

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2779

Introduced by Assembly Member Rodriguez

February 19, 2016

An act to amend Section 4951 of the Public Resources Code, relating to conservation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2779, as introduced, Rodriguez. California Conservation Camp program.

Existing law declares the existence of the California Conservation Camp program to provide for the training and use of the inmates and wards assigned to conservation camps in furtherance of public conservation. Existing law requires, in order to effect the maximum possible conservation and development of natural resources for the benefit of people in the state, specified conservation projects to be undertaken by the California Conservation Camps. Existing law requires the various agencies concerned with conservation projects to consult with and advise each other to promote the conservation projects.

This bill would require the various agencies to consider and adopt incentives and programs necessary to ensure adequate inmate ward participation in conservation camps.

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 4951 of the Public Resources Code is
- 2 amended to read:

1 4951. (a) In enacting this chapter, it is the purpose of the
2 Legislature to declare the existence of a California Conservation
3 Camp program to provide for the training and use of the inmates
4 and wards assigned to conservation camps in the furtherance of
5 public conservation.

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7 (b) *It is the policy of this state to require the inmates and wards*
8 *assigned to ~~such~~ the camps to perform public conservation projects*
9 *Projects, including, but not limited to, forest fire prevention and*
10 *control, forest and watershed management, recreation, fish and*
11 *game management, soil ~~conservation~~ conservation, and forest and*
12 *watershed revegetation.*

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14 (c) (1) *In order to effect the maximum possible conservation*
15 *and development of natural resources for the benefit of the people*
16 *of this state, ~~whenever~~ when reasonably possible, conservation*
17 *projects of a multiple purpose nature shall be undertaken by the*
18 *California Conservation Camps. The various agencies concerned*
19 *with conservation projects shall consult with and advise ~~with~~ each*
20 *other to promote these multiple-purpose conservation projects ~~and~~*
21 *and, in order to achieve this ~~goal~~ goal, may enter into ~~such~~*
22 *contracts as may be necessary.*

23 (2) *The various agencies shall consider and adopt incentives*
24 *and programs necessary to ensure adequate inmate and ward*
25 *participation in conservation camps.*