

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 559

Introduced by Assembly Member Lopez

February 23, 2015

An act to add Section 1021 to the Fish and Game Code, relating to monarch butterflies.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 559, as introduced, Lopez. Monarch butterflies: conservation.

Existing law establishes the Department of Fish and Wildlife and sets forth the duties of that department, which include administering various programs for the protection and conservation of fish and wildlife resources.

This bill would authorize the department to take actions to conserve monarch butterflies and the unique habitats they depend upon for successful migration. The bill would authorize the department to partner with federal agencies, nonprofit organizations, academic programs, private landowners, and other entities that undertake actions to conserve monarch butterflies and aid their successful migration, including the Monarch Joint Venture.

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. Section 1021 is added to the Fish and Game Code,
- 2 to read:
- 3 1021. (a) The department may take actions to conserve
- 4 monarch butterflies and the unique habitats they depend upon for

1 successful migration. These actions may include, but are not limited
2 to, habitat restoration on department lands, education programs,
3 and voluntary agreements with private landowners.

4 (b) The department may partner with federal agencies, nonprofit
5 organizations, academic programs, private landowners, and other
6 entities that undertake actions to conserve monarch butterflies and
7 aid their successful migration, including the Monarch Joint
8 Venture.