

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 153

Introduced by Assembly Member Burke

March 9, 2016

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 153—Relative to the California Council on Science and Technology.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 153, as introduced, Burke. California Council on Science and Technology.

This measure would request the California Council on Science and Technology to establish an executive fellowship program to embed scientists within California’s leading clean technologies.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, California’s output of goods and services ranks it
2 as the eighth greatest economic power in the world; and
3 WHEREAS, California’s preeminence in science and technology
4 was the basis for the development of the aerospace,
5 microelectronics, and other advanced technologies in this state;
6 and
7 WHEREAS, California state policies to adopt clean technology
8 and reduce greenhouse gas emissions were the basis for the
9 development of wind, solar, geothermal, bioenergy, energy storage,
10 and other clean technologies in this state; and
11 WHEREAS, California owes its preeminence to its excellent
12 educational system, including the University of California and
13 California State University systems, its superb independent
14 universities and colleges, and its extensive community college

1 system, which provides highly trained manpower for California's
2 clean technology industries; and

3 WHEREAS, Such research provides education and training to
4 California's students and an opportunity for faculty to break new
5 ground solving energy and climate change problems; and

6 WHEREAS, The University of California, together with others
7 in the state's academic community, maintains preeminent faculties
8 of capable and world-renowned scientists, engineers, and
9 technological experts; and

10 WHEREAS, California is fortunate to have a group of major
11 research universities, the University of California, the University
12 of Southern California, the California Institute of Technology, and
13 Stanford University, each acknowledged to be world-class
14 institutions; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1988, through Assembly Concurrent Resolution
16 162, the Legislature requested the President of the University of
17 California, in collaboration with the presidents of other
18 California-based universities, to establish the California Council
19 on Science and Technology (CCST) to ensure the state's
20 competitiveness in science and technology; and

21 WHEREAS, The CCST was directed to bring together experts
22 from academia, industry, and other research institutions in
23 California to provide impartial analyses on science and
24 technological issues affecting the State of California; and

25 WHEREAS, These scientists and engineers have responded to
26 requests for analyses on significant and challenging science and
27 technology related issues in California, ranging from education to
28 climate change and exploring California's energy future; now,
29 therefore, be it

30 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
31 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature requests, within one year
32 of the effective date of this resolution, the California Council on
33 Science and Technology to establish an executive fellowship
34 program to embed scientists from diverse backgrounds directly
35 within California's leading clean technology industries; and be it
36 further

1 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
2 of this resolution to the Governor, the President of the University
3 of California, and the Regents of the University of California.

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