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Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 79

Introduced by Senator Galgiani

February 3, 2014

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

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 that ~~they~~ *those persons* 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 made
3 from paper, a resource that is renewable, recyclable, and available
4 ~~in high-recycled~~ *a high percentage of recycled content* form for
5 school and college textbooks; and

1 WHEREAS, In 2012, 65.1 percent of paper consumed in the
 2 United States was recovered ~~from~~ *for* recycling, contributing
 3 towards California’s goal of achieving 75-percent collection for
 4 recycling. A greater effort should now be made to use that
 5 recovered paper in new, recycled products such as ~~high-recycled~~
 6 ~~textbook paper;~~ *paper with a high percentage of recycled content;*
 7 and

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

11 WHEREAS, High standards of textbook quality can be met
 12 through the use of recycled ~~paper at no additional expense to local~~
 13 ~~educational agencies and colleges;~~ *paper;* and

14 WHEREAS, It is in the interest of the public and the
 15 environment to maximize the use of ~~high-content recycled paper;~~
 16 *paper with a high percentage of recycled content;* and

17 WHEREAS, Many ~~of the~~ school district and college employees
 18 who are responsible for purchasing textbooks are aware of their
 19 options with respect to using instructional materials that contain
 20 recycled paper, but it would serve the public interest if there were
 21 greater awareness of the benefits of the use of school and college
 22 textbooks published with recycled paper; now, therefore, be it

23 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
 24 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature urges the Superintendent
 25 of Public Instruction, the President of the University of California,
 26 the Chancellor of the California State University, and the
 27 Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to ensure that
 28 all persons in their respective jurisdictions responsible for the
 29 procurement of school or college textbooks are aware of the
 30 benefits of recycled paper and that ~~they~~ *those persons* consider
 31 those benefits when purchasing textbooks for use in their respective
 32 institutions; and be it further

33 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
 34 this resolution to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the
 35 President of the University of California, the Chancellor of the
 36 California State University, and the Chancellor of the California
 37 Community Colleges, and to the author for appropriate distribution.

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