

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1202

Introduced by Assembly Member Anderson

February 27, 2009

An act to amend Section 577 of the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to pest control.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1202, as introduced, Anderson. University of California Center for Pest Research.

Existing law provides for various research programs for pest control and eradication and for their funding, including the University of California Pest Research Act of 1990, under which the Regents of the University of California are requested to establish the University of California Center for Pest Research to review and prioritize pest-related research conducted through the university, to award pest research funds, to develop a list of recommended pest management research priorities, and to prepare an annual report relating to the activities of the center for submittal to the Legislature.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

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. Section 577 of the Food and Agricultural Code
- 2 is amended to read:
- 3 577. (a) The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

1 ~~(a)~~

2 (1) There is a need to develop and apply ecologically based pest
3 management alternatives that are environmentally sound to prevent,
4 control, and eradicate pests.

5 ~~(b)~~

6 (2) The continuation of pest control technology in agriculture
7 which relies primarily on synthetic chemicals may be impractical,
8 given the dwindling number of newly registered chemicals,
9 increasing resistance of numerous pests to pesticides, public
10 concern about pesticide residues, and potential threats posed to
11 environmental quality and human health.

12 ~~(c)~~

13 (3) To be adequately prepared for existing and new infestations
14 of agricultural pests, California needs to have a means of
15 coordinating and evaluating long-term basic and applied pest
16 research, including the impact of prevention, control, and
17 eradication efforts upon public health and the environment.

18 ~~(d)~~

19 (4) The state should facilitate, promote, and support
20 collaborative pest research programs and projects by its agencies,
21 public and private universities, the federal government, and the
22 agricultural industry that work toward developing environmentally
23 sound, ecologically based pest management techniques.

24 ~~(e)~~

25 (5) In order to strengthen pest prevention, control, and
26 eradication efforts, it is the intent of the Legislature that an
27 administrative structure be created within the University of
28 California which, in cooperation with California's public and
29 private universities, the state, the agricultural industry, and persons
30 experienced with environmentally sound, ecologically based pest
31 management alternatives, advances pest research and formulates
32 innovative solutions that better safeguard the environment and
33 public health.

34 ~~Toward~~

35 (b) (1) *Toward* these ends, the Legislature requests that the
36 Regents of the University of California establish a pest research
37 center which will review and prioritize pest-related research
38 activities conducted through the university.~~It~~

1 (2) *It* is the intent of the Legislature that University of California
2 programs engaged in pest research shall, when applicable, follow
3 the research priorities established by the center. ~~The~~

4 (3) *The* center is encouraged to develop research priorities in
5 cooperation with other public and private universities and with
6 state, federal, and county agencies, including, but not limited to,
7 the Department of Food and Agriculture, State Department of
8 Health Services, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection,
9 county agricultural commissioners, United States Department of
10 Agriculture, National Science Foundation, National Institutes of
11 Health, and the agricultural industry, and with environmental and
12 public and occupational health groups.