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Thursday, June 19, 2014
Upon adjournment of Session
State Capitol, Room 3162

CONSENT AGENDA

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Memo

To: Rules Committee Members
From: Mukhtar Ali, Bill Referral Consultant
Date: 6/18/14
Re: Consent Bill Referrals

Since you received the preliminary ACR 162 and ACR 163 have been added.



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AMENDMENTS TO ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 149

Amendment 1

In the heading, strike out lines 2 and 3

Amendment 2

In the title, in lines 1 and 2, strike out "Femicide and Gendercide Prevention and" and insert:

School Attendance

Amendment 3

On page 1, before line 1, insert:

WHEREAS, The Legislature and the Governor enacted a local control funding formula and clearly established school attendance as a matter of great state interest by explicitly identifying pupil engagement, as measured by school attendance and chronic absenteeism rates, as a state priority; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature first enacted Senate Bill 1357 of the 2009–10 Regular Session to establish the definition of a "chronic absentee" as a pupil who misses 10 percent or more of school for any reason, making no distinction between excused and unexcused absences; and

WHEREAS, For the first time, every county office of education, school district, and charter school in California is required to calculate chronic absenteeism rates and establish specific goals and actions to improve pupil engagement; and

WHEREAS, The impact of chronic absenteeism hits low-income pupils and children of color particularly hard if they do not have the resources to make up for lost time in the classroom. Low-income pupils and children of color are more likely to face systemic barriers in getting to school, including unreliable transportation, lack of access to health care, unstable or unaffordable housing, and even unfair discipline policies; and

WHEREAS, Improving school climate, reducing instruction missed due to discipline policies and out-of-school suspensions, and implementing schoolwide positive behavior intervention and support systems and restorative justice practices can have a significant impact on improving attendance; and

WHEREAS, School attendance improves, and chronic absenteeism is significantly reduced, when schools, parents, and communities work together to monitor and promote good attendance and address hurdles that keep children from getting to school; and

WHEREAS, Schools and school districts must do more to track, calculate, and share data on how many and which pupils are chronically absent so that schools and communities can work to deliver the right interventions for the right pupils; and

WHEREAS, Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson, Attorney General Kamala D. Harris, Secretary of California Health and Human Services Diane



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Dooley, Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, and others have joined efforts to combat chronic absenteeism to encourage state and local action to improve the overall health, safety, and well-being of our children by promoting public awareness and reforms that improve school attendance; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature designates the month of September 2014 as School Attendance Awareness Month in the State of California, and encourages public officials, educators, and communities in California to observe the month with appropriate activities and programs; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature hereby joins with other communities across our nation to increase awareness of the importance of school attendance by addressing school attendance barriers and the root causes of chronic absence; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Attorney General, the Secretary of California Health and Human Services, the Chief Justice of California, the author, and the coauthors for appropriate distribution.

Amendment 4

On page 1, strike out lines 1 to 12, inclusive, and strike out pages 2 and 3

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RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

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RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Assembly Bill No.

Committee:

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EDUCATION

[SB 506](#)

TRANSPORTATION

[SB 1096](#)

NATURAL RESOURCES

[SB 1323](#)

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To: Rules Committee Members
From: Mukhtar Ali, Bill Referral Consultant
Date: 6/18/14
Re: Consent Bill Re-referrals

Since you received the preliminary there have been no changes.



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AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JUNE 16, 2014

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

House Resolution

No. 43

Introduced by Assembly Member Gordon
(Principal coauthors: Assembly Members Ammiano, Atkins,
Eggman, and John A. Pérez)

June 2, 2014

House Resolution No. 43—Relative to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month.

1 WHEREAS, Our great state and nation consistently and
2 diligently strives to promote the egalitarian principles of equality
3 and justice where all people have inalienable rights, including life,
4 liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and
5 WHEREAS, California’s and America’s diversity is one of our
6 greatest strengths; and
7 WHEREAS, To achieve a just and fair society, we must teach
8 our children to respect one another, to appreciate our differences,
9 and to recognize the common good in all of us; and
10 WHEREAS, Our great state protects its residents from
11 discrimination and harassment based on actual or perceived race,
12 ethnicity, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, physical or
13 mental ability, medical condition, sex, including gender identity
14 or expression, or sexual orientation; and
15 WHEREAS, Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people
16 have made important and lasting contributions to our great state
17 and nation in every field of endeavor, including, but not limited
18 to, business, medicine, law, humanities, science, literature, politics,

1 education, music, philanthropy, sports and athletics, arts, and
2 culture, that enrich our national life; and

3 WHEREAS, Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people
4 come from all walks of life, regardless of race, ethnicity, color,
5 religion, ancestry, national origin, economic status, physical or
6 mental ability, medical condition, sex, or gender identity or
7 expression; and

8 WHEREAS, For the first time in the history of the United States,
9 a sitting President and Vice President, President Barack Obama
10 and Vice President Joe Biden, affirmed their support for the
11 fundamental right to marry, regardless of sexual orientation or
12 gender. Former Vice President Dick Cheney and former First Lady
13 Laura Bush have also affirmed their support for marriage equality;
14 and

15 ~~WHEREAS, The Supreme Court of the United States struck~~
16 ~~down the Defense of Marriage Act and Proposition 8, which barred~~
17 ~~the federal government from recognizing same-sex marriages and~~
18 ~~restored marriage equality to California, respectively; and~~

19 *WHEREAS, The Supreme Court of the United States struck down*
20 *the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), affirming that all*
21 *loving and committed couples who are married deserve equal*
22 *treatment and respect from the federal government; and*

23 *WHEREAS, The Supreme Court of the United States ruled that*
24 *Proposition 8 sponsors had no standing to appeal the federal trial*
25 *court's decision that Proposition 8 is unconstitutional, thereby*
26 *restoring marriage equality in California; and*

27 WHEREAS, Married same-sex couples now enjoy the same
28 rights and privileges granted to other married couples, including
29 joint tax filings, military benefits, family and medical leave, and
30 the ability to sponsor their foreign spouse; and

31 WHEREAS, The Department of Defense repealed “Don’t Ask,
32 Don’t Tell,” allowing servicemen and women to serve their country
33 openly and proudly; and

34 WHEREAS, More lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people
35 are being elected to public offices across the country, playing in
36 professional sports leagues, occupying the highest positions in
37 business, and serving as role models for all; and

38 WHEREAS, While our great state and nation have progressed
39 in our journey toward dignity, understanding, and mutual respect
40 for all, we still have a long way to go in eradicating the prejudice

1 and discrimination that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender
2 people and their families encounter, and to this end, we continue
3 working for the passage of the inclusive federal Employment
4 Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), comprehensive immigration
5 reform, and increased awareness of the difficulties facing the
6 transgender community; and

7 WHEREAS, To build a stronger and better state and nation, we
8 must continue to help advance the cause of equality for all people;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Friends and allies of the LGBT community have
11 shown considerable support and commitment to the struggles of
12 lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people at home and abroad;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Each year, June marks the anniversary of the
15 Stonewall Rebellion that gave birth to the modern lesbian, gay,
16 bisexual, and transgender civil rights movement; and

17 WHEREAS, President Barack Obama has proclaimed June as
18 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month and
19 reaffirmed his administration's goal of eliminating prejudice
20 everywhere it exists and celebrating the great diversity of the
21 American people; and

22 WHEREAS, Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans,
23 their families and friends, and all those committed to justice and
24 equality celebrate, during the month of June, the rich culture, the
25 notable achievements, and the outstanding services that lesbian,
26 gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans make to our great state
27 and nation; now, therefore, be it

28 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
29 Assembly proclaims June 2014 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and
30 Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, urges all residents to join in
31 celebrating the culture, accomplishments, and contributions of
32 lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people, and encourages the
33 people of California to work to help advance the cause of equality
34 for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people and their
35 families; and be it further

36 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
37 of this resolution to the Members of the Legislature and to the
38 author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: June 19, 2014

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES

Richard S. Gordon, Chair

HR 43 (Gordon) – As Amended: June 16, 2014

SUBJECT: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month.

SUMMARY: Proclaims June 2014 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month; urges all residents to join in celebrating the accomplishments and contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people; and encourages the people of California to work to help advance the cause of equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. Specifically, this resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people come from all walks of life, regardless of race, color, religion, ancestry, ethnicity, national origin, economic status, physical or mental ability, medical condition, sex, or gender identity.
- 2) Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people have made important and lasting contributions to our great state and nation in every field of endeavor including business, medicine, law, humanities, science, literature, politics, education, music, philanthropy, sports, arts and culture that enrich our national life.
- 3) Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans, their family and friends, and all those committed to justice and equality celebrate during the month of June the rich culture, the notable achievements and outstanding services that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans make to our great state and nation.
- 4) For the first time in the history of the United States, a sitting President and Vice President, President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden, affirmed their support for the fundamental right to marry, regardless of sexual orientation or gender; and, President Obama has proclaimed June as LGBT Pride Month and reaffirmed his administration's goal of eliminating prejudice everywhere it exists and to celebrate the great diversity of the American people.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

Introduced by Senator Wyland

May 21, 2014

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 123—Relative to Voter Awareness Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 123, as introduced, Wyland. Voter Awareness Week.

This measure would proclaim the week of September 21 to 27, 2014, as Voter Awareness Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, an essential part of an effective democracy is the
2 opportunity for all eligible people to register and to vote; and
3 WHEREAS, California's voter turnout among young adults is
4 low compared to that of other states; it was only 41.6 percent in
5 the 2012 presidential election; and
6 WHEREAS, Californians under the age of 25 increased their
7 registration rates by 8 percent in 2012; and
8 WHEREAS, Young adults who are provided with practical
9 information about voting feel more prepared to participate and
10 become active, engaged citizens who will benefit California's
11 political climate in the future; and
12 WHEREAS, While most youth voter outreach efforts target
13 college students, there is a tremendous gap in registration and
14 turnout rates between young adults with college experience and
15 those without; and
16 WHEREAS, Young adults are the best resource available to
17 encourage other young adults to register and to vote; and

1 WHEREAS, Involving young adults in civic education
2 opportunities, activities, and discussion can increase the likelihood
3 that others in their households will vote; and

4 WHEREAS, People who begin voting at a younger age are more
5 likely to vote consistently later in life; and

6 WHEREAS, As young adults comprise a larger portion of the
7 voting population than the baby boomers, it is necessary to
8 encourage the youth of our state to participate in the democratic
9 system in order to train and prepare the next generation of political
10 and civic leaders; and

11 WHEREAS, California has the opportunity to boost registration
12 rates among young adults through the use of its online voter
13 registration application, launched in 2012, which young adults
14 prefer to the traditional voter registration application; and

15 WHEREAS, A primary purpose of California's schools is to
16 prepare students to become active citizens; and

17 WHEREAS, There is an ongoing need to increase youth civic
18 participation; now, therefore, be it

19 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
20 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims the
21 week of September 21-27, 2014 as Voter Awareness Week; and
22 be it further

23 *Resolved*, That the Legislature encourages all of California's
24 public schools to participate in Voter Awareness Week activities;
25 and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: June 19, 2014

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES

Richard S. Gordon, Chair

SCR 123 (Wyland) – As Introduced: May 21, 2014

SENATE VOTE: 34-0

SUBJECT: Voter Awareness Week.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the week of September 21 to 27, 2014, as Voter Awareness Week. Specifically, this resolution makes the following legislative findings:

1. California's voter turnout among young adults is low compared to that of other states; it was only 41.6% in the 2012 presidential election.
2. Californians under the age of 25 increased their registration rates by 8% in 2012.
3. Young adults who are provided with practical information about voting feel more prepared to participate and become active, engaged citizens who will benefit California's political climate in the future.
4. While most youth voter outreach efforts target college students, there is a tremendous gap in registration and turnout rates between young adults with college experience and those without.
5. Involving young adults in civic education opportunities, activities, and discussion can increase the likelihood that others in their households will vote; and, those who begin voting at a younger age are more likely to vote consistently later in life.

6. As young adults comprise a larger portion of the voting population than the baby boomers, it is necessary to encourage the youth of our state to participate in the democratic system in order to train and prepare the next generation of political and civic leaders.
7. California has the opportunity to boost registration rates among young adults through the use of its online voter registration application, launched in 2012, which young adults prefer to the traditional voter registration application.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

Senate Joint Resolution

No. 20

Introduced by Senator Leno

March 19, 2014

Senate Joint Resolution No. 20—Relative to Safeguard Our Coast Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SJR 20, as amended, Leno. Safeguard Our Coast Day.

This measure would recognize the 50th anniversary of the state's leadership and innovation in coastal planning and management and would proclaim February 16, 2015, and each 3rd Monday of February thereafter, as "Safeguard Our Coast Day."

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, California's coastal waters, waterfronts, wetlands,
2 harbors, estuaries, bays, ports, marinas, riparian areas, beaches,
3 and agricultural resources are important environmental and
4 economic resources of the state; and
5 WHEREAS, The coastal economy contributes \$96 billion
6 annually to the state; and
7 WHEREAS, Eighty percent of California's 38 million residents
8 live and work within 30 miles of the state's coastline; and
9 WHEREAS, California ports, fisheries, coastal tourism, and
10 other economically productive uses of the ocean and coastline
11 support jobs for Californians and promote foreign trade; and
12 WHEREAS, Coastal agriculture contributes substantially to the
13 food supply and is a vital part of the state's economy; and

1 WHEREAS, The ecological value of healthy coastal wetlands
2 and other endangered habitats for the fish and wildlife of California
3 is immense; and

4 WHEREAS, The California coast supports numerous
5 educational, scientific, and research activities; and

6 WHEREAS, The California coast offers cultural value and scenic
7 resources for public enjoyment and recreation that contribute to
8 the health and well-being of California residents and visitors from
9 around the world; and

10 WHEREAS, The increasing and competing demands upon
11 coastal lands and waters occasioned by population growth and
12 economic development have resulted in adverse changes to fragile
13 ecological systems and decreased open space for public recreation;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, An innovative strategy for protecting and enhancing
16 the coast and managing conflicts between development and coastal
17 resource protection has been in effect on a regional scale since
18 1965 in the San Francisco Bay area and for the entire California
19 coast since 1972; and

20 WHEREAS, The National Coastal Zone Management Program
21 was authorized by the federal Coastal Zone Management Act of
22 1972 (CZMA) (16 U.S.C. Section 1451 and following) to balance
23 economic development with the need to preserve, protect, enhance,
24 and restore the nation's coastal resources; and

25 WHEREAS, The CZMA promotes coordination between the
26 federal government and the states by encouraging coastal states
27 to prepare coastal management programs that guide both state and
28 federal activities affecting the coast; and

29 WHEREAS, California's coastal management program is
30 implemented by various entities within the Natural Resources
31 Agency, *including* the San Francisco Bay Conservation and
32 Development Commission, the California Coastal Commission,
33 ~~the California Ocean Science Trust~~, and the State Coastal
34 Conservancy, working together and in partnership with the Ocean
35 Protection Council, *the Ocean Science Trust*, the State Lands
36 Commission, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, and other ~~state~~
37 ~~agencies~~ *public agencies and nonprofit organizations* to carry out
38 CZMA goals; and

39 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Bay Conservation and
40 Development Commission, established by the McAteer-Petris Act

(Title 7.2 (commencing with Section 66600) of the Government Code) in 1965, plans and regulates activities in and around the San Francisco Bay and the Suisun Marsh; and

WHEREAS, The California Coastal Commission, established by voter initiative in 1972 and on a permanent basis by the Legislature in 1976, cooperates with local governments to manage the conservation and orderly development of coastal resources through a comprehensive planning and regulatory program; and

WHEREAS, The State Coastal Conservancy, established by the Legislature in 1976, complements the work of the two permitting agencies by employing nonregulatory, entrepreneurial techniques and collaboration to implement projects to preserve, protect, and restore public access, natural resources, urban waterfronts, and agricultural lands along the Pacific coast and the San Francisco Bay shoreline and its adjacent counties; and

WHEREAS, These three coastal management agencies, along with other departments of the Natural Resources Agency, are demonstrating leadership in the field of adaptation to climate change and sea level rise, which are increasingly threatening California's coast and economy; and

WHEREAS, The state's coastal management agencies collaborate, innovate, and work on behalf of all Californians to safeguard our coast; and

WHEREAS, Public participation is vital to the success of California's coastal management programs; and

WHEREAS, Protection of coastal resources from the effects of sea level rise can provide valuable public benefits including, but not limited to, flood protection; improved water quality; habitat for fish, shellfish, and wildlife; recreational opportunities; enhanced quality of life; and increased economic opportunities and property values; and

WHEREAS, The state has a responsibility to manage and conserve the public trust in coastal and ocean ecosystems as well as the quality of life in coastal communities for the benefit of current and future generations; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature recognizes the 50th anniversary of the state's leadership and innovation in enhancing our coast, our economy, and our lives through coastal planning and management, and supports the state's role in the enhancement

1 and protection of coastal and ocean resources in cooperation with
 2 the federal government; and be it further
 3 *Resolved*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims February 16,
 4 2015, and each third Monday of February thereafter as “Safeguard
 5 Our Coast Day”; and be it further
 6 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
 7 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: June 19, 2014

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES

Richard S. Gordon, Chair

SJR 20 (Leno) – As Amended: June 17, 2014

SENATE VOTE: 28-3

SUBJECT: Safeguard Our Coast Day.

SUMMARY: Recognizes the 50th anniversary of the state's leadership and innovation in coastal planning and management and proclaims February 16, 2015, and each third Monday of February thereafter, as "Safeguard Our Coast Day." Specifically, this resolution makes the following legislative findings:

1. The increasing and competing demands upon coastal lands and waters occasioned by population growth and economic development have resulted in adverse changes to fragile ecological systems and decreased open space for public recreation.
2. An innovative strategy for protecting and enhancing the coast and managing conflicts between development and coastal resource protection has been in effect on a regional scale since 1965 in the San Francisco Bay area and for the entire California coast since 1972.
3. The National Coastal Zone Management Program was authorized by the federal Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (CZMA) to balance economic development with the need to preserve, protect, enhance, and restore the nation's coastal resources.
4. California's coastal management program is implemented by various entities within the Natural Resources Agency, the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, the California Coastal Commission, the California Ocean Science Trust, and the State Coastal Conservancy, working together and in partnership with the Ocean Protection Council, the State Lands Commission, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, and other state agencies to carry out CZMA goals.

5. The San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, established by the McAteer-Petris Act in 1965, plans and regulates activities in and around the San Francisco Bay and the Suisun Marsh.
6. The California Coastal Commission, established by voter initiative in 1972 and on a permanent basis by the Legislature in 1976, cooperates with local governments to manage the conservation and orderly development of coastal resources through a comprehensive planning and regulatory program.
7. The State Coastal Conservancy, established by the Legislature in 1976, complements the work of the two permitting agencies by employing nonregulatory, entrepreneurial techniques and collaboration to implement projects to preserve, protect, and restore public access, natural resources, urban waterfronts, and agricultural lands along the Pacific coast and the San Francisco Bay shoreline and its adjacent counties.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

California Coastal Protection Network

Environment California

Natural Resources Defense Council

San Francisco Bay Joint Venture (SFBJV)

Seventh Generation Advisors

Surfrider Foundation

The 5 Gyres Institute

The Ocean Conservancy

Opposition

None on file

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U.S. Geological Survey
Wildlife Conservation Board

June 9, 2014

Richard Gordon, Chair
Assembly Rules Committee
State Capitol, Room 3016
Sacramento, California 95814

SUBJECT: SJR 20 (Leno) – Safeguard Our Coast Day -- SUPPORT

Dear Chairman Richard Gordon,

I am writing on behalf of the of the San Francisco Bay Joint Venture (SFBJV), to express our gratitude for your authorship of SJR 20, which recognizes the 50th anniversary of California's leadership in coastal planning and management by proclaiming February 16, 2015 and each 3rd Monday of February thereafter as "Safeguard Our Coast Day".

The SFBJV is a partnership of non-governmental organizations, utilities, landowners, and non-voting agencies with a goal to protect, restore, and enhance wetlands and riparian habitats and adjacent uplands to benefit birds, fish, and other wildlife in the coastal and estuarine regions of the San Francisco Bay Area. The SFBJV is one of the eighteen federally-sponsored habitat Joint Ventures to implement the North American Wetlands Conservation Act and federal bird conservation plans. The SFBJV Implementation Plan, *Restoring the Estuary* is based on the goals established in the *Baylands Habitat Goals* and, targets nearly 200,000 acres of wetlands and riparian habitats in the Bay and along our coast for protection, restoration, or enhancement through our partners' funding and expertise. The SFVJV Management Board consists of 27 agencies and private organizations whose members agree to support and promote the goal and objectives of the Joint Venture and who represent the diversity of wetlands interests found in the San Francisco Bay Region.

Over the past fifty years, leadership and staff of our partner agencies, including the California Coastal Commission, the Natural Resources Agency, the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, and State Coastal Conservancy have worked tirelessly to balance the need to preserve and manage our estuarine and marine ecosystems with economic development. As California confronts new and growing challenges, such as climate change, sea level rise, and increased industrialization of our oceans, these agencies will continue to play a critical role in managing the state's vital marine resources. The creation of "Safeguard Our Coast Day" will provide the SFBJV partner organizations and agencies a opportunity to expand our collective efforts to raise public awareness about the continued need to "safeguard our coast" and the wildlife supported by marine and estuarine ecosystems.

We thank you for your leadership in recognizing the importance of the work of our partner agencies. If you have questions about the SFBJV or our support of SJR 20, please contact our Coordinator, Beth Huning.

Sincerely,

Diane Ross-Leech
Past Chair



Chair Richard Gordon, Assembly Rules Committee
 State Capitol, Room 3016
 Sacramento, CA 95814

June 9, 2014

Via email

RE: SJR 20 – Safeguard Our Coast Day – SUPPORT

Dear Chair Gordon and members of Assembly Rules,

On behalf of the Natural Resources Defense Council, Environment California, California Coastal Protection Network, The 5 Gyres Institute, the Ocean Conservancy, Seventh Generation Advisors, and Surfrider Foundation, we write to express our support for SJR 20 (Leno). This measure recognizes the 50th anniversary of California's leadership in coastal planning and management by proclaiming February 16, 2015 and each 3rd Monday of February thereafter as "Safeguard Our Coast Day".

California's coastal and ocean environments make vital contributions to our state's economy and society. This resolution recognizes that eighty percent of California's 38 million residents work within 30 miles of the coastline and that the coastal economy contributes \$96 billion annually to the state. Over the past fifty years, leadership and staff of agencies including the California Coastal Commission, the Natural Resources Agency, the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, and the State Coastal Conservancy have worked tirelessly to balance economic development with the need to preserve and manage our marine ecosystems.

California is confronting new opportunities such as managing marine protected areas and integrating these areas into management of ocean and coastal resources. The state is also addressing growing challenges, such as climate change, ocean acidification, sea level rise, and increased industrialization of our oceans. In addressing both challenges and opportunities, the state agencies featured in SJR 20 will continue to play a critical role in addressing these issues, and they need to be encouraged and applauded when maintaining our legacy of coastal and marine resource protection and management.

We offer our strong support for SJR 20 because we recognize the importance of these agencies and encourage California's ongoing commitment to protecting and restoring our coasts and oceans with the creation of "Safeguarding Our Coast Day".

Sincerely,

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