

Introduced by Senator Knight

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Senate Joint Resolution No. 3—Relative to federal spending cuts.

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SJR 3, as introduced, Knight. Sequestration.

This measure would urge the President and Congress of the United States to avert federal spending cuts known as “sequestration” to, among other reasons, protect the California and national economies.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Thousands of workers, countless families, and
2 entire communities throughout California will be severely and
3 cruelly affected by automatic, across-the-board federal spending
4 cuts estimated at \$1.2 trillion over the next 10 years and known
5 as “sequestration”; and
6 WHEREAS, The impact of a \$1.2 trillion across-the-board,
7 forced federal spending cuts proposed under sequestration will
8 have serious and deleterious effects on our local, regional, state,
9 and national economies, and jeopardize hundreds of thousands of
10 high-wage, high-skill aerospace and other defense-related jobs,
11 nondefense jobs, and critical social service programs in education,
12 housing, health care, and other human service programs throughout
13 the nation; and
14 WHEREAS, The sequestration spending cuts to over 1,000
15 government programs would shrink defense and nondefense
16 discretionary spending and be devastating to the California and
17 national economies; and

1 WHEREAS, Due to our unique combination of geography,
2 cutting edge technological industries, and manufacturing
3 capabilities, California is second in the United States for federal
4 defense spending and provides vital services to our brave men and
5 women serving in uniform around the world, and a cut to the
6 defense budget would dramatically reduce the provision of those
7 services and risk the safety of our troops; and

8 WHEREAS, Sequestration cuts would not only hurt California,
9 but every state, thus threatening another national economic
10 recession; and

11 WHEREAS, Over 2.14 million jobs are projected to be lost in
12 the United States, including 225,464 jobs lost in California, if the
13 sequestration cuts are triggered; and

14 WHEREAS, An estimated \$215 billion reduction in the nation’s
15 gross domestic product, including an almost \$23 billion reduction
16 in California’s gross state product are projected, if the sequestration
17 cuts are triggered; and

18 WHEREAS, A long-term, bipartisan compromise that averts
19 sequestration will protect the California and national economies
20 and provide a balanced and thoughtful budget solution; now,
21 therefore, be it

22 *Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of*
23 *California, jointly,* That the Legislature urges the President and
24 Congress of the United States to avert federal spending cuts known
25 as “sequestration” to protect the California and national economies;
26 and be it further

27 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
28 this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United
29 States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Minority
30 Leader of the House of Representatives, the Majority Leader of
31 the United States Senate, the Minority Leader of the United States
32 Senate, and to each Senator and Representative from California
33 in the Congress of the United States.