

**Introduced by Senator Galgiani**

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 79—Relative to school and college textbooks.

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SCR 79, as amended, Galgiani. School and college textbooks: recycled paper.

This measure would urge the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the President of the University of California, the Chancellor of the California State University, and the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to ensure that all persons in their respective jurisdictions responsible for the procurement of school or college textbooks are aware of the benefits of recycled paper and ~~have accurate information concerning the recycled content of textbooks purchased that they consider those benefits when purchasing textbooks~~ for use in their respective institutions.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, The publication of the hundreds of thousands of  
2 school and college textbooks annually used in California are  
3 responsible for generating countless tons of paper waste; and

4 WHEREAS, Much of this paper waste is currently shipped  
5 overseas; and

6 WHEREAS, New milling techniques can produce paper with  
7 over 80 percent recycled content that meets rigorous national  
8 standards for the quality and durability of textbooks; and

1 WHEREAS, High standards of textbook quality can be met  
2 through the use of recycled paper at no additional expense to local  
3 educational agencies and colleges; and

4 WHEREAS, It is in the interest of the public and the  
5 environment to maximize the use of high-content recycled paper;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Many of the school district and college employees  
8 who are responsible for purchasing textbooks are aware of their  
9 options with respect to using instructional materials that contain  
10 recycled paper, but it would serve the public interest if there were  
11 greater awareness of the benefits of the use of school and college  
12 textbooks published with recycled paper; now, therefore, be it

13 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
14 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature urges the Superintendent  
15 of Public Instruction, the President of the University of California,  
16 the Chancellor of the California State University, and the  
17 Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to ensure that  
18 all persons in their respective jurisdictions responsible for the  
19 procurement of school or college textbooks are aware of the  
20 benefits of recycled paper and ~~have accurate information~~  
21 ~~concerning the recycled content of textbooks purchased~~ *that they*  
22 *consider those benefits when purchasing textbooks* for use in their  
23 respective institutions; and be it further

24 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
25 this resolution to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the  
26 President of the University of California, the Chancellor of the  
27 California State University, and the Chancellor of the California  
28 Community Colleges, and to the author for appropriate distribution.