

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 362

Introduced by Assembly Member Waldron

February 17, 2015

An act to add Section 14861 to the Government Code, relating to state printing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 362, as introduced, Waldron. State printing: demonstration project: process free printing.

Existing law requires that all state printing be done in the Office of State Printing.

This bill would authorize the Office of State Printing to engage in a demonstration project to show the economic and environmental advantages of process free printing technology. The bill would provide legislative findings in support of the project.

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. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
- 2 following:
- 3 (a) State government is a major consumer of materials and
- 4 energy. The state's policies include conserving, improving, and
- 5 protecting natural resources and the environment, preventing water,
- 6 air, and land pollution, and enhancing the health, safety, and
- 7 welfare of state residents and their overall economic and social
- 8 well-being.

(b) It is the policy of the state to promote cost-effective methods to reduce energy and resource consumption, and to reduce or eliminate the use of hazardous substances and the generation of hazardous substances, pollution, and waste at the source.

(c) The state's solid waste management priorities include reducing the generation of solid waste, reusing materials, and recycling materials that cannot be reused, and making sound choices regarding the consumption of commodities, services, and technology and the amount of waste they generate. State agencies and public authorities can minimize potential environmental and health impacts on workers and the public.

(d) The state's procurement of commodities, services, and technology can be enhanced through state and public agency choices that minimize the potential environmental and health impacts of their activities. State government can be a leader in environmental stewardship through the use of green procurement and sustainable management practices.

SEC. 2. Section 14861 is added to the Government Code, to read:

14861. The department may engage in a demonstration project that shows the environmental and economic benefits that may be achieved by utilizing process free printing plate and associated technology for state printing jobs. In engaging in a "process free" printing pilot project, the department shall make best efforts to adhere to the following best practices:

(a) Avoid the use of heavy metals.

(b) Maximize the use of low-volatile organic compounds and less hazardous chemicals.

(c) Maximize the use of digital on-demand printing, direct-to-plate prepress systems, and automatic blanket washers.

(d) Maximize the recovery of silver.

(e) Maximize the recycling of paper, ink, film, and related materials.

(f) Make printed materials easier to recycle, by maximizing the use of glueless bindings and uncoated paper and avoiding heavy ink coverage and dark or fluorescent papers.