

Assembly Joint Resolution

No. 29

Introduced by Assembly Member Chávez

January 28, 2016

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 29—Relative to the Interim Consolidated Storage Act of 2015.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 29, as introduced, Chávez. Interim Consolidated Storage Act of 2015: San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station.

This measure would urge the passage of the Interim Consolidated Storage Act of 2015 and urge the United States Department of Energy to implement the prompt and safe relocation of spent nuclear fuel from the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station to a licensed and regulated interim consolidated storage facility.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Millions of ratepayer and taxpayer dollars are spent
2 monitoring and overseeing spent nuclear fuel each year and
3 millions of dollars more are programmed to be spent on settlement
4 payments related to nuclear waste disposition; and
5 WHEREAS, Much of the spent nuclear fuel and high-level
6 radioactive waste currently stored are at sites that are vulnerable
7 to natural disasters and located near large metropolitan centers;
8 and
9 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Energy concluded
10 in 2013 that a geologic repository for the permanent disposal of
11 spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste will not be
12 available until 2048, at the earliest; and

1 WHEREAS, The President's Blue Ribbon Commission on
2 America's Nuclear Future recommended that efforts be made to
3 develop a permanent disposal site for spent nuclear fuel and
4 high-level radioactive waste; and

5 WHEREAS, The spent nuclear fuel at the San Onofre Nuclear
6 Generating Station, a decommissioning site, should be promptly
7 and safely moved to a consolidated storage site, as recommended
8 by the President's Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear
9 Future, and as would be advanced by H.R. 3643, the Interim
10 Consolidated Storage Act of 2015, which would give priority for
11 storage to high-level nuclear waste and spent nuclear fuel located
12 on a site without an operating nuclear reactor; now, therefore, be
13 it

14 *Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of*
15 *California, jointly*, That the Legislature of the State of California
16 respectfully urges the passage of H.R. 3643 and supports the
17 development and passage of complementary legislation; and be it
18 further

19 *Resolved*, That the Legislature of the State of California
20 respectfully urges the United States Department of Energy to
21 implement the prompt and safe relocation of spent nuclear fuel
22 from the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station to a licensed and
23 regulated interim consolidated storage facility; and be it further

24 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
25 of this resolution to the President of the United States, to the
26 Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader
27 of the Senate, to each Senator and Representative from California
28 in the Congress of the United States, and to the Secretary of
29 Energy.