

Introduced by Senator Bates
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Senate Joint Resolution No. 23—Relative to the Interim Consolidated Storage Act of 2016.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SJR 23, as introduced, Bates. Interim Consolidated Storage Act of 2016: San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station.

This measure would urge the passage of the Interim Consolidated Storage Act of 2016 and urge the United States Department of Energy to implement the prompt and safe relocation of spent nuclear fuel from the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station to a licensed and regulated interim consolidated storage facility.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Millions of ratepayer and taxpayer dollars are spent
- 2 monitoring and overseeing spent nuclear fuel each year and
- 3 millions of dollars more are programmed to be spent on settlement
- 4 payments related to nuclear waste disposition; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Much of the spent nuclear fuel and high-level
- 6 radioactive waste currently stored is at sites that are vulnerable to
- 7 natural disasters and located near large metropolitan centers; and
- 8 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Energy concluded
- 9 in 2013 that a geologic repository for the permanent disposal of
- 10 spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste will not be
- 11 available until 2048, at the earliest; and
- 12 WHEREAS, The President's Blue Ribbon Commission on
- 13 America's Nuclear Future recommended that efforts be made to

1 develop a permanent disposal site for spent nuclear fuel and
2 high-level radioactive waste; and

3 WHEREAS, The spent nuclear fuel at the San Onofre Nuclear
4 Generating Station, a decommissioning site, should be promptly
5 and safely moved to a consolidated storage site, as recommended
6 by the President’s Blue Ribbon Commission on America’s Nuclear
7 Future, and as would be advanced by H.R. 4745, the Interim
8 Consolidated Storage Act of 2016, which would give priority for
9 storage to high-level nuclear waste and spent nuclear fuel located
10 on a site without an operating nuclear reactor; now, therefore, be
11 it

12 *Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of*
13 *California, jointly*, That the Legislature of the State of California
14 respectfully urges the passage of H.R. 4745 and supports the
15 development and passage of complementary legislation; and be it
16 further

17 *Resolved*, That the Legislature of the State of California
18 respectfully urges the United States Department of Energy to
19 implement the prompt and safe relocation of spent nuclear fuel
20 from the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station to a licensed and
21 regulated interim consolidated storage facility; and be it further

22 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
23 this resolution to the President of the United States, to the Speaker
24 of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the
25 Senate, to each Senator and Representative from California in the
26 Congress of the United States, and to the Secretary of Energy.