

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 15

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 85

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 15—Relative to state employee merit awards.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 15, Ortiz. State employee merit awards.

This measure would request that additional merit award payments, authorized by the Department of Personnel Administration, be made to specified individuals whose proposals have resulted in annual savings and net revenue gain to the state.

WHEREAS, An award of \$5,000 has already been made to Margaret J. Griffin, California Department of Aging, for a proposal resulting in increased savings of \$282,000, recommending amending a waiver for Special Services, a multipurpose senior services program provided to frail seniors. The Case Management Administration and Waived Services were matched with equal amounts of General Fund money and reimbursed 50 percent from the federal government. Special Services were not eligible. Redefining and using a 50-50 match formula for Special Services provides an equal amount of federal money, resulting in a net increase to the program; and

WHEREAS, An award of \$5,000 has already been made to Scott R. Sweet, Department of Corrections, for a proposal resulting in annual savings of \$212,000, recommending developing a simulation model to run on a personal computer that replaces the department's existing mainframe simulation program. This program provides updates and parole population projections, eliminates running projections on the mainframe at Teale Data Center, and improves error detection; and

WHEREAS, An award of \$5,000 has already been made to Robert E. Salon, Employment Development Department, for a proposal resulting in annual savings of \$943,085, recommending revising a Quarterly Contribution Return Form DE 3, by adding a penalty and interest (P&I) computation section for voluntary payments. Nearly all employers are required to file quarterly returns each quarter. In 1995, because of legislation (AB 3086), reporting requirements were revised for California employers, eliminating the DE 3 form with a replaced, Quarterly Wage Report Form DE 6 and Deposit Coupon Form DE 88. As an alternative solution, revisions suggested by Mr. Salon were made on a Deposit Coupon Form DE 88 for employees to use whenever they were making any payments along with the

required deposits of disability insurance and personal income tax; and

WHEREAS, An award of \$5,000 has already been made to David A. McCoy, Employment Development Department, for a proposal resulting in annual savings of \$56,584, recommending purchasing a CD ROM for processing automated searches and displaying address information at authorization centers, field offices, and outstations. This phone disc software would lower staff hours processing the File Payment Time Lap and Unemployment Insurance Claims, and would eliminate using directories to manually look up employer addresses or sending the claims back to the claimant when the address information was omitted; and

WHEREAS, An award of \$5,000 has already been made to Larry V. Herrback, California State Lottery, for a proposal resulting in a 10 percent versus 5 percent annual savings of \$116,519, recommending developing a new base for the Lottery Playcenters to accommodate handicapped playcenters. This new base has a writing surface of 18 inches to 24 inches from the ground and enables a wheelchair-bound individual to fill out a playslip; and

WHEREAS, An award of \$5,000 has already been made to Jack L. Smith, Department of Transportation, for a proposal resulting in a savings of \$76,874, recommending replacing a Status Display Map of Los Angeles with a computer-generated graphic display system. This new software prepares different maps and graphs and eliminates all existing equipment, 1,800 lights and circuit boards, and the need for three engineers to operate the system; and

WHEREAS, These employees' proposals have resulted in actual savings of \$1,587,062; and

WHEREAS, As a result of these savings and increased revenue, it is unnecessary to appropriate additional funds for payment of awards to these employees; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby declares that the following additional awards, authorized by the Department of Personnel Administration, are hereby made as follows to the employees named:

Margaret J. Griffin	\$ 9,100
Larry V. Herrback	\$ 826
David A. McCoy	\$ 658
Robert E. Salon	\$42,154
Jack L. Smith	\$ 2,687
Scott R. Sweet	\$16,200; and be it further



RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the Controller and the Department of Personnel Administration.

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