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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1997–98 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1671**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Keeley**

January 14, 1998

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~~An act to amend Sections 7550.5, 63041, 63042, and 65040.1 of, and to repeal Article 5 (commencing with Section 65041) of Chapter 1.5 of Division 1 of Title 7 of, the Government Code, to amend Sections 5096.88 and 6370.1 of, to amend the heading of Division 13.5 (commencing with Section 21190) of, to add a chapter heading immediately preceding Section 21190 of, and to add Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 21200) to Division 13.5 of, the Public Resources Code, relating to the environment. An act relating to fish and game, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1671, as amended, Keeley. ~~State Environmental Goals and Policy Report~~ *Fish and Game Preservation Fund: appropriation.*

*(1) Existing law continuously appropriates money in the Fish and Game Preservation Fund to the Department of Fish and Game to pay all necessary expenses incurred in carrying out the Fish and Game Code and any other law for the protection and preservation of birds, mammals, reptiles, and*

fish. Moneys are deposited in the account from, among other sources, revenues collected by the department from license fees and commercial fishing landing taxes.

This bill would transfer \$7,000,000 from the General Fund to the Fish and Game Preservation Fund, thereby making an appropriation.

(2) The bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

~~Existing law requires the Governor to prepare and thereafter maintain, regularly review, and revise a comprehensive State Environmental Goals and Policy Report.~~

~~This bill would, instead, require that report to be prepared and thereafter to be maintained, regularly reviewed, and revised by the Secretary of the Resources Agency. This bill would also recodify those provisions in the Public Resources Code and make conforming changes.~~

Vote: majority <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>. Appropriation: ~~no~~ yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

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

1 ~~SECTION 1.~~ Section 7550.5 of the Government Code

2 *SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of*  
3 *the following:*

4 (a) *El Niño climatic conditions in 1997 and 1998 caused*  
5 *a collapse of the squid fishery and depressed other*  
6 *fisheries, and as a result, landing taxes paid to the*  
7 *Department of Fish and Game from commercial fisheries*  
8 *plummeted by more than one million dollars (\$1,000,000)*  
9 *in 1998.*

10 (b) *Extreme El Niño climatic conditions dramatically*  
11 *delayed or reduced sport fishing opportunities across the*  
12 *state, and as a result, sport fishing license fees paid to the*  
13 *department plummeted by more than six million dollars*  
14 *(\$6,000,000) in 1998.*

15 (c) *The department depends on these commercial*  
16 *and sport fishing taxes and fees to fund base programs,*  
17 *including fishing and hunting programs.*



1 SEC. 2. *The sum of seven million dollars (\$7,000,000)*  
2 *is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the Fish*  
3 *and Game Preservation Fund.*

4 SEC. 3. *This act is an urgency statute necessary for the*  
5 *immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or*  
6 *safety within the meaning of Article IV of the*  
7 *Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts*  
8 *constituting the necessity are:*

9 *In order to ensure that the Department of Fish and*  
10 *Game is able to adequately execute its statutory duties*  
11 *relating to fish and wildlife management and*  
12 *environmental review, it is necessary that this act take*  
13 *effect immediately.*

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16 **All matter omitted in this version of the**  
17 **bill appears in the bill as amended in the**  
18 **Assembly, April 13, 1998 (JR 11)**  
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