

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 30, 2015

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 21, 2015

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 8, 2015

SENATE BILL

No. 758

Introduced by Senator Block

February 27, 2015

An act to add ~~Section 12805.4 to the Government Article 8 (commencing with Section 347) to Chapter 2.5 of Division 1 of the Water Code, relating to climate change.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 758, as amended, Block. Atmospheric Rivers Research and Mitigation Program.

Existing law establishes the ~~Natural Resources Agency, comprised of departments, boards, conservancies, and commissions responsible for the restoration, protection, and management of the state's natural and cultural resources. Department of Water Resources and requires the department to implement various water conservation and flood control programs and projects in the state.~~

This bill would establish the Atmospheric Rivers Research and Mitigation Program in the ~~Natural Resources Agency~~ department to research the causes and effects of atmospheric rivers, and to take actions to capture water generated by atmospheric rivers to increase the water supply and reliability of water resources in the state and to operate reservoirs in a manner that improves flood protection in the state. The bill would establish the Atmospheric Rivers Research and Mitigation Fund in the State Treasury for the purposes of funding the program.

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. Section 12805.4 is added to the Government~~
2 ~~Code, to read:~~
3 ~~12805.4.~~

4 *SECTION 1. Article 8 (commencing with Section 347) is added*
5 *to Chapter 2.5 of Division 1 of the Water Code, to read:*

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7 *Article 8. Atmospheric Rivers Research and Mitigation*
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9 347. (a) The Atmospheric Rivers Research and Mitigation
10 Program is hereby established in the ~~Natural Resources Agency.~~
11 *Department of Water Resources.*

12 (b) Under the program, the ~~agency department~~ shall research
13 the causes and effects of atmospheric rivers, and shall take all
14 actions within its existing authority to capture water generated by
15 atmospheric rivers in order to increase the water supply and
16 reliability of water resources in the state and to operate reservoirs
17 in a manner that improves flood protection in the state.

18 (c) The Atmospheric Rivers Research and Mitigation Fund is
19 hereby established in the State Treasury for the deposit of moneys
20 to be expended by the ~~agency department~~ for the program.