

Introduced by Senator Ortiz
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Steinberg)

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An act to add Section 41865.5 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to air quality.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1186, as introduced, Ortiz. Rice straw.

Existing law, the Connelly-Areias-Chandler Rice Straw Burning Reduction Act, among other things, required the State Air Resources Board and the Department of Consumer Affairs, on or before September 1, 1992, to establish an advisory committee to develop a list of priority goals for the development of alternative uses of rice straw for the purpose of developing feasible and cost-effective alternatives to rice straw burning.

This bill would require the Department of Food and Agriculture, on or before January 1, 2001, in cooperation with specified others, to prepare and submit to the Legislature recommendations for ensuring consistency and predictability in the supply of rice straw for cost-effective uses, as provided.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 41865.5 is added to the Health
2 and Safety Code, to read:

1 41865.5. Notwithstanding Section 7550.5 of the
2 Government Code, on or before January 1, 2001, the
3 Department of Food and Agriculture, in cooperation
4 with the State Energy Resources Conservation and
5 Development Commission, the California Integrated
6 Waste Management Board, and the State Air Resources
7 Board, shall prepare and submit to the Legislature
8 recommendations for ensuring consistency and
9 predictability in the supply of rice straw for cost-effective
10 uses, including, but not limited to, recommendations for
11 methods of harvesting, storing, and distributing rice
12 straw for off-field uses. Off-field uses may include, but are
13 not limited to, the production of energy and fuels,
14 construction materials, pulp and paper, and livestock
15 feed.

