

Introduced by Senator WolkFebruary 26, 2015

An act to add Article 6.5 (commencing with Section 14714) to Chapter 2 of Part 5.5 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, relating to state property.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 553, as introduced, Wolk. Water conservation.

Existing law requires the Department of General Services to provide planning, acquisition, construction, and maintenance of state buildings and property. Existing law requires the department, in consultation with the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, and with the concurrence of the Department of Finance, to identify each public building in the department's state property inventory where it is feasible for that building to reduce energy consumption and achieve energy efficiencies, as specified, and to retrofit those buildings, as specified.

The Water Conservation in Landscaping Act requires the Department of Water Resources, to the extent funds are appropriated, not later than January 1, 2009, to update a model water efficient landscape ordinance to meet specified requirements. The act requires a local agency, not later than January 1, 2010, to adopt the updated model ordinance or other water efficient landscape ordinance that is at least as effective in conserving water as the updated model ordinance.

This bill would require the Department of General Services to identify each public property in the department's state property inventory where it is feasible for water consumption to be reduced and water efficiencies to be achieved through implementation of the relevant recommendations made in the model water efficient landscape ordinance and would require

the department to implement the relevant recommendations where feasible, except as specified.

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. The Legislature hereby finds and declares:
 2 (a) California is prone to cycles of drought and water shortage.
 3 (b) According to the Department of Water Resources, landscape
 4 irrigation represents 43 percent of urban water use.
 5 (c) The state must take a leadership role in implementing water
 6 efficient landscape practices.
 7 SEC. 2. Article 6.5 (commencing with Section 14714) is added
 8 to Chapter 2 of Part 5.5 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government
 9 Code, to read:

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11 Article 6.5. State Property Water Use
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13 14714. (a) The department shall identify each public property
 14 in the department’s state property inventory where it is feasible
 15 for water consumption to be reduced and water efficiencies to be
 16 achieved through implementation of the relevant recommendations
 17 made in the model water efficient landscape ordinance adopted
 18 by the Department of Water Resources pursuant to Sections 65595
 19 and 65596. These recommendations shall include, but not be
 20 limited to, recommendations regarding the replacement of
 21 landscaping with drought tolerant plants.
 22 (b) The department shall implement the relevant
 23 recommendations for each public property identified pursuant to
 24 subdivision (a) to reduce overall water consumption where feasible,
 25 except that work on public property of the California State
 26 University shall be subject to the consent of the California State
 27 University.
 28 (c) For purposes of this section, “feasible” means capable of
 29 being accomplished in a successful manner within a reasonable
 30 period of time, taking into account life-cycle cost analyses, and
 31 environmental, social, and technological factors.

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