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SENATE BILL

No. 1186

Introduced by Senator Ortiz
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Steinberg)

February 26, 1999

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1186, as amended, Ortiz. Rice straw.

(1) 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 *State Air Resources Board*, in consultation with the Department of Food and Agriculture, on or before January 1, 2001, and 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.

(2) This bill would provide that specified funds appropriated pursuant to the Budget Act of 1998 to the state board for purposes of developing rice straw demonstration

projects, which were not encumbered or otherwise expended during the 1998 fiscal year, shall be available for encumbrance by the state board during the 1999–2000 fiscal year *for purposes of the rice straw demonstration project.*

Vote: ²/₃. Appropriation: yes. 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:

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

19 SEC. 2. Notwithstanding subdivision (a) of Section
20 2.00 of the Budget Act of 1998 (Ch. 324, Stats. 1998) or any
21 other provision of law, the funds appropriated for support
22 of the State Air Resources Board pursuant to Item
23 3900-001-0489 of Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 1998
24 that were not encumbered or otherwise expended during
25 the 1998–99 fiscal year shall be available for encumbrance
26 by the state board during the 1999–2000 fiscal year *for*
27 *purposes of the rice straw demonstration project*
28 *established by Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section*



1 39750) of Part 2 of Division 26 of the Health and Safety
2 Code.

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