

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 3021

Introduced by Assembly Member Nunez

February 24, 2006

An act relating to international relations.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 3021, as introduced, Nunez. California-Mexico relations.

Existing law generally provides for programs administered by various state agencies regarding issues of concern between California and Mexico.

This bill would set forth certain findings and declarations of the Legislature in that regard.

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. The Legislature finds and declares as follows:

2 (a) The California Research Bureau recently identified in its
3 "Inventory of Mexico Related Projects Conducted by California
4 State Agencies," more than 100 programs, initiatives, projects,
5 and partnerships that exist within state government and are
6 administered by 12 departments and agencies, eight boards and
7 commissions, and various campuses of the University of
8 California, the California State University, and the California
9 Community Colleges.

10 (b) Programs generally fall into the areas of trade,
11 immigration, environment, energy, transportation, health,
12 homeland security, agriculture, education, and tourism.

1 (c) The Office of California-Mexico Affairs was previously
2 housed within the Technology, Trade, and Commerce Agency,
3 which no longer exists. Therefore, the office is not active in
4 coordinating these programs.

5 (d) The State Water Resources Control Board directs the
6 state's border environmental efforts through its Border
7 Environmental Program. The program is a collaborative effort
8 that includes the California Environmental Protection Agency,
9 other state agencies, the State of Baja California, and tribal
10 nations located along the border region. All California
11 Environmental Protection Agency boards, departments, and
12 officers actively participate in the program to ensure that
13 environmental issues are addressed on a multimedia basis.

14 (e) There is a need to develop a state government structure that
15 will provide effective coordination of various state agency
16 efforts, as well as a thoughtful and collaborative assessment of
17 current and future program development that will serve the needs
18 of both California and Mexico in the 21st century.