job creation in this state.~~

6 ~~(b) That a partnership between this state and Israel would~~
7 ~~provide for further collaboration in research and development~~
8 ~~programs.~~

9 ~~(c) That this state and Israel have an opportunity to partner on~~
10 ~~life sciences and clean and alternative energy research.~~

11 *(a) California and Israel share close ties and are global leaders*
12 *in environmental and solar technology.*

13 *(b) Promoting mutual business, research, and technology*
14 *development opportunities for clean technology industries could*
15 *contribute to spurring innovations to the global marketplace.*

16 *(c) Technology and knowledge transfer of clean technology*
17 *between academic and industry research teams are vitally*
18 *important to sustaining both industry sector growth and regional*
19 *economic development.*

20 *(d) The state and cities, such as Los Angeles, through*
21 *memoranda of understanding, have been promoting bilateral trade*
22 *and tourism and exchanges for innovative homeland security*
23 *training and education.*

24 *(e) By encouraging new collaborative partnerships with Israel,*
25 *California may be able to increase investments for renewable*
26 *energy and increase clean technology, promote development of*
27 *green collar jobs, and expand employment opportunities in the*
28 *state.*

29 *(f) California and Israeli companies have worked together to*
30 *build the world's largest solar power plant that over nearly the*

1 *past 20 years has generated approximately 90 percent of the*
2 *world's commercial solar-derived electricity.*

3 *(g) The repeal of the statutory authority for the Technology,*
4 *Trade, and Commerce Agency has increased the importance of*
5 *strengthening collaborative linkages at the federal, state, regional,*
6 *and local levels.*

7 SEC. 2. The heading of Chapter 1 (commencing with Section
8 99500) is added to Title 20 of the Government Code, to read:

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10 CHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

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12 SEC. 3. Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 99504) is added
13 to Title 20 of the Government Code, to read:

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15 CHAPTER 2. THE CALIFORNIA AND ISRAEL TRADE AND
16 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2013

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18 99504. (a) This act shall be known and may be cited as the
19 California and Israel Trade and Economic Development Act of
20 2013.

21 (b) ~~The purpose of this act is to facilitate greater economic~~
22 ~~development and job creation opportunities for this state.~~
23 *development, job creation, opportunities, and support for practical*
24 *and applied research and development that will result in mutual*
25 *cooperation for the development of trade, mutual assistance, and*
26 *business relations between California and Israel.*

27 ~~(e) It is the intent of this act to formalize an economic~~
28 ~~relationship between this state and Israel and to build a framework~~
29 ~~to explore new research and development opportunities in the~~
30 ~~innovation economy.~~

31 *(c) The Governor's Office of Business and Economic*
32 *Development (GO-Biz) shall serve as the lead agency to*
33 *coordinate, promote, and facilitate the binational clean technology*
34 *research to promote innovative developments in renewable energy,*
35 *energy efficiency, clean air, and water conservation.*

36 *(d) The California-Israel Clean Tech Development Fund is*
37 *hereby created as a special fund within the State Treasury. Subject*
38 *to approval of the Department of Finance, all moneys collected*
39 *and received by GO-Biz from gifts, donations, or bequests*
40 *designated for purposes of this act shall be deposited into the fund*

1 *to carry out the purposes of this chapter that go beyond the*
2 *provisions of the International Trade and Investment Program.*
3 *Notwithstanding Section 13340 of the Government Code, the*
4 *moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated pursuant to the*
5 *terms of the gift, bequest, or donation. An annual accounting shall*
6 *be made to the legislative budget committees of all money received,*
7 *awarded, and expended during the year under this section.*
8 *(e) This section shall become operative to the extent sufficient*
9 *funds are available.*

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