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CHAPTER _____

An act to add Division 11 (commencing with Section 19000) to the Unemployment Insurance Code, relating to workforce investment.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1910, Gray. California Workforce Investment Board: San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning and Preparedness Act of 2014.

Existing law declares that a well-educated and highly skilled workforce is necessary for the state to remain competitive in the global economy and that workforce investment programs and services need to work collaboratively with state and local entities to accomplish this policy goal.

Existing law provides that the California Workforce Investment Board (CWIB) is responsible for assisting the Governor in, among other things, the development, oversight, and continuous improvement of California's workforce investment system. Existing law requires the board, in collaboration with specified state and local partners, and the local workforce investment boards to develop a specified strategic workforce plan, updated at least every 5 years, to address the state's economic, demographic, and workplace needs, and to meet the single state plan requirement of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998. In that regard, the board aligns and leverages state and local Workforce Investment Act funding streams, identifies specified industry sectors and clusters, provides skills-gap analysis, and establishes specified eligibility criteria for the Workforce Investment Act eligible training provider list.

This bill would require the CWIB to establish the San Joaquin Valley Regional Economic Planning and Preparedness Council as a special committee, composed of specified members, to, among other things, identify and develop the framework of, and make recommendations as to, appropriate strategies, programs, policies, partnerships, and funding opportunities that are necessary to address the growing need for a highly skilled and well-trained workforce to meet the needs of the San Joaquin Valley's emerging technology and energy economy. The bill would require the council

to report to the Legislature, by April 1 each year, on the status of its activities and its development of an oil and natural gas workforce strategic initiative.

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

SECTION 1. Division 11 (commencing with Section 19000) is added to the Unemployment Insurance Code, to read:

DIVISION 11. SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY REGIONAL ECONOMIC PLANNING AND PREPAREDNESS ACT OF 2014

19000. This division shall be known, and may be cited, as the San Joaquin Valley Regional Economic Planning and Preparedness Act of 2014.

19001. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

(a) The San Joaquin Valley composed of the Counties of Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tulare is home to an estimated 4 million Californians.

(b) For the last two decades, the San Joaquin Valley Region has maintained average annual unemployment rates ranging from 62 percent to 150 percent above the state average.

(c) The San Joaquin Valley's per capita income is \$31,533 and 50 percent of the San Joaquin Valley's population is in poverty including thousands of unemployed and underemployed people.

(d) The San Joaquin Valley continues to face significant economic challenges including, poverty, unemployment, and an inadequately trained workforce.

(e) The San Joaquin Valley is also home to hard-working immigrants, new entrepreneurs, business and labor leaders, learning institutions including the new University of California, Merced, cities and towns renewing themselves, and community and nonprofit agencies uniting to develop civic leadership.

(f) Developing the San Joaquin Valley's workforce skills and aligning public and private workforce development resources with industry growth opportunities in the region to meet current and future business workforce requirements and close the business-workforce skills gap will cultivate higher paying jobs and will allow its economy to flourish.

19002. (a) (1) The California Workforce Investment Board (CWIB) shall establish a special committee known as the San Joaquin Valley Regional Economic Planning and Preparedness Council (SJVREPPC) to develop an oil and natural gas workforce strategic initiative to address the growing need for a highly skilled and well-trained workforce to meet the needs of the expanding energy economy of the San Joaquin Valley.

(2) Membership of the SJVREPPC shall include appropriate representatives from the CWIB existing membership, including a K-12 education representative, a California Community Colleges representative, an Employment Development Department representative, a Department of Food and Agriculture representative, a Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development representative, a California Transportation Commission representative, a local workforce investment board representative, and other appropriate members.

(3) The CWIB may call on other state agencies, other higher education representatives, and industry representatives as well as philanthropic and nongovernmental groups as appropriate and necessary to serve as consultants to the SJVREPPC in the development of this strategic initiative.

(b) In developing the strategic initiative, the SJVREPPC shall do all of the following:

(1) Identify and develop the framework of, and make recommendations as to, appropriate strategies, programs, policies, partnerships, and funding opportunities that are necessary to address the growing need for a highly skilled and well-trained workforce to meet the needs of the San Joaquin Valley's emerging technology and energy economy. The SJVREPPC shall, when examining the energy industry in the San Joaquin Valley, consider the business and workforce needs of the entire energy industry cluster.

(2) Identify resources and facilitate linkages between federal and state agencies and the Central Valley Higher Education Consortium, the Central California Workforce Collaborative, local workforce investment boards, and individual career technology programs, high schools, and higher education institutions on issues related to education, training, and workforce development in support of the region's expanding energy industry sector.

(3) Facilitate the development of public, private, philanthropic, and nongovernmental partnerships to build and expand the state's workforce development programs, network, and infrastructure related to the energy sector.

(4) Provide policy guidance for job training programs in the expanding energy sector to assist and prepare specific populations in the San Joaquin Valley, such as at-risk youth, displaced workers, veterans, formerly incarcerated individuals, and others facing barriers to employment.

(5) Develop, collect, interpret, and distribute statewide and regional labor market data on California's current and expanding workforce needs, trends, and job growth within the oil and gas industry.

(6) Identify funding resources and make recommendations on how to expand and leverage these funds.

(7) Foster additional regional collaboration within the San Joaquin Valley related to the emerging petroleum technology and energy economic sector.

19003. On or before April 1, 2015, and each April 1 thereafter, the CWIB shall report to the Legislature on the status of SJVREPPC activities and its development of an oil and natural gas workforce strategic initiative. The report shall be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government Code.

Approved _____, 2014

Governor