

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1647

Introduced by Assembly Member Bigelow

February 11, 2014

An act to amend Section 19620 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to the Fair and Exposition Fund.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1647, as introduced, Bigelow. Fair and Exposition Fund.

Under existing law, the Department of Food and Agriculture is responsible for ensuring the integrity of the Fair and Exposition Fund, administering allocations from the fund, and providing oversight of activities at each California fair.

This bill would make a nonsubstantive change 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 19620 of the Business and Professions
2 Code is amended to read:
3 19620. (a) The Legislature finds and declares that the
4 Department of Food and Agriculture is responsible for ensuring
5 the integrity of the Fair and Exposition Fund, administering
6 allocations from the fund to the network of California fairs, as
7 defined in Sections 19418 to 19418.3, inclusive, and providing
8 oversight of activities carried out by each California fair.
9 (b) Oversight shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
10 (1) Monitoring the solvency of the Fair and Exposition Fund.

1 (2) Distributing available state resources to the network of
2 California fairs based on criteria for state allocations approved by
3 the Secretary of Food and Agriculture. The criteria for the
4 distribution of available state resources to the network of California
5 fairs shall not include a consideration of the structure that governs
6 the fair.

7 (3) Creating a framework for *the* administration of the network
8 of California fairs allowing for maximum autonomy and local
9 decisionmaking authority, and conducting, or causing to be
10 conducted, annual fiscal audits and periodic compliance audits.

11 (4) Conducting fiscal and performance audits of county fairs
12 and citrus fruit fairs that are requested by the fair that is the subject
13 of the audit, and that the Department of Food and Agriculture
14 deems to be necessary.

15 (5) Guiding and providing incentives to fairs to seek matching
16 funds and generate new revenue from a variety of sources.

17 (6) Supporting continuous improvement of fair programming
18 to ensure that California fairs remain highly relevant community
19 institutions.