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AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 8, 2015

**SENATE BILL**

**No. 758**

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**Introduced by Senator Block**

February 27, 2015

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An act to add 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~~ *Rivers: Research, Mitigation, and Climate Forecasting* Program.

Existing law establishes the 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~~ *Rivers: Research, Mitigation, and Climate Forecasting* Program in the department to, upon appropriation of special fund moneys, research *climate forecasting and the causes and effects of impacts that climate change has on 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.~~ *state*,

*and to reoperate flood control and water storage facilities to capture water generated by atmospheric rivers.*

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

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4 Article 8. ~~Atmospheric Rivers Research and Mitigation Rivers:~~  
5 *Research, Mitigation, and Climate Forecasting*  
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7 347. (a) ~~The Atmospheric Rivers Research and Mitigation~~  
8 ~~Rivers: Research, Mitigation, and Climate Forecasting~~ Program  
9 is hereby established in the Department of Water Resources.

10 (b) Upon appropriation of special fund moneys, including, but  
11 not limited to, private funds, for these purposes, the department  
12 shall *conduct research relating to climate forecasting and the*  
13 *causes and—effects—of impacts that climate change has on*  
14 *atmospheric rivers, and shall take all actions within its existing*  
15 *authority to capture water generated by atmospheric rivers in order*  
16 *to increase the water supply and reliability of water resources in*  
17 *the state and to operate reservoirs in a manner that improves flood*  
18 *protection in the—state. state and to reoperate flood control and*  
19 *water storage facilities to capture water generated by atmospheric*  
20 *rivers, thereby increasing water supply, hydropower availability,*  
21 *and the reliability of water resources in the state.*

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