

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1997

Introduced by Assembly Member Gorell

February 20, 2014

An act relating to unmanned aircraft systems.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1997, as introduced, Gorell. Unmanned aircraft systems.

Existing federal law, the Federal Aviation Administration Modernization and Reform Act of 2012, provides for the integration of civil unmanned aircraft systems, commonly known as drones, into the national airspace system by September 30, 2015. Existing federal law requires the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to develop and implement operational and certification requirements for the operation of public unmanned aircraft systems in the national airspace system by December 31, 2015.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would provide incentives to unmanned aircraft system manufacturers that manufacture those systems in this state, in order to capture and develop the incredible future growth of the unmanned aircraft system manufacturing industry within California. The bill would also define “unmanned aircraft system” for those purposes.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
- 2 legislation that would provide incentives to unmanned aircraft

1 system manufacturers that manufacture those systems in this state,
2 in order to capture and develop the incredible future growth of the
3 unmanned aircraft system manufacturing industry within
4 California. “Unmanned aircraft system” means an unmanned
5 aircraft and associated elements, including communication links
6 and the components that control the unmanned aircraft, that are
7 required for the pilot in command to operate safely and efficiently
8 in the national airspace system.

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