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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 77

Introduced by Assembly Member Swanson

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 77, as amended, 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

13 WHEREAS, The economic well-being of the California
14 economy is closely aligned with the well-being of the workforce
15 and the employment opportunities available to California's
16 workers; and

17 WHEREAS, California's unemployment rate was 11.5 percent
18 as of May 2009, the highest in over 25 years; and

19 WHEREAS, Fifty thousand manufacturing jobs were lost in
20 California in 2008, and more than 442,000 manufacturing jobs
21 have been lost from 2000 to 2008, inclusive; and

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

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

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

30 WHEREAS, The implementation of the act may likely increase
31 California's demand for new, advanced, and green technologies,
32 but California may not enjoy a comparative advantage in the
33 production of those technologies; and

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

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

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

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

11 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
12 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature of California joins
13 California's workers and their families in urging the State Air
14 Resources Board to meet the statutory requirements of the act for
15 the preparation of the best available economic analysis by ensuring
16 that its analysis of the emission reduction measures as proposed
17 in the scoping plan and related rulemaking includes the following:

18 (a) An analysis of the projected employment impacts of the
19 proposed measures by sector in each of the years leading up to
20 2020 and beyond that specifies, in particular, the potential for green
21 collar jobs to be located in California or outside California.

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

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

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

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