

Assembly Bill No. 471

CHAPTER 380

An act to amend Section 15363.10 of the Government Code, relating to economic development, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 471, Vasconcellos. California Economic Development Strategic Plan.

Existing law requires the Secretary of Trade and Commerce to lead in the preparation of the California Economic Development Plan by a panel composed of specified members, in consultation with various business and industry representatives, no later than June 30, 1995, for the purpose of reviewing economic development strategies in the state and making recommendations in that regard. Existing law requires that, in each succeeding 2-year cycle, the secretary shall undertake this process anew, so as to update the economic strategy on or before June 30 of each succeeding 2nd year.

This bill would, instead, require that the plan be prepared no later than December 31, 1995, and that the secretary update the economic strategy on or before October 31 of each succeeding 2nd year.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

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

SECTION 1. Section 15363.10 of the Government Code is amended to read:

15363.10. (a) The secretary shall lead the preparation of a California Economic Development Strategic Plan on or before December 31, 1995. In fulfilling this duty, the secretary shall do the following:

(1) Review the recommendations made by the California Economic Strategy Panel in their biennial economic development strategic plan document. This document shall make recommendations regarding an economic development strategic plan for the state, covering a two-year time period and containing a statement of economic goals for the state, a prioritized list identifying significant issues learned from economic development strategic plan panel meetings, proposals for legislation, regulations, and administrative reforms necessary to improve the business climate

and economy of the state, evaluation of the effectiveness of the state's economic development programs, a list of key industries in which the state shall focus its economic development efforts, and strategies to foster job growth and economic development covering all state agencies, offices, boards, and commissions that have economic development responsibilities.

(2) Convene a biennial economic strategy panel to provide recommendations regarding a California economic development strategic plan. This panel shall conduct meetings in Sacramento, all cities of the state with populations over 500,000, and in major cities of other regions of California as designated by the secretary. The secretary shall invite businesses, labor unions, organizations representing the interests of diverse ethnic and gender groups, local government leaders, academic economists and business professors, chambers of commerce and other business organizations, government agencies, and key industries to contribute to the preparation of the recommended economic strategy. These meetings shall address at least the following matters of concern:

(A) Strengths and weaknesses of the California economy and the state's prospects for future economic prosperity.

(B) Emerging and declining industries in California and elsewhere.

(C) Effectiveness of California's economic development programs in creating and retaining jobs and attracting industries.

(D) Adequacy of state and local physical and economic infrastructure.

(E) Government impediments to economic development.

(b) The panel shall be composed of the following 15 members:

(1) The Secretary of the Trade and Commerce Agency, who shall serve as chair of the panel.

(2) Eight persons appointed by the Governor.

(3) The Speaker of the Assembly or his or her designee.

(4) The President pro Tempore of the Senate or his or her designee.

(5) The Minority Leader of the Assembly or his or her designee.

(6) The Minority Leader of the Senate or his or her designee.

(7) One person appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.

(8) One person appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules.

(c) The panel shall be representative of state government, business, labor, finance, and academic institutions, and shall be broadly reflective of the state's population as to gender, ethnicity, and geographic residence within California.

At least one-half of all the persons on the panel shall be from the private sector and at least two appointments shall be from private businesses with less than 50 employees. At least two appointments shall be from rural areas of the state. Appointments to the panel shall



expire at the end of the two-year planning horizon of the economic development strategy.

(d) The secretary shall deliver copies of the economic strategy panel's recommended California economic development strategic plan to every constitutional officer, legislator, member of the Governor's cabinet, members of the economic development strategic plan panel, and every state agency, office, board, and commission having economic development responsibilities.

(e) In each succeeding two-year cycle, the secretary shall undertake this process anew, so as to update the economic strategy on or before October 31 of each succeeding second year.

(f) The secretary shall submit, notwithstanding Section 7550.5, an interim report to the Governor and the Legislature and the California public on or before September 1, 1994, that shall include a statement of what will be addressed in the final recommendation of the panel.

SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

In order that the preparation deadline for the California Economic Development Strategic Plan required by Section 15363.10 of the Government Code may be modified at the earliest possible time, it is necessary that this act take effect immediately.

