

**Introduced by Senators Thompson, Alpert, Karnette, and  
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Senate Joint Resolution No. 41—Relative to marine weather  
buoys.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SJR 41, as introduced, M. Thompson. Marine weather  
buoys.

This measure would memorialize the Congress to work  
together with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric  
Administration and the National Weather Service to enact  
legislation that would provide funding for the  
implementation of a permanent marine weather buoy system  
to protect marine safety, lives, and property, and to ensure  
that opportunities for marine economic and recreational  
activities are preserved.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The system of marine weather buoys off  
2 the West Coast of the United States provides accurate,  
3 timely, and localized information on sea surface and wind  
4 conditions; and

5 WHEREAS, The information on sea surface and wind  
6 conditions is critical to marine operations, including  
7 commercial and recreational fishing, recreational  
8 boating, tug and barge traffic, and marine shipping; and

1 WHEREAS, The information on sea surface and wind  
2 conditions is invaluable to the timely and effective  
3 containment and remediation of offshore oil spills; and

4 WHEREAS, The loss of information from marine  
5 weather buoys has increased the danger of marine  
6 operations; and

7 WHEREAS, Both the Congress and the President have  
8 indicated concern and support for improved safety at sea  
9 through the passage of the Fishing Vessel Safety Act and  
10 other measures; and

11 WHEREAS, Despite federal support for marine safety,  
12 federal funding for the operation and replacement of  
13 marine weather buoys has been reduced or, in some cases,  
14 eliminated; now, therefore, be it

15 *Resolved by the Senate and Assembly of the State of*  
16 *California, jointly,* That Congress is hereby  
17 memorialized to work together with the National  
18 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the  
19 National Weather Service to enact legislation that would  
20 provide funding for the implementation of a permanent  
21 marine weather buoy system to protect marine safety,  
22 lives, and property, and to ensure that opportunities for  
23 marine economic and recreational activities are  
24 preserved; and be it further

25 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit  
26 copies of this resolution to the President and  
27 Vice-President of the United States, the President pro  
28 Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of  
29 Representatives, and each Senator and Representative  
30 from California in the Congress of the United States, the  
31 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and  
32 the National Weather Service.

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