

**Senate Bill No. 1186**

CHAPTER 640

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

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1186, 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.

Appropriation: yes.

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

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

41865.5. Notwithstanding Section 7550.5 of the Government Code, on or before January 1, 2001, the State Air Resources Board, in consultation with the Department of Food and Agriculture, and in cooperation with the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission and the California Integrated Waste Management Board, shall prepare and submit to the Legislature recommendations for ensuring consistency and predictability in the supply of rice straw for cost-effective uses, including, but not limited



to, recommendations for methods of harvesting, storing, and distributing rice straw for off-field uses. Off-field uses may include, but are not limited to, the production of energy and fuels, construction materials, pulp and paper, and livestock feed.

SEC. 2. Notwithstanding subdivision (a) of Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 1998 (Ch. 324, Stats. 1998) or any other provision of law, the funds appropriated for support of the State Air Resources Board pursuant to Item 3900-001-0489 of Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 1998 that were not encumbered or otherwise expended during the 1998–99 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 established by Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 39750) of Part 2 of Division 26 of the Health and Safety Code.

