

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 310

Introduced by Assembly Member Price

February 17, 2009

An act relating to employment.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 310, as introduced, Price. Employment: California Green Workforce Partnership Demonstration Program.

Existing law declares that it is the policy and responsibility of the state to foster and promote growth in employment, productivity, income, and purchasing power.

This bill would declare the Legislature's intent to establish a 3-year pilot program, known as the California Green Workforce Partnership Demonstration Program, to develop workers for employment in green industries and environmentally sustainable business activities.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature to establish
- 2 a three-year pilot program, known as the California Green
- 3 Workforce Partnership Demonstration Program, to develop workers
- 4 for employment in green industries and in environmentally
- 5 sustainable business activities.
- 6 (b) The program shall invest program resources for the following
- 7 purposes:

1 (1) To conduct green-focused labor market and economic
2 research.

3 (2) To develop workers for green industries by providing them
4 with the knowledge, skills, and abilities required for
5 environmentally sustainable workplace activities, clean technology
6 innovation, and deployment of clean and renewable energy
7 technologies in businesses, industries, and communities in this
8 state.

9 (c) The program may provide, procure, fund, or arrange for
10 workforce investment strategies in environmentally sustainable
11 industries.

12 (d) The program shall establish criteria to measure progress in
13 achieving objectives, and this criteria shall be used to evaluate
14 other programs having similar objectives.