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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1205

Introduced by Assembly Member Gomez

February 27, 2015

An act to add Section 39719.5 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to parks.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1205, as amended, Gomez. Park access.

Existing law provides various sources of funds for community parks. Existing law creates the Active Transportation Program in the Department of Transportation for the purpose of encouraging increased use of active modes of transportation, including biking and walking, and provides for funding of various types of projects, including recreational trails, trailheads, and park projects that facilitate trail linkages or connectivity to nonmotorized corridors.

Existing law requires all moneys, except for fines and penalties, collected by the State Air Resources Board from the auction or sale of allowances as part of a market-based compliance mechanism relative to reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, commonly known as cap and trade revenues, to be deposited in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, and to be used, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for specified purposes.

This bill would create a program in the Department of Transportation to develop pathways between community parks, including local parks and state parks, and to connect those parks to public transportation systems, for the purpose of reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The bill would provide for moneys to be available to the department for the

program from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. The bill would also state the intent of the Legislature to create a park access program to increase access to community parks.

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

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

- 1 *SECTION 1. Section 39719.5 is added to the Health and Safety*
- 2 *Code, to read:*
- 3 *39719.5. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature to create a park*
- 4 *access program to increase access to community parks.*
- 5 *(b) A program is hereby created in the Department of*
- 6 *Transportation to develop pathways between community parks,*
- 7 *including local parks and state parks, and to connect those parks*
- 8 *to public transportation systems, for the purpose of reducing*
- 9 *greenhouse gas emissions. Upon appropriation in the annual*
- 10 *Budget Act, moneys from the fund shall be available to the*
- 11 *department for the program.*
- 12 ~~*SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to create a park*~~
- 13 ~~*access program to increase access to community parks.*~~