

Introduced by Senator Harman
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Senate Joint Resolution No. 25—Relative to Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SJR 25, as introduced, Harman. The Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base.

This measure would urge the California delegates of Congress to protect the Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base during any upcoming base realignment and closure processes.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, United States Secretary of Defense, Leon Panetta,
2 recently released the 2013 fiscal year defense budget proposal
3 which includes a request for new base closures; and
4 WHEREAS, The Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base might
5 be under consideration for closure in the 2013 or 2015 closure
6 periods; and
7 WHEREAS, The mission of the Los Alamitos Joint Forces
8 Training Base is to operate a military installation and airfield which
9 provides support and training facilities for military units, and other
10 federal, state, and local organizations to include in emergency
11 operations; and
12 WHEREAS, The Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base
13 includes the Alamitos Army Airfield, the largest Army airfield
14 operated by the National Guard in the country; and

1 WHEREAS, The Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base is
2 home to the sole remaining military airfield in the greater Los
3 Angeles and Orange County area; and

4 WHEREAS, The Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base is
5 the disaster support area for southern California, a homeland
6 security assembly platform and emergency preparedness site; and

7 WHEREAS, The Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base is
8 also headquarters to units of the California National Guard's 40th
9 Infantry Division and houses other guard and reserve commands;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, The Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base
12 provides 700 civilians, military personnel, and contractors with
13 work on base at all times; and

14 WHEREAS, Those 700 men and women's impact on the local,
15 regional, and state economies is immeasurable; and

16 WHEREAS, When reserve-component units are mobilized,
17 more than 3,000 people, both military and civilian, report for duty
18 at the Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base; and

19 WHEREAS, The Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base has
20 numerous nonmilitary tenants whose missions contribute to the
21 overall health, safety, and economic vitality of the greater Los
22 Alamitos region, Orange County, and Los Angeles County and
23 includes the California Emergency Management Agency's
24 Southern California Regional Headquarters; and

25 WHEREAS, Another base closure in California could have a
26 devastating impact on the nation's security; and

27 WHEREAS, The impact of the closure in the Los Alamitos Joint
28 Forces Training Base goes beyond the employment of the base
29 personnel, impacting small local businesses, schools, sales and
30 property tax bases of the local community, the environment, the
31 hospitality industry, the housing market, and the local, regional,
32 and state economies; now, therefore, be it

33 *Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of*
34 *California, jointly*, That the Legislature urges the representatives
35 from California to the Congress of the United States to protect the
36 Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base during any upcoming
37 base realignment and closure processes; and be it further

38 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
39 this resolution to the Secretary of Defense of the United States, to
40 the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader

- 1 of the Senate, to the minority leader of each house, to each Senator
- 2 and Representative from California in the Congress of the United
- 3 States and to the author for appropriate distribution.

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