

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 178

Introduced by Assembly Member Niello

June 28, 2010

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 178—Relative to state employee merit awards.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 178, as introduced, Niello. State employee merit awards.

This measure would declare that merit award payments in specified amounts, authorized by the Department of Personnel Administration, are made to specified current or retired state employees whose proposals have resulted in annual savings and net revenue gain to the state.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, Section 19823 of the Government Code authorizes
2 the Department of Personnel Administration to make awards to
3 current or retired state employees who propose procedures or ideas
4 that are subsequently adopted and placed in effect and result in
5 eliminating or reducing state expenditures or improving state
6 operations; and

7 WHEREAS, Any award granted under Section 19823 of the
8 Government Code in excess of \$5,000 must be approved by
9 concurrent resolution of the Legislature; and

10 WHEREAS, Lorraine Plummer of the California Department
11 of Corrections and Rehabilitation designed an electronic medical
12 billing system to automatically calculate discounts for standardized
13 health services as allocated by the California Medical Fee Schedule,
14 which resulted in a first-year savings of \$76,615; and

1 WHEREAS, Randy Villarreal of the California Department of
2 Food and Agriculture suggested that all marketed cotton in the
3 San Joaquin Quality Cotton District carry the State Seed Code in
4 lieu of bale and module tags, saving printing costs of the tags; the
5 need for a state vehicle; and salaries and benefits for a Biologist,
6 an Agricultural Technician II, and two Agricultural Aides, which
7 resulted in a first-year savings of \$126,547; and

8 WHEREAS, Shirley Pertle of the Employment Development
9 Department suggested automating the mailing process at the Work
10 Opportunity Tax Credit processing center, resulting in reduced
11 postage rates and decreased overtime which resulted in a first-year
12 savings of \$139,468; and

13 WHEREAS, John Yessen and Eric Zimmerman of the California
14 Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation suggested using a
15 folding and inserting machine to prepare outgoing correspondence
16 mail from the Office of Selection and Standards which processes
17 Correctional Officer applications and secured a state surplus
18 machine, at no cost to the department, as an alternative to
19 purchasing a new machine, resulting in reduced workload volume,
20 reduced staff hours, and elimination of the need to hire an outside
21 agency for mass mailings, which resulted in a first-year savings
22 of \$164,433; and

23 WHEREAS, The savings generated by implementation of these
24 suggestions will continue to be realized on an annual basis; and

25 WHEREAS, As a result of actual savings generated from the
26 implementation of these suggestions, it is unnecessary to
27 appropriate additional funds for payment of awards to these
28 employees; now, therefore, be it

29 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
30 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature of the State of California
31 hereby declares that merit award payments, authorized by the
32 five-member Merit Award Board and the Department of Personnel
33 Administration, are hereby made in amounts up to and including
34 10 percent of the first-year savings generated by each suggestion,
35 as follows:

- 36 (a) To Lorraine Plummer in the amount of \$2,662.
37 (b) To Randy Villarreal in the amount of \$7,547.
38 (c) To Shirley Pertle in the amount of \$8,947.
39 (d) To John Yessen and Eric Zimmerman in the amount of
40 \$11,433, to be shared equally; and be it further

1 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
2 of this resolution to the Controller and the Department of Personnel
3 Administration.

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