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SENATE BILL

No. 511

Introduced by Senator Lieu

February 21, 2013

An act to add ~~Part 6 (commencing with Section 71450) to Division 34 of the Public Resources Code, relating to natural resources Chapter 2.6 (commencing with Section 13996.85) to Part 4.7 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, relating to state government.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 511, as amended, Lieu. ~~Natural resources: climate change: grants. Trade promotion of California ports.~~

Existing law requires the Director of the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development to provide to the Legislature, not later than February 1, 2014, a strategy for international trade and investment that, at a minimum, includes specified information, goals, objectives, and actions related to the promotion of trade.

The bill would require the director to convene, no later than February 1, 2015, a statewide business partnership for promotion of trade for California ports and to explore greater utilization of California ports, that would be required to advise the director on establishing a trade strategy for those purposes, as prescribed.

~~Existing law establishes the Natural Resources Agency consisting of various entities, departments, and boards.~~

~~This bill would require the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency, in coordination with the State Air Resources Board, to develop~~

~~guidelines for the awarding of grants, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for projects that enhance greenhouse gas emissions avoidance and sequestration associated with natural resources, as specified.~~

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 2.6 (commencing with Section 13996.85)
2 is added to Part 4.7 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government
3 Code, to read:

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5 CHAPTER 2.6. TRADE PROMOTION OF CALIFORNIA PORTS

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7 13996.85. The Director of the Governor’s Office of Business
8 and Economic Development shall convene, no later than February
9 1, 2015, a statewide business partnership for promotion of trade
10 for California ports and to explore greater utilization of California
11 ports, as follows:

12 (a) The business partnership shall include, but is not limited to,
13 representatives from ports of entry, ocean carriers, marine terminal
14 operators, warehouse operators, railroads, trucking companies,
15 labor representatives, and foreign trade zones, representatives of
16 environmental groups, and shippers, specifically including
17 agricultural exporters, manufacturers, postconsumer secondary
18 material handlers, and retailers.

19 (b) The business partnership shall advise the Director of the
20 Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development on
21 establishing the strategy for promoting trade for California ports
22 while increasing the use of California ports of entry, and ways to
23 increase the opportunity for growth and trade activity.

24 SECTION 1. ~~Part 6 (commencing with Section 71450) is added~~
25 ~~to Division 34 of the Public Resources Code, to read:~~

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27 PART 6. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AVOIDANCE
28 AND SEQUESTRATION

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30 71450. ~~(a) The Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency,~~
31 ~~in coordination with the State Air Resources Board, shall develop~~

1 guidelines for the awarding of grants, upon appropriation by the
2 Legislature, for projects that enhance greenhouse gas emissions
3 avoidance and sequestration associated with natural resources.

4 (b) The guidelines developed pursuant to subdivision (a) shall
5 do all of the following:

6 (1) Promote climate benefits from reducing greenhouse gas
7 emissions associated with transportation emissions and from
8 reducing or sequestering greenhouse gas emissions associated with
9 improvements in energy conservation or efficiency, promoting
10 development of sustainable communities, improving the siting of
11 environmentally sensitive distributed energy generation, improving
12 regional water supply from regional water filtration and watershed
13 enhancements, improving forest management, or increasing the
14 urban forestry canopy.

15 (2) Provide incentives for innovative pilot projects that can act
16 as statewide models for enhancing natural resources emission
17 reductions and sequestration from a portion of the grant awards.

18 (3) Leverage or maximize the use of other public and private
19 funding to either improve the benefits to the climate of existing
20 conservation projects or assist in the implementation of
21 conservation projects that provide important benefits to the climate.

22 (4) Promote investments in projects that include cobenefits,
23 including adaptation, improved water supply and quality, and
24 public health improvements.

25 (5) Ensure that appropriate funding levels will be dedicated to
26 conservation projects in disadvantaged communities.

27 (e) To minimize administration costs associated with
28 implementing this part, the Secretary of the Natural Resources
29 Agency shall use existing programs, including, but not limited to,
30 programs administered pursuant to Chapter 2 (commencing with
31 Section 4799.06) of Part 2.5 of Division 4, Chapter 3.8
32 (commencing with Section 5750) of Division 5, Division 10.4
33 (commencing with Section 10330), Chapter 3 (commencing with
34 Section 31100) of Division 21, Chapter 1 (commencing with
35 Section 32600) of Division 22.8, and Chapter 3 (commencing with
36 Section 33200) of Division 23, for competitive grants in forestry,
37 open space, sustainable agriculture, and watershed enhancements
38 to further the goals of this part. Funds also may be administered
39 pursuant to Division 22.3 (commencing with Section 32300),
40 Division 22.5 (commencing with Section 32500), Division 22.7

1 ~~(commencing with Section 32550), Division 22.9 (commencing~~
2 ~~with Section 32630), Division 23.3 (commencing with Section~~
3 ~~33300) and Division 23.5 (commencing with Section 33500).~~

4 ~~(d) The Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5~~
5 ~~(commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title~~
6 ~~2 of the Government Code) shall not apply to the development~~
7 ~~and adoption of guidelines adopted pursuant to this part.~~

8 ~~(e) The development and adoption of the guidelines pursuant~~
9 ~~to this part shall provide for public participation.~~

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