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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 694

Introduced by Assembly Member Rendon

February 25, 2015

An act to add Sections 31124 and 31125 to the Public Resources Code, relating to coastal resources.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 694, as amended, Rendon. State Coastal Conservancy: low-cost accommodations.

Existing law establishes the State Coastal Conservancy with prescribed powers and responsibilities for implementing and administering various programs intended to preserve, protect, and restore the state's coastal areas.

This bill would require the conservancy to develop, subject to the availability of funding, a program to assist, by loan or grant, private low-cost *coastal* accommodations to meet their operation and maintenance needs in exchange for an easement or other legally binding instrument that protects the public benefit of the facility continuing to provide low-cost *coastal* accommodations. This bill would create the Low-Cost Accommodations Program Account in the State Coastal Conservancy Fund and provide that moneys in the fund are available upon appropriation by the Legislature to fund this program.

This bill would require the conservancy, in consultation with the California Coastal Commission, the Department of Parks and Recreation, and other relevant coastal public landholders, to develop a document

containing a list of potential low-cost accommodations projects in each region of the coast and information on grant or loan programs. This bill would require the conservancy to provide the document to the commission and would require the commission to provide the document to local governments with local coastal programs. This bill would require the commission to refer to the list of potential low-cost accommodations projects, as prescribed.

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 31124 is added to the Public Resources
2 Code, to read:

3 31124. (a) The conservancy shall develop, subject to the
4 availability of funding, a program to assist, by loan or grant, private
5 low-cost *coastal* accommodations to meet their operation and
6 maintenance needs in exchange for an easement or other legally
7 binding instrument that protects the public benefit of the facility
8 continuing to provide low-cost *coastal* accommodations.

9 (b) The Low-Cost Accommodations Program Account is hereby
10 created in the State Coastal Conservancy Fund. Moneys in the
11 account shall accrue interest and be available, upon appropriation
12 by the Legislature, to fund the program developed pursuant to this
13 section. The conservancy may accept and deposit in the account
14 funds from public and private sources.

15 SEC. 2. Section 31125 is added to the Public Resources Code,
16 to read:

17 31125. (a) The conservancy, in consultation with the
18 commission, the Department of Parks and Recreation, and other
19 relevant coastal public landholders, shall develop a document
20 containing a list of potential low-cost accommodations projects in
21 each region of the coast and information on grant or loan programs.
22 The document shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

23 (1) Specific projects that will increase low-cost accommodations
24 at state parks in the coastal zone consistent with recommendations
25 by the Parks Forward Commission.

26 (2) Information on grant programs at the conservancy that assist
27 public agencies and nonprofits in providing low-cost
28 accommodations in the coastal zone.

1 (3) Information on the program developed pursuant to Section
2 31124.

3 (b) The conservancy shall provide the document developed
4 pursuant to subdivision (a) to the commission. The commission
5 shall refer to the list of potential low-cost accommodations projects
6 as options for mitigation when considering coastal development
7 permits that impact the availability of low-cost accommodations
8 and when considering how to expend prior commitments of
9 “in-lieu” public access fees. The commission shall provide the
10 document to local governments with local coastal programs.

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