

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1330

Introduced by Assembly Member John A. Pérez

February 22, 2013

An act to add Section 71117 to the Public Resources Code, relating to environmental justice.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1330, as introduced, John A. Pérez. Environmental justice.

Existing law requires the Secretary for Environmental Protection to convene a Working Group on Environmental Justice to assist the secretary in developing, by July 1, 2002, an agencywide strategy for identifying and addressing gaps in existing programs, policies, or activities of the agency's boards, departments, and offices that may impede the achievement of environmental justice.

This bill would require the secretary, with the assistance of the Working Group on Environmental Justice, to periodically revise and update the agencywide strategy to identify and address any additional gaps. The bill would require the secretary to submit to the Governor and the Legislature, by July 1, 2014, a report on the revision and update of the strategy.

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. (a) The Legislature finds and declares all of the
2 following:

1 (1) The Legislature, in 2001, enacted Senate Bill 828 of the
2 2001–02 Regular Session (Chapter 765 of the Statutes of 2001) to
3 require the California Environmental Protection Agency to convene
4 a Working Group on Environmental Justice to assist the agency
5 in developing an agencywide strategy for identifying and
6 addressing gaps in existing programs, policies, or activities that
7 may impede the achievement of environmental justice.

8 (2) After the development of the strategy, Senate Bill 828
9 requires each board, department, and office within the agency, in
10 coordination with the Secretary for Environmental Protection and
11 the Director of the Office of Planning and Research, to review its
12 programs, policies, or activities that may impede the achievement
13 of environmental justice.

14 (3) Senate Bill 828 also requires the secretary to submit, on a
15 triennial basis beginning on January 1, 2004, a report to the
16 Governor and the Legislature, on the implementation of above
17 requirements.

18 (4) In September of 2004, the agency submitted to the Governor
19 and the Legislature a report on actions taken to implement Senate
20 Bill 828.

21 (5) In October of 2004, the agency issued the Environmental
22 Justice Action Plan identifying opportunities for the agency and
23 its boards, departments, and offices to take the initial steps toward
24 addressing environmental justice issues.

25 (6) Since 2004, the agency has not submitted a report to the
26 Governor or the Legislature on the implementation of the
27 Environmental Justice Action Plan.

28 (7) Additionally issues regarding environmental justice, not
29 addressed by the agency, may have arisen since 2004.

30 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature that the agency should
31 update the Environmental Justice Action Plan to address issues
32 regarding environmental justice that may be arisen since 2004 that
33 may have impeded the achievement of environmental justice.

34 SEC. 2. Section 71117 is added to the Public Resources Code,
35 to read:

36 71117. (a) The Secretary for Environmental Justice shall, with
37 the assistance of the Working Group on Environmental Justice,
38 periodically revise and update the agencywide strategy developed
39 pursuant to Section 71113 to identify and address any additional

1 gaps in existing programs, policies, or activities that impedes the
2 achievement of environmental justice.

3 (b) (1) On or before July 1, 2014, the secretary shall submit to
4 the Governor and the Legislature a report on the implementation
5 of this section.

6 (2) The report required by paragraph (1) that is submitted to the
7 Legislature shall be submitted pursuant to Section 9795 of the
8 Government Code.

9 (3) Pursuant to Section 10231.5 of the Government Code, this
10 subdivision is inoperative on July 1, 2018.

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