

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 22, 1996

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 50

**Introduced by Senators Costa, Beverly, Craven, Hughes,
~~Kelley, Kopp, Lockyer, Monteith, O'Connell, and Solis~~
Johnston, Kelley, Kopp, Lockyer, Monteith, O'Connell,
Solis, and Wright**

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Battin, Brown, *Bustamante*,
Cortese, Gallegos, Granlund, Harvey, Hauser, ~~Willard~~
~~Murray, Olberg, and Villaraigosa~~ *House, Knox, Machado,*
McPherson, Willard Murray, Olberg, Setencich,
Villaraigosa, and Woods)

February 13, 1996

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 50—Relative to food products.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 50, as amended, Costa. Food products: purchase by tax supported state institutions.

This measure would encourage tax supported schools and other public institutions to examine the price of domestic food products prior to examining the price of nondomestic food products when making purchasing decisions, and when economically feasible, to buy California food products.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, California's economy has suffered from a
- 2 prolonged recession, exacerbated by base closures and
- 3 natural disasters; and

1 WHEREAS, California agriculture has been a bright
2 light for the state’s economy, growing to a ~~\$19.9~~ \$20.1
3 billion industry that generates more than \$70 billion in
4 related economic activity; and

5 WHEREAS, Agriculture supports nearly 10 percent of
6 all jobs in California; and

7 WHEREAS, Farmers and ranchers in California
8 produce an abundant supply of safe, nutritious food
9 products at reasonable prices; and

10 WHEREAS, Annual food purchases by the State of
11 California totaled nearly \$84.6 million in the 1994-95 fiscal
12 year; and

13 WHEREAS, Public Law 100-237, enacted January 8,
14 1988, requires school authorities that receive federal
15 funds to purchase, whenever possible, only food products
16 that are produced in the United States; and

17 *WHEREAS, California grown and processed foods*
18 *comply with very specific, highly-protective federal and*
19 *state sanitation and safety standards; and*

20 WHEREAS, It is appropriate to support local
21 economies and the jobs dependent upon them; now
22 therefore, be it

23 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the*
24 *Assembly thereof concurring, That when making*
25 *purchasing decisions, tax supported schools in this state*
26 *are encouraged to develop a policy that examines the*
27 *price of domestic food products prior to examining the*
28 *price of nondomestic food products, in order to be*
29 *consistent with Public Law 100-237; and be it further*

30 *Resolved, That it is also appropriate to encourage other*
31 *tax supported public institutions to develop a policy of*
32 *examining the price of domestic food products prior to*
33 *examining the price of nondomestic food products in*
34 *making purchasing decisions; and be it further*

35 *Resolved, That when it is economically feasible to do so,*
36 *tax supported state institutions are encouraged to buy*
37 *California food products.*

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