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Thursday, May 12, 2016  
8:50 AM  
State Capitol, Room 3162

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# Memo

**To:** Rules Committee Members  
**From:** Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant  
**Date:** 5/11/2016  
**Re:** Consent Bill Referrals

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Since you received your preliminary list of bill referrals, ACR 184 was added.



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RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

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Assembly Bill No.

[SB 726](#)

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# Memo

**To:** Rules Committee Members  
**From:** Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant  
**Date:** 5/11/2016  
**Re:** Consent Bill Re-Referrals

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Since you received your preliminary list of bill re-referrals, there have been no changes.



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**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 179**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Cooley**

May 3, 2016

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 179—Relative to Foster Care Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 179, as introduced, Cooley. Foster Care Month.

This measure would declare the month of May 2016 as Foster Care Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, In California, there are approximately 66,250  
2 children and youth in foster care who need and deserve safe,  
3 permanent connections to loving adults, a stable home, and  
4 adequate preparation for a secure future; and

5 WHEREAS, The needs of children and youth for belonging and  
6 unconditional emotional commitment are best met in families; and

7 WHEREAS, Many California counties have successfully  
8 supported permanent family connections for foster youth, provided  
9 support for families at risk of entering the child welfare system,  
10 and changed practices to fully engage youth, family, and  
11 communities, thereby reducing the number of children in foster  
12 care; and

13 WHEREAS, California recognizes the enduring and valuable  
14 contribution of relatives and foster and adoptive parents who open  
15 their hearts, families, and homes to vulnerable children and youth;  
16 and

1 WHEREAS, California recognizes the numerous individuals  
2 and public and private organizations that work to ensure that the  
3 needs of children and youth living in, and leaving, foster care are  
4 met, that help provide foster and former foster children and youth  
5 with vital connections to their siblings, and that help launch young  
6 people into successful adulthood; and

7 WHEREAS, The federal Fostering Connections to Success and  
8 Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 offers opportunities to promote  
9 permanent families for children in foster care, improve outcomes  
10 for older youth in foster care, increase support for Native American  
11 foster children, improve the quality of staff working with youth  
12 in the child welfare system, expand our support of relative and  
13 adoptive caregivers, and assist older youth in securing meaningful  
14 supportive transitions from foster care; and

15 WHEREAS, This federal law affirms California's leadership  
16 and success in pioneering innovative child welfare approaches;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, California is engaged in continuum of care reform,  
19 which is a comprehensive approach to improving the experience  
20 and outcomes of children and youth in foster care by improving  
21 assessments of children and families to make more informed and  
22 appropriate initial placement decisions, emphasizing home-based  
23 family care placements of children, appropriately supporting these  
24 placements with available services, changing the goals for  
25 congregate, also known as group home, care placements, and  
26 increasing transparency and accountability for child outcomes;  
27 and

28 WHEREAS, California is committed to working in partnership  
29 with the federal government and local governments to improve  
30 the lives and futures of all children and youth touched by the child  
31 welfare system; now, therefore, be it

32 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
33 *thereof concurring, That the Legislature declares the month of*  
34 *May 2016 as Foster Care Month; and be it further resolved that*

35 *Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies*  
36 *of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.*

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Date of Hearing: May 12, 2016

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES

Richard S. Gordon, Chair

ACR 179 (Cooley) – As Introduced May 3, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Foster Care Month

**SUMMARY:** Declares the month of May 2016 as Foster Care Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) In California, there are approximately 66,250 children and youth in foster care who need and deserve safe, permanent connections to loving adults, a stable home, and adequate preparation for a secure future.
- 2) Many counties in California have successfully supported permanent family connections for foster youth, provided support for families at risk of entering the child welfare system, and changed practices to fully engage youth, family, and communities, thereby reducing the number of children in foster care.
- 3) The federal Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 offers opportunities to promote permanent families for children in foster care, improve outcomes for older youth in foster care, increase support for Native American foster children, improve the quality of staff working with youth in the child welfare system, expand our support of relative and adoptive caregivers, and assist older youth in securing meaningful supportive transitions from foster care.
- 4) California is committed to working in partnership with the federal government and local governments to improve the lives and futures of all children and youth touched by the child welfare system.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Nicole Willis / RLS. / (916) 319-2800



**House Resolution**

**No. 51**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Quirk**

May 2, 2016

House Resolution No. 51—Relative to Compost Awareness Week.

1 WHEREAS, Composting is an effective form of waste reduction,  
2 reuse, and recycling, and since organic materials make up  
3 approximately 30 percent of the material going to landfills,  
4 composting is becoming one of the primary methods communities  
5 use to reach waste diversion goals and create sustainable  
6 communities; and

7 WHEREAS, Chapter 719 of the Statutes of 2014 phased out  
8 diversion credits for organic alternative daily cover in landfills  
9 and Chapter 727 of the Statutes of 2014 statutorily mandated  
10 commercial recycling of organics; and

11 WHEREAS, Section 42649.87 of the Public Resources Code  
12 requires the California Environmental Protection Agency, in  
13 coordination with the Department of Resources Recycling and  
14 Recovery, the State Water Resources Control Board, the State Air  
15 Resources Board, and the Department of Food and Agriculture,  
16 to “develop and implement policies to aid in diverting organic  
17 waste from landfills by promoting the use of agricultural, forestry,  
18 and urban organic waste as a feedstock for composting and by  
19 promoting the appropriate use of that compost throughout the  
20 state”; and

21 WHEREAS, Materials, including yard trimmings, vegetable  
22 cuttings, biosolids, food scraps, manures, and hay shavings, have  
23 been composted and converted into a beneficial product known as  
24 compost; and

1 WHEREAS, Returning organic resources to the soil reduces  
2 water consumption by over 30 percent on all soil types, conserves  
3 water during extreme drought or flooding conditions, decreases  
4 dependence on chemical fertilizers and pesticides, and decreases  
5 erosion and nonpoint source pollution; and

6 WHEREAS, Composting is recognized by the State Air  
7 Resources Board as an important tool to sequester massive amounts  
8 of carbon in California's soils to help immediately reverse global  
9 warming; and

10 WHEREAS, Communities, through their local governments,  
11 highway departments, soil conservation services, and public works  
12 professionals, can have significant impact on clean water, soil,  
13 climate change, and landfill diversion by using compost for public  
14 works projects; and

15 WHEREAS, International Compost Awareness Week is a  
16 multimedia publicity and educational initiative to showcase  
17 compost production and demonstrate compost use; and

18 WHEREAS, Composting creates green jobs and infrastructure  
19 for cities and states that implement composting programs; and

20 WHEREAS, The United States Composting Council, Canada,  
21 and the United Kingdom have declared the first week of May to  
22 be the annual International Composting Awareness Week; and

23 WHEREAS, The Association of Compost Producers is the  
24 California State Chapter of the United States Composting Council  
25 and manages International Composting Awareness Week in  
26 California; and

27 WHEREAS, The theme of 2016, "Compost: the Soil and Water  
28 Connection," is a great way to get the message out regarding  
29 compost and its many benefits to communities and property  
30 owners; now, therefore, be it

31 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the  
32 week of May 1, 2016, through May 7, 2016, is hereby designated  
33 as Compost Awareness Week; and be it further

34 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
35 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 12, 2016

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Richard S. Gordon, Chair  
HR 51 (Quirk) – As Introduced May 2, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Compost Awareness Week

**SUMMARY:** Designates the week of May 1, 2016, through May 7, 2016, as Compost Awareness Week. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Composting is an effective form of waste reduction, reuse, and recycling, and since organic materials make up approximately 30 percent of the material going to landfills, composting is becoming one of the primary methods communities use to reach waste diversion goals and create sustainable communities.
- 2) Composting is recognized by the State Air Resources Board as an important tool to sequester massive amounts of carbon in California's soils to help immediately reverse global warming.
- 3) Communities, through their local governments, highway departments, soil conservation services, and public works professionals, can have significant impact on clean water, soil, climate change, and landfill diversion by using compost for public works projects.
- 4) Composting creates green jobs and infrastructure for cities and states that implement composting programs.
- 5) International Compost Awareness Week is a multimedia publicity and educational initiative to showcase compost production and demonstrate compost use.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

Association of Compost Producers  
Californians Against Waste

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Nicole Willis / RLS. / (916) 319-2800



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May 3, 2016

The Honorable Richard Gordon, Chair  
Assembly Rules Committee  
California State Assembly  
California State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Position: Support**

**Location: Assembly Rules Committee**

**RE: HR 51 (Quirk) Relative to Compost Awareness Week (As Introduced May 2, 2016)**

Dear Assemblymember Gordon,

The **Association of Compost Producers** (ACP) is a non-profit, 501(c)6, trade association of public and private organizations dedicated to increasing the quality, value and amount of compost being produced and used in California. We do this by promoting activities and regulations that build healthy soil, benefiting people and the environment.

The producers of compost in California heartily support House Resolution No. 51—Relative to Compost Awareness Week. For all of the reasons contained in HR 51 our business and municipal members and their customers and constituencies produce and use compost from the organic residuals that we all generate every day of the year. By returning these residuals back to the soil, we complete the cycle in our human economy, producing a valuable product that would otherwise be wasted. International Compost Awareness Week helps bring this central green business to the attention of all of us globally and in California, since we all participate in this renewable carbon cycle, with compost completing the cycle.

We thank Assemblymember Quirk for introducing HR 51, thereby underscoring the many environmental, economic and social benefits that compost will deliver to the state as outlined in this important resolution.

If you have any questions, please contact our legislative advocate, Kathryn Lynch, at 916-443-0202 or [lynch@lynchlobby.com](mailto:lynch@lynchlobby.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Noble", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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cc: Assembly Rules Committee  
Assemblymember Bill Quirk



# Californians Against Waste

Conserving Resources. Preventing Pollution. Protecting the Environment.

May 6, 2016

Assembly Member Richard Gordon, Chair  
Assembly Rules Committee  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
*Via fax (916) 319-2810*

## **Re: HR 51 (Quirk) Compost Awareness Week – Support**

Dear Assembly Member Gordon,

We urge your support of HR 51, which declares the week of May 1, 2016, through May 7, 2016 Compost Awareness Week. This resolution outlines the many important benefits of compost to the state's environment and economy.

As any home gardener can tell you, compost improves soil structure and texture, while allowing the soil to hold more moisture and prevent erosion. Using compost cuts irrigation demand by up to 30%, at a time we need it most. The organic materials provided in compost also stimulate healthy root development in plants and keeps the soil itself healthy through the microorganisms prevalent in compost. In addition, agricultural production uses the valuable nutrients in soils to grow crops, which are then transported to urban areas for sale. This creates an ongoing carbon deficit, with more and more natural carbon leaving the agricultural areas and ending up buried in landfills. Composting can help return this valuable material to the soil and feed the soil that feeds us.

When landfilled, organic materials break rot in anaerobic conditions and release methane, a greenhouse gas 28 times more potent than carbon dioxide. If all of California's food scraps were recycled, our landfill emissions would be cut by up to 3 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub>/year. In addition to the GHG benefit of avoided landfill emissions, the state Air Resources Board estimates that, when applied, the compost made from this material will reduce greenhouse gases by an additional 3.3 million tons per year because of increased carbon storage and decreased water use, soil erosion and fertilizer application.

In addition to greenhouse gases, landfills are also a significant source of water pollution and air emissions. Given that most of the other materials being landfilled are inert, this pollution comes mostly from the organic materials that are breaking down in the landfill. Moreover, a recent study by San Diego State University found that composting reduces naturally occurring VOC emissions by over 90%. When natural materials break down they release VOC emissions, but those same emissions in a compost pile get filtered through the compost before being emitted. This creates a natural "biofilter," similar to those used to control emissions at industrial facilities.

Composting also means business in California. Ton for ton, composting generates 4 times more jobs than landfilling the same material. It simply takes much more effort to make a quality soil amendment than to bury rotting food in a giant hole. CalRecycle estimates that recovering enough organic waste to meet the state's 75% goal will generate 14,000 new jobs by 2020.

Please support HR 51 when it is heard in committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "N. Lapis".

Nick Lapis  
Legislative Coordinator

cc      Members, Assembly Rules Committee  
         Assembly Member Bill Quirk

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**Introduced by Senator Leyva  
(Coauthors: Senators Beall, Mendoza, Pan, and Vidak)**

April 7, 2016

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 129—Relative to school librarians.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 129, as introduced, Leyva. School Librarians Month.

This bill would proclaim the month of April 2016 as School Librarians Month and would acknowledge the excellent work being done by credentialed teacher librarians and school library staff in all of California’s schools from primary grades to universities.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, With skills such as reading, writing, researching,  
2 critical thinking, and information literacy more important than  
3 ever to individual opportunity and global economic  
4 competitiveness, it is critical that California’s students are exposed  
5 to these 21st century learning skills through trained librarians at  
6 their school libraries; and  
7 WHEREAS, Information literacy is the ability to identify an  
8 information need, as well as locate, evaluate, and use information  
9 effectively and ethically; and  
10 WHEREAS, Because information literacy, digital literacy, and  
11 digital citizenship are mandated elements of public education, it  
12 is critical that school districts provide quality school libraries  
13 staffed with trained librarians to help students excel in these areas;  
14 and  
15 WHEREAS, The lack of a quality school library negatively  
16 affects all students but has the most significant impact on



1 socioeconomically disadvantaged students, English learners, and  
2 foster youth; and

3 WHEREAS, These negative impacts are exacerbated by the  
4 lack of equitable access to school libraries and trained librarians  
5 at schools with large percentages of socioeconomically  
6 disadvantaged students, English learners, and foster youth; and

7 WHEREAS, Research indicates that schools with a quality  
8 school library staffed by credentialed teacher librarians outperform  
9 those without such programs, regardless of the school community's  
10 parent education levels, poverty levels, ethnicity, or percentage of  
11 English learners; and

12 WHEREAS, Based on data from the State Department of  
13 Education, California ranks last in the nation in the number of  
14 credentialed teacher librarians with a ratio of 7,187 students to one  
15 teacher librarian; and

16 WHEREAS, School libraries provide a safe haven on campus  
17 for students during or after school, and it is vital that all students  
18 have the opportunity to discover and learn about issues and subjects  
19 that capture their interest; and

20 WHEREAS, Whereas the presence of a credentialed teacher  
21 librarian is integral to helping students find and pursue their  
22 passions through research materials and books that spark their  
23 interest; now, therefore, be it

24 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
25 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims the month of  
26 April 2016 as School Librarians Month and acknowledges the  
27 excellent work being done by credentialed teacher librarians and  
28 school library staff in all of California's schools from primary  
29 grades to universities; and be it further

30 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
31 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 12, 2016

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Richard S. Gordon, Chair  
SCR 129 (Leyva) – As Introduced April 7, 2016

**SENATE VOTE:** 39-0

**SUBJECT:** School Librarians Month

**SUMMARY:** Proclaims the month of April 2016 as School Librarians Month and would acknowledge the excellent work being done by credentialed teacher librarians and school library staff in all of California's schools from primary grades to universities. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) With skills such as reading, writing, researching, critical thinking, and information literacy more important than ever to individual opportunity and global economic competitiveness, it is critical that California's students are exposed to these 21st century learning skills through trained librarians at their school libraries.
- 2) Because information literacy, digital literacy, and digital citizenship are mandated elements of public education, it is critical that school districts provide quality school libraries staffed with trained librarians to help students excel in these areas.
- 3) The lack of a quality school library negatively affects all students but has the most significant impact on socioeconomically disadvantaged students, English learners, and foster youth.
- 4) Research indicates that schools with a quality school library staffed by credentialed teacher librarians outperform those without such programs, regardless of the school community's parent education levels, poverty levels, ethnicity, or percentage of English learners.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Nicole Willis / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

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**Introduced by Senator Mendoza**

April 7, 2016

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 130—Relative to Portugal Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 130, as introduced, Mendoza. Portugal Day

This act would declare June 10, 2016, as Portugal Day to celebrate Portuguese national heritage.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, In September 1542, Portuguese explorer João  
2 Rodrigues Cabrilho sailed a ship into San Diego Bay, thereby  
3 becoming the first European to explore the land now known as  
4 California. Cabrilho’s efforts included exploring the California  
5 coast, and he is credited with numerous coastal discoveries; and  
6 WHEREAS, Portuguese immigrants began arriving in the United  
7 States in relatively large numbers beginning in 1870, with most  
8 of these immigrants being men from the Azores, who, for the most  
9 part, had been recruited to farm and to work on American whaling  
10 ships; and  
11 WHEREAS, Between 1900 and 1940, as much as one-half of  
12 the Portuguese community in California owned or operated a dairy  
13 farm, worked on a dairy farm, or worked in a dairy-supporting  
14 industry. Applying the Portuguese belief in hard work and  
15 thriftiness, these pioneering Portuguese Americans were renowned  
16 for their work ethic and ingenuity, often reinvesting in their own  
17 businesses by buying more land and dairy cows; and  
18 WHEREAS, Among the great Portuguese Americans who have  
19 contributed significantly to this country are: composer John Philip

1 Sousa, best known for composing “Stars and Stripes Forever”;  
2 poet Emma Lazarus, best known for her sonnet about the Statue  
3 of Liberty, “The New Colossus”; architect William L. Pereira, best  
4 known for designing the Transamerica Pyramid in San Francisco;  
5 and singer and actress Carmen Miranda; and

6 WHEREAS, Portuguese Americans have made valuable and  
7 substantial contributions to every facet of California life, such as  
8 within the thriving agricultural communities of the Santa Clara  
9 and San Joaquin Valleys and through service in local, state, and  
10 federal office. Today, over 350,000 Portuguese Americans reside  
11 in California; and

12 WHEREAS, Portuguese national literary icon Luís Vaz de  
13 Camões wrote Portugal’s national epic poem, *Os Lusíadas*,  
14 celebrating the 15th century Portuguese explorations that brought  
15 fame and fortune to the country. The poem, considered one of the  
16 finest and most important works in Portuguese literature, became  
17 a symbol for the great feats of the Portuguese Empire; and

18 WHEREAS, *Dia de Portugal, de Camões e das Comunidades*  
19 *Portuguesas*, translated as “Day of Portugal, Camões, and the  
20 Portuguese Communities,” commemorates the death of Luís Vaz  
21 de Camões on June 10, 1580; now, therefore, be it

22 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
23 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby declares June 10,  
24 2016, as Portugal Day, a day to celebrate Portuguese national  
25 heritage; and be it further

26 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
27 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 12, 2016

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Richard S. Gordon, Chair  
SCR 130 (Mendoza) – As Introduced April 7, 2016

**SENATE VOTE:** 38-0

**SUBJECT:** Portugal Day

**SUMMARY:** Declares June 10, 2016, as Portugal Day to celebrate Portuguese national heritage. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) In September 1542, Portuguese explorer João Rodrigues Cabrilho sailed a ship into San Diego Bay, becoming the first European to explore the land now known as California. Cabrilho explored the California coast, and is credited with numerous coastal discoveries.
- 2) Between 1900 and 1940, as much as one-half of the Portuguese community in California owned or operated a dairy farm, worked on a dairy farm, or worked in a dairy-supporting industry. Applying the Portuguese belief in hard work and thriftiness, these Portuguese Americans were renowned for their work ethic and ingenuity, often reinvesting in their own businesses by buying more land and dairy cows.
- 3) Portuguese Americans have made valuable and substantial contributions to every facet of California life. Portuguese Americans continue to thrive in agricultural communities of the Santa Clara and San Joaquin Valleys. Today, over 350,000 Portuguese Americans reside in California.
- 4) Portuguese national literary icon Luís Vaz de Camões wrote Portugal's national epic poem, *Os Lusíadas*, celebrating the 15th-century Portuguese explorations that brought fame and fortune to the country. The poem, considered one of the finest and most important works in Portuguese literature, became a symbol for the great feats of the Portuguese Empire. *Dia de Portugal, de Camões e das Comunidades Portuguesas*, translated as "Day of Portugal, Camões, and the Portuguese Communities," commemorates the death of Luís de Camões on June 10, 1580.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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AMENDED IN SENATE JUNE 2, 2015

**SENATE BILL**

**No. 734**

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**Introduced by Senator De León**

February 27, 2015

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An act to amend Section 12805.2 of the Government Code, relating to public lands.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 734, as amended, De León. State lands acquisitions: public transparency.

Existing law requires the Natural Resources Agency, *in fiscal years for which funding is provided*, to develop and maintain a database of lands and easements that have been acquired by the departments and boards within the agency. Existing law, in conjunction with the database, requires the agency to do certain things, including to establish a uniform open process to ensure that information is readily available to the general public, local, state, and federal agencies, adjacent landowners, and other interested parties regarding any state hearings to approve proposed state land acquisitions.

This bill would require the agency to ~~also~~ implement the above uniform open ~~process~~, *process* to include, but not be limited to, at least 30 days for public comment, to provide public transparency.

~~Existing law requires that the above provisions be implemented only during those fiscal years for which funding is provided for these purposes in the annual Budget Act or in other measures.~~

~~This bill would delete this requirement.~~

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

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

SECTION 1. Section 12805.2 of the Government Code is amended to read:

12805.2. (a) The Natural Resources Agency, in consultation with each department, board, conservancy, and commission within the agency, shall develop and maintain a database of lands and easements that have been acquired by the departments, boards, commissions, and conservancies within the Natural Resources Agency. The database shall include, but need not be limited to, all of the following:

(1) The name of the owner of the land or easement.

(2) The location of the land or easement.

(3) The statutory authority for the acquisition of the land or easement.

(b) In conjunction with the database described in subdivision (a), the Natural Resources Agency shall do all of the following:

(1) On or before September 1, 2002, and each year thereafter, request that all departments, boards, commissions, and conservancies within the Natural Resources Agency provide the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency with information on any acquisitions of land or funding that was directed to the acquisition of land, undertaken by the department, board, commission, or conservancy.

(2) To the extent that the information is available, on or before January 10, 2003, and each year thereafter, require that all departments, boards, commissions, and conservancies within the Natural Resources Agency provide the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency with general information, including a general geographic description of land acquisition priorities and potential funding sources during the next fiscal year.

(3) To the extent feasible, review and evaluate any available information from federal agencies pertaining to its land acquisition activities to coordinate and better understand the impact on California state proposals.

(4) Provide a report to the Governor and the Legislature on or before December 31, 2003, and each year thereafter, that does both of the following:

(A) Describes the amount of land acquired by each department, board, commission, and conservancy within the Natural Resources

1 Agency during the past year and the amount of money spent for  
2 the acquisition.

3 (B) Projects the approximate amount of land that will be  
4 acquired by the Natural Resources Agency during the following  
5 year.

6 (5) Provide the report described in paragraph (4) to the Secretary  
7 of Food and Agriculture and the Director of Conservation.

8 (6) Establish and implement a uniform open process, that shall  
9 include, but is not limited to, at least 30 days for public comment,  
10 to provide public transparency and ensure that information is  
11 readily available to the general public, local, state, and federal  
12 agencies, adjacent landowners, and other interested parties of  
13 record regarding any state hearings to approve proposed state land  
14 acquisitions.

15 (7) Develop strategies with local, state, and federal agencies so  
16 that a revenue stream is established to ensure management plans  
17 are adequately funded for all new acquisitions.

18 (c) *This section shall be implemented only during those fiscal*  
19 *years for which funding is provided for the purposes of this section*  
20 *in the annual Budget Act or in another measure.*

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SENATOR KEVIN DE LEÓN  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

April 29, 2016

Honorable Richard Gordon, Chair  
Assembly Rules Committee  
State Capitol, Room 3013  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 734 (De León)—Request to add Urgency Clause**

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I respectfully request Assembly Rules Committee approval for the addition of an urgency clause to SB 734 (De León). The author of the bill will also change to Senator Galgiani, and the amendments will strike the current contents of the bill and replace them with language pertaining to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The reason for an urgency clause is to allow for the extension of a sunset clause in current law to permit projects to apply for streamlining as Environmental Leadership Development Projects during the calendar year 2016. Current law sunsets as of Jan 1, 2016 and without an urgency extension projects will not be able to apply in this calendar year.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly, or Kip Lipper of my staff, at (916) 651-4024.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Kevin de León'.

KEVIN DE LEÓN  
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Twenty-Fourth Senate District