

Introduced by Senator Block

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Senate Joint Resolution No. 22—Relative to cruelty-free cosmetics.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SJR 22, as introduced, Block. Cruelty-free cosmetics.

This measure would urge the United States Congress to enact legislation that would establish reasonable deadlines for the prohibition of the testing and marketing of cosmetic products that have been tested on animals. The measure would also urge the federal government to mandate alternative methods to animal testing of cosmetic products and to prioritize the validation and acceptance of additional nonanimal tests.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, For more than 50 years, animals have been used
- 2 in painful tests to assess the safety of certain chemicals used in
- 3 cosmetic products; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Modern alternatives to harmful animal testing are
- 5 increasingly less expensive, faster, and more accurate at predicting
- 6 human reactions; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Mandating and promoting the use of accepted
- 8 alternative methods to animal testing has, and will continue to
- 9 have, a huge positive impact on animal welfare; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Careful evaluation of alternative methods to animal
- 11 tests ensures that their proper use supports the equal or better
- 12 protection of people, animals, and the environment; and

1 WHEREAS, In 2000, California became the first state in the
2 nation to pass a law restricting the use of animals in product testing
3 by making it unlawful to use animals for testing when an
4 appropriate, validated, alternative method is available; and

5 WHEREAS, Our nation's largest trading partner, the European
6 Union, which accounts for nearly half of the global cosmetics
7 market worth an estimated \$90 billion a year, prohibits the
8 importation and sale of cosmetics that have been tested on animals
9 as of March 2013; and

10 WHEREAS, Norway, India, Israel, and the state of Sao Paulo,
11 Brazil have also banned all animal testing for cosmetics; and

12 WHEREAS, Harmonizing international laws that encourage
13 modern science and respond to consumer expectations benefits
14 businesses and consumers in today's global market place; and

15 WHEREAS, Polls show that the American public
16 overwhelmingly supports alternatives to testing cosmetics on
17 animals. A recent poll conducted by ORC International, a leading
18 global market research firm, found that 72 percent of American
19 adults surveyed believe that testing cosmetics on animals is
20 unethical; now, therefore, be it

21 *Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of*
22 *California, jointly,* That the Legislature urges the United States
23 Congress to enact legislation that would establish reasonable
24 deadlines for the prohibition of the testing and marketing of
25 cosmetic products that have been tested on animals; and be it
26 further

27 *Resolved,* That the Legislature urges the federal government to
28 mandate alternative methods to animal testing of cosmetic products,
29 whenever those scientifically satisfactory methods are available,
30 and to prioritize the validation and acceptance of additional
31 nonanimal tests; and be it further

32 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
33 this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United
34 States, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, to the Speaker of the
35 House of Representatives, to each Senator and Representative from
36 California in the Congress of the United States, to the Governor
37 of California, and to the author for appropriate distribution.

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