

**Assembly Joint Resolution No. 46**

**RESOLUTION CHAPTER 144**

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 46—Relative to protecting San Diego jobs.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 46, Block. Operation San Diego.

This measure would support the advocacy efforts of “Operation San Diego” to promote to Congress and the President the importance of military spending in the San Diego region and its impact on the economy and to advocate the importance of maintaining strong, continued military spending in the San Diego region.

WHEREAS, The San Diego region has a long, rich history pronounced by a strong military presence; and

WHEREAS, The military bases in the San Diego region representing distinct branches of the Armed Forces and the accompanying military personnel have contributed to the vibrancy and economic well-being of the region; and

WHEREAS, The presence of the military is part of the economic foundation of the San Diego region and dates back to its origins; and

WHEREAS, The military has served as a cornerstone of the economic engine for the San Diego region in terms of jobs, industry, and innovation, and accounts for more than 25 percent of the region’s entire economy with more than 311,000 jobs tied to defense spending; and

WHEREAS, The federal Budget Control Act of 2011 directed automatic cuts totaling \$1.2 trillion and provided for a “sequestration” process to take place beginning January 2, 2013, unless Congress acts; and

WHEREAS, The sequestration process will take place over 10 years and will amount to \$500 billion in cuts to the United States Department of Defense; and

WHEREAS, The San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation estimates that 31,000 jobs in the San Diego region could be lost as a result of cuts to the United States Department of Defense budget unless a legislative alternative to sequestration is adopted; and

WHEREAS, These cuts and immediate job losses will have long-range effects, including decreased consumer spending due to new economic uncertainty, loss of research and development investment in innovative technologies in San Diego and the state, and added disruption to the United States economy at a critical point in our economic recovery at all levels; and

WHEREAS, These cuts and immediate job losses will severely impact the San Diego region's struggling economy; and

WHEREAS, The San Diego Military Advisory Council's 2012 Economic Impact Study by the Fermanian Business and Economic Institute at Point Loma Nazarene University states that "Defense-related activities and spending will generate \$32 billion of gross regional product (GRP) for San Diego County in fiscal year 2012," and "Each defense-related dollar entering San Diego generates additional jobs, income, and output as orders feed through the supply chain and workers employed throughout that chain spend some of their resulting incomes on the region's goods and services"; and

WHEREAS, The San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation, CONNECT, the San Diego Military Advisory Council, and other local business and military groups have formed "Operation San Diego" to highlight the potential impacts of the United States Department of Defense spending cuts and to develop and sustain a comprehensive regionwide strategy to protect and grow the San Diego region's military assets; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor of San Diego and the San Diego City Council have joined efforts with Operation San Diego opposing automatic cuts to defense spending and are urging Congress and the President to adopt an alternative plan; now, therefore, be it further

*Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of California, jointly,* That the Legislature fully supports the advocacy efforts of Operation San Diego to promote to Congress and the President the importance of military spending in the San Diego region and its impact on the economy and to advocate the importance of maintaining strong, continued military spending in the San Diego region; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Legislature urges Congress and the President to adopt an alternative plan to sequestration that will preserve and grow the San Diego region's military assets; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States, and to the author for appropriate distribution.