

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1201**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Salas**

February 27, 2015

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An act to amend Section 13000 of the Water Code, relating to water quality.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1201, as introduced, Salas. Water quality.

The Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act establishes a statewide program for the control of the quality of all the waters in the state and makes certain legislative findings and declarations.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to the legislative findings and declarations.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 13000 of the Water Code is amended to  
2 read:  
3 13000. (a) The Legislature finds and declares that the people  
4 of the state have a primary interest in the conservation, control,  
5 and utilization of the water resources of the state, and that the  
6 quality of all the waters of the state shall be protected for use and  
7 enjoyment by the people of the state.  
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9 (b) *The* Legislature further finds and declares that activities and  
10 factors which may affect the quality of the waters of the state shall

1 be regulated to attain the highest water quality—~~which~~ *that* is  
2 reasonable, considering all demands being made and to be made  
3 on those waters and the total values involved, beneficial and  
4 detrimental, economic and social, tangible and intangible.

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6 *(c) The* Legislature further finds and declares that the health,  
7 ~~safety~~ *safety*, and welfare of the people of the state requires that  
8 there be a statewide program for the control of the quality of all  
9 the waters of the state; that the state must be prepared to exercise  
10 its full power and jurisdiction to protect the quality of waters in  
11 the state from degradation originating inside or outside the  
12 boundaries of the state; that the waters of the state are increasingly  
13 influenced by interbasin water development projects and other  
14 statewide considerations; that factors of precipitation, topography,  
15 population, recreation, agriculture, ~~industry~~ *industry*, and economic  
16 development vary from region to region within the state; and that  
17 the statewide program for water quality control can be most  
18 effectively administered regionally, within a framework of  
19 statewide coordination and policy.