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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 112**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Hadley**

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 112—Relative to the State Air Resources Board.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 112, as amended, Hadley. State Air Resources Board.

This measure would thank the State Air Resources Board for its exemplary work and tenacity in uncovering the emissions control defeat devices on certain diesel-fueled Volkswagen motor vehicles and would express the Legislature's support for specified future emissions test-related actions by the board.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The Legislature established the State Air Resources
- 2 Board in 1967 to attain and maintain healthy air quality; and

1 WHEREAS, In 2012, the State Air Resources Board initiated  
2 a testing campaign focused on light-duty diesel vehicles and agreed  
3 to provide in-kind support to the International Council on Clean  
4 Transportation and to West Virginia University for their light-duty  
5 diesel vehicle studies, which led to the discovery that two  
6 Volkswagen diesel-fueled motor vehicles emitted significantly  
7 higher levels of oxides of nitrogen in onroad tests than in standard  
8 emissions tests; and

9 WHEREAS, Emissions of oxides of nitrogen have been linked  
10 to ozone formation, smog, and acid rain; and

11 WHEREAS, The concerns raised by the study prompted the  
12 State Air Resources Board to open an investigation and discussions  
13 with Volkswagen Group of America (Volkswagen) in 2014; and

14 WHEREAS, In December 2014, Volkswagen issued a voluntary  
15 recall in the United States of some of its diesel-fueled motor  
16 vehicles from model years 2009 to 2014 after conducting its own  
17 tests and identifying a recalibration fix that Volkswagen claimed  
18 would address excess emissions; and

19 WHEREAS, The State Air Resources Board, in cooperation  
20 with the United States Environmental Protection Agency,  
21 conducted confirmatory testing in 2015; and

22 WHEREAS, The State Air Resources Board notified  
23 Volkswagen in July 2015 that the test vehicles, despite having  
24 completed the recalibration fix under the voluntary recall, still  
25 showed emissions that exceeded state and federal limits; and

26 WHEREAS, In September 2015, the United States  
27 Environmental Protection Agency and the State Air Resources  
28 Board demanded an explanation from Volkswagen and were  
29 prepared to withhold certification that Volkswagen's 2016  
30 diesel-fueled motor vehicles complied with applicable emissions  
31 standards; and

32 WHEREAS, Volkswagen then admitted defeat devices were  
33 installed on the emissions control equipment on certain  
34 Volkswagen diesel-fueled motor vehicles; now, therefore, be it

35 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
36 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature acknowledges and praises  
37 the State Air Resources Board for its unwavering diligence and  
38 dedication to preserving the air quality in the state and its exposure  
39 of Volkswagen's circumvention of emissions standards on certain  
40 diesel-fueled motor vehicles; and be it further

1     *Resolved*, That the Legislature thanks the State Air Resources  
2 Board for its exemplary work and tenacity in uncovering  
3 Volkswagen’s emissions control defeat devices; and be it further

4     *Resolved*, That the Legislature supports the State Air Resources  
5 Board increasing the use of real-world emissions verification  
6 testing; and be it further

7     *Resolved*, That the Legislature supports the State Air Resources  
8 Board enhancing its penalty authority for cheating emissions tests  
9 to deter future efforts to circumvent emissions standards; and be  
10 it further

11     *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit  
12 sufficient copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate  
13 distribution.

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