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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 718**

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**Introduced by Senators Leno and Hancock**  
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Dodd)

February 27, 2015

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An act to add Section 8670.48.4 to the Government Code, relating to fish and wildlife, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 718, as amended, Leno. Hazardous Materials Response and Restoration Subaccount.

Existing law establishes the Oil Spill Response Trust Fund, a continuously appropriated fund, for, among other purposes, providing funds to cover promptly the costs of response, containment, and cleanup of oil spills into waters of the state, including damage assessment costs and wildlife rehabilitation. Existing law establishes the Hazardous Materials Response and Restoration Subaccount, a continuously appropriated subaccount in the Fish and Wildlife Pollution Account in the Fish and Game Preservation Fund, for, among other purposes, the protection, preservation, and restoration of fish and wildlife impacted by discharges of hazardous materials into the environment of the state.

This bill would authorize the administrator for oil spill response to loan moneys from the Oil Spill Response Trust Fund to the Hazardous Materials Response and Restoration Subaccount in an amount, not to exceed ~~exceed~~ *exceeding* \$500,000 annually, necessary to reimburse organizations providing wildlife rescue and rehabilitation services for

expenses incurred by rescue and rehabilitation stations for wildlife injured by spill events of nonoil materials, thereby making an appropriation. The bill would require the administrator to notify the Joint Legislative Budget Committee of the loan. The bill would require the administrator, through a public process, to develop and adopt guidelines identifying expenses eligible for reimbursement.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 8670.48.4 is added to the Government  
2 Code, to read:

3 8670.48.4. (a) (1) At the discretion of the administrator,  
4 moneys may be loaned from the fund to the Hazardous Materials  
5 Response and Restoration Subaccount, created pursuant to Section  
6 13010 of the Fish and Game Code, in an amount, ~~not to exceed~~  
7 *exceeding* five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) annually, that  
8 is necessary to reimburse organizations providing wildlife rescue  
9 and rehabilitation services for expenses incurred by rescue and  
10 rehabilitation stations for wildlife injured by spill events of nonoil  
11 materials.

12 (2) The administrator shall notify the Joint Legislative Budget  
13 Committee of any loans made pursuant to paragraph (1) at the time  
14 of the loan.

15 (3) The administrator shall, through a public process, develop  
16 and adopt guidelines identifying expenses eligible for  
17 reimbursement pursuant to paragraph (1).

18 (b) A loan made pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (a)  
19 shall be repaid no later than 10 years after the date the loan was  
20 made, with interest at the rate earned by the Pooled Money  
21 Investment Account at the time of the loan, upon appropriation by  
22 the Legislature, from either of the following:

23 (1) Moneys recovered from a party responsible for the spill  
24 event of nonoil materials.

25 (2) If no responsible party is found, the General Fund.

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