

Introduced by Senator Nguyen

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An act to amend Section 21061 of the Public Resources Code, relating to the environment.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 584, as introduced, Nguyen. California Environmental Quality Act.

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency, as defined, to prepare, or cause to be prepared by contract, and certify the completion of, an environmental impact report, as defined, on a project that may have a significant effect on the environment, or to adopt a negative declaration if it finds that the project will not have that effect.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to the definition of "environmental impact report."

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 21061 of the Public Resources Code is
2 amended to read:
3 21061. (a) "Environmental impact report" means a detailed
4 statement setting forth the matters specified in Sections 21100 and
5 ~~21100.1; provided that 21100.1.~~ The information or data ~~which~~
6 ~~that~~ is relevant to ~~such a~~ the statement and is a matter of public
7 ~~record~~ record, or is generally available to the public need not be
8 repeated in its entirety in ~~such~~ the statement, but may be

1 specifically cited as the source for conclusions stated ~~therein; and~~
 2 ~~provided further that such~~ *in the statement. The* information or
 3 data shall be briefly described, ~~that its~~ *in the statement. The*
 4 relationship *between the information or data* to the environmental
 5 impact report shall be indicated, ~~and that the~~ *in the statement. The*
 6 source ~~thereof of the information and data~~ shall be reasonably
 7 available for inspection at a public place or public building. An
 8 environmental impact report also includes any comments ~~which~~
 9 *that* are obtained pursuant to Section 21104 or 21153, or ~~which~~
 10 *that* are required to be obtained pursuant to this division.

11 ~~An~~
 12 (b) *An* environmental impact report is an informational document
 13 ~~which that,~~ when its preparation is required by this division, shall
 14 be considered by every public agency ~~prior to~~ *before* its approval
 15 or disapproval of a project. The purpose of an environmental
 16 impact report is to provide public agencies and the public in general
 17 with detailed information about the effect ~~which that~~ a proposed
 18 project is likely to have on the ~~environment;~~ *environment,* to list
 19 ways in which the significant effects of ~~such a~~ *the proposed* project
 20 might be ~~minimized;~~ *minimized,* and to indicate alternatives to
 21 ~~such a~~ *the proposed* project.

22 ~~In~~
 23 (c) *In* order to facilitate the use of environmental impact reports,
 24 public agencies shall require that ~~such the~~ reports contain an index
 25 or table of contents and a summary. Failure to include ~~such the~~
 26 index, table of contents, or summary shall not constitute a cause
 27 of action pursuant to Section 21167.