

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 77

Introduced by Assembly Member Swanson

May 28, 2009

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 77—Relative to the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 77, as introduced, Swanson. California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: implementation.

This measure would urge the State Air Resources Board to meet the statutory requirements of the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 by ensuring that its analysis of specified emission reduction measures include prescribed components.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, The State of California is leading the nation in
2 developing a carbon emission reduction program pursuant to the
3 California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (the act), a law
4 designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the state by 30
5 percent by the year 2020, encourage new technology and
6 environmental innovation, and create high-quality jobs that will
7 support California's families; and
8 WHEREAS, It is the intent of the Legislature that the State Air
9 Resources Board design emission reduction measures to meet
10 statewide emission limits for greenhouse gases established pursuant
11 to the act in a manner that minimizes costs and maximizes benefits
12 for California's economy; and

1 WHEREAS, The economic well-being of the California
2 economy is closely aligned with the well-being of the workforce
3 and the employment opportunities available to California's
4 workers; and

5 WHEREAS, California's unemployment rate was 10.5 percent
6 as of February 2009, the highest in over 25 years; and

7 WHEREAS, Fifty thousand manufacturing jobs were lost in
8 California in 2008, and more than 442,000 manufacturing jobs
9 have been lost from 2000 to 2008, inclusive; and

10 WHEREAS, The number of small businesses with employees
11 has decreased by 400,000 in recent years; and

12 WHEREAS, Retaining and creating good jobs with middle-class
13 wages and benefits should be an essential element of the act; and

14 WHEREAS, The draft scoping plan prepared in connection with
15 the act acknowledges that certain job sectors will experience a
16 reduction in workforce and, therefore, will create hardship for the
17 workers currently employed in those industries; and

18 WHEREAS, The implementation of the act may likely increase
19 California's demand for new, advanced, and green technologies,
20 but California may not enjoy a comparative advantage in the
21 production of those technologies; and

22 WHEREAS, The state has the economic and societal
23 responsibility to ensure that an adequate workforce exists to meet
24 the needs of the emerging green economy; and

25 WHEREAS, The state has the responsibility to ensure that
26 training for displaced workers will be part of the overall plan for
27 retooling the California economy; and

28 WHEREAS, Current economic conditions require extreme
29 caution in implementing new regulations that may further hamper
30 job creation and the state's economic recovery; and

31 WHEREAS, Drafting of legislation and other policy initiatives
32 required under the act and pursuant to the scoping plan adopted
33 by the State Air Resources Board in December 2008 has already
34 commenced; now, therefore, be it

35 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
36 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature of California joins
37 California's workers and their families in urging the State Air
38 Resources Board to meet the statutory requirements of the act for
39 the preparation of the best available economic analysis by ensuring

1 that its analysis of the emission reduction measures as proposed
2 in the scoping plan and related rulemaking includes the following:

3 (a) An analysis of the projected employment impacts of the
4 proposed measures by sector in each of the years leading up to
5 2020 and beyond that specifies, in particular, the potential for green
6 collar jobs to be located in California or outside California.

7 (b) Identification of the types of jobs that will be created in
8 California, the industry sectors for which the jobs will be created,
9 and the wage and benefit levels expected for those workers.

10 (c) Identification of the types of jobs that may be lost in
11 California and the industry sectors in which the jobs may be lost.

12 (d) A plan for providing California workers a training program
13 for new green technology jobs that are different from the traditional
14 jobs in energy, transportation, and construction; and be it further

15 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
16 of this resolution to the State Air Resources Board and to the author
17 for appropriate distribution.