

Introduced by Senator Stone

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Senate Joint Resolution No. 10—Relative to Federal Investment Tax Credit.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SJR 10, as introduced, Stone. Federal Investment Tax Credit: solar energy.

This measure would respectfully request that the Congress of the United States take immediate action to extend the federal investment tax credit in Sections 48 and 25D of Title 26 of the United States Code.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The United States has an abundance of solar energy
2 resources sufficient to supply a significant portion of the energy
3 needs of the United States; and

4 WHEREAS, Farmers can become more economically resilient
5 to the unique and difficult challenges facing farming communities
6 through solar power; and

7 WHEREAS, Schools and educational institutions, as well as
8 other governmental entities and nonprofit entities, can save
9 considerable amounts of limited public moneys by investing in
10 solar power; and

11 WHEREAS, Homeowners, renters, and businesses statewide
12 can control for rising energy costs through the investment in solar
13 power; and

14 WHEREAS, Rural communities can benefit from the
15 construction of utility scale solar energy projects; and

1 WHEREAS, All these markets rely on the federal investment
2 tax credit to make solar energy affordable for all who want it; and

3 WHEREAS, The solar energy industry employs 54,000
4 Californians and is one of the nation's fastest growing job creators,
5 employing 173,807 people nationwide and growing at a rate nearly
6 20 times faster than the overall economy, according to The Solar
7 Foundation; and

8 WHEREAS, The loss of the investment tax credit would lead
9 to significant job losses in California and beyond in 2017; and

10 WHEREAS, Accelerated development and use of solar energy
11 technologies would provide numerous benefits to all citizens of
12 California and the United States, including improved national
13 security, healthier rural economies, improved air and environmental
14 quality, and abundant, reliable, and affordable energy; and

15 WHEREAS, The solar industry adds more than \$15 billion to
16 the United States economy and increased energy production from
17 domestic solar energy resources would attract substantial new
18 investments in energy infrastructure and create local economic
19 growth; and

20 WHEREAS, Increased use of solar energy is practical and can
21 be cost effective with the help of consistent, long-term supportive
22 policies and proper incentives to stimulate markets and
23 infrastructure, such as the Investment Tax Credit; and

24 WHEREAS, Long-term supportive policies and proper
25 incentives at the local, state, and federal levels have brought about
26 significant cost reductions within the solar industry in California
27 and across the country; and

28 WHEREAS, Public policies aimed at enhancing solar energy
29 production and accelerating technological improvements will
30 further reduce energy costs over time and increase market demand;
31 and

32 WHEREAS, The federal investment tax credit for solar power,
33 contained in Sections 48 and 25D of Title 26 of the United States
34 Code, is set to decrease from 30 percent to 10 percent for
35 commercial consumers and from 30 percent to 0 percent for
36 residential consumers after December 31, 2016; now, therefore,
37 be it

38 *Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of*
39 *California, jointly,* That the Legislature respectfully requests that
40 the Congress of the United States take immediate action to extend

1 the federal investment tax credit in Sections 48 and 25D of Title
2 26 of the United States Code; and be it further
3 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
4 this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United
5 States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the
6 Majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and
7 Representative from California in the Congress of the United
8 States.

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