

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 28, 2014

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1676

Introduced by Assembly Member Nazarian

February 12, 2014

An act to ~~relating to state government~~ add Section 8753.6 to the Government Code, relating to state government, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1676, as amended, Nazarian. Creative Industries and Community Economic Revitalization Act of 2014.

Existing law establishes the Arts Council composed of 11 members, with the Speaker of the Assembly and the Senate Committee on Rules each appointing one member and the Governor appointing 9 members who are subject to confirmation by the Senate. The Arts Council is authorized to award grants, as specified.

This bill would continuously appropriate \$_____ annually from the General Fund to the Arts Council to be used for grants as currently authorized by law.

This bill would also provide legislative findings and declarations regarding publicly funded art.

~~Existing law establishes in state government the California Arts Council, and imposes various duties on the council to foster arts development and to award grants and prizes to individuals and organizations in the arts, as specified.~~

~~This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to establish the Creative Industries and Community Economic Revitalization Act of 2014.~~

Vote: ~~majority~~^{2/3}. 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 declares all of the*
 2 *following:*
 3 (a) *Life in California is enriched by art, innovation, and*
 4 *creativity.*
 5 (b) *The source of art is in the natural flow of the human mind,*
 6 *but realizing craft and beauty is demanding, and the people of the*
 7 *state desire to encourage and nourish these skills wherever they*
 8 *occur, to the intrinsic and extrinsic benefit of all.*
 9 (c) *Every dollar in state support for the arts leverages \$7 in*
 10 *earned and contributed revenue, and brings back more than \$3 in*
 11 *taxes to state and local government entities.*
 12 (d) *California’s cultural enterprises provide nearly 500,891*
 13 *jobs for its residents, accounting for 7.6 percent of total*
 14 *employment.*
 15 (e) *Nonprofit arts organizations contribute \$9,000,400,000 to*
 16 *the state’s economy.*
 17 (f) *Nonprofit arts organizations are a partner to the creative*
 18 *industries and play a key role in the 21st century workforce and*
 19 *the global economy, in fields including architecture, advertising,*
 20 *consulting, education, performing arts, museums, other cultural*
 21 *industries, design, including electronic design, software*
 22 *development, film, games, including computer games, historic*
 23 *preservation, music, new media, publishing, radio, television, and*
 24 *tourism.*
 25 (g) *An investment in the arts and the creative economy industries*
 26 *can revitalize a neighborhood or area by accomplishing all of the*
 27 *following:*
 28 (1) *Stimulating the economy.*
 29 (2) *Engaging residents.*
 30 (3) *Drawing tourists.*
 31 (4) *Providing a sense of community.*
 32 (5) *Serving as a gathering place.*
 33 (6) *Encouraging creativity.*
 34 (7) *Strengthening community partnerships.*
 35 (8) *Promoting the arts and supporting artists.*

- 1 (9) *Developing a positive image for the area.*
- 2 (10) *Enhancing property values.*
- 3 (11) *Capitalizing on local cultural, economic, and social assets.*
- 4 (12) *Creating jobs.*

5 SEC. 2. Section 8753.6 is added to the Government Code, to
6 read:

7 8753.6. Notwithstanding Section 13340 of the Government
8 Code, the General Fund is hereby continuously appropriated to
9 the Arts Council in the amount of ____ (\$____) in each fiscal year.
10 These funds shall be used only to issue grants to further the arts,
11 as otherwise authorized to be issued under this chapter.

12 ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact~~
13 ~~legislation that would establish the Creative Industries and~~
14 ~~Community Economic Revitalization Act of 2014.~~