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ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 362

Introduced by Assembly Member Waldron
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Lackey)

February 17, 2015

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 362, as amended, 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 *sustainable printing practices, including the use of process free printing plates, as defined, and associated technology: technology for specified types of printing jobs*. The bill would ~~require~~ *permit* a vendor that participates in the demonstration project to pay any costs associated with the demonstration. The bill would make 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:

SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

(a) State government is a major consumer of materials and energy. The state's policies include conserving, improving, and protecting natural resources and the environment, preventing water, air, and land pollution, and enhancing the health, safety, and welfare of state residents and their overall economic and social 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. (a) The department may engage in a demonstration project that shows the environmental and economic benefits that may be achieved by utilizing—~~“process sustainable printing practices which may include, but are not limited to, the use of process free printing plates”~~ plates and associated technology for state printing jobs. ~~jobs that utilize offset or lithographic printing.~~ In engaging in a—~~“process process free printing plate”~~ plate pilot project, the department shall make best efforts to adhere to the following best practices:

(1) Reduce overall chemical usage in making printing plates.

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

3 (3) Minimize water usage.

4 (4) Reduce electricity usage.

5 (5) Maximize the recycling of paper, ink, aluminum plates, and
6 related materials.

7 (6) Reduce the carbon footprint.

8 (b) A private vendor electing to participate in a demonstration
9 project with the department ~~shall~~ *may* pay for costs associated with
10 the demonstration project, including process free printing plates,
11 necessary for the demonstration, as agreed upon with the
12 department.

13 (c) For purposes of this chapter, “process free printing plates”
14 are defined as printing plates that can be put on press in offset
15 printing, also known as lithography, immediately after imaging
16 on a platesetter, with no intermediary plate processing step
17 required.