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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007–08 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1883

Introduced by Assembly Member Keene

February 7, 2008

An act to amend Section 4953 of the Public Resources Code, relating to fire.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1883, as amended, Keene. Fire: inmate ~~crews~~: *crews: nonprofit organizations*.

The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection is required to use inmates and wards assigned to conservation camps for fire prevention, fire control, and other work of the department. The department is authorized to enter into contracts and cooperative agreements with public agencies for the performance of other conservation projects appropriate for that public agency, under the policies established by the Prison Industry Authority.

~~This bill would enact the Wildfire Prevention Assistance Act of 2008 and would allow a local nonprofit organization capable of organizing and performing requisite operations for fuel reduction, vegetation management, and wildfire prevention to be considered a public agency for the purposes of negotiating contracts with inmate crews, only, for fuel reduction, vegetation management, and wildfire prevention.~~

This bill would enact the Wildfire Prevention Assistance Act of 2008 and would expand the department's authority to include entering into

contracts and cooperative agreements with qualified nonprofit organizations.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
2 Wildfire Prevention Assistance Act of 2008.

3 SEC. 2. Section 4953 of the Public Resources Code is amended
4 to read:

5 4953. (a) The department shall utilize inmates and wards
6 assigned to conservation camps in performing fire prevention, fire
7 control, and other work of the department. At times it deems proper
8 and on terms it deems wise, the department may enter into contracts
9 or cooperative agreements with a public agency, local, state, or
10 federal, *or with a qualified nonprofit organization, as determined*
11 *by the department*, for the performance of other conservation
12 projects that are appropriate for those public agencies *or that*
13 *nonprofit organization* under policies that shall be established by
14 the Prison Industry Authority. The charge for the service shall be
15 determined by the director. All these contracts are subject to the
16 approval of the director and the Director of General Services.

17 ~~(b) For the purposes of this section, a local nonprofit~~
18 ~~organization capable of organizing and performing requisite~~
19 ~~operations for fuel reduction, vegetation management, and wildfire~~
20 ~~prevention is to be considered a public agency for the purposes of~~
21 ~~negotiating contracts with inmate crews, only, for fuel reduction,~~
22 ~~vegetation management, and wildfire prevention.~~

23 (b) *For the purposes of this section, “nonprofit organization”*
24 *means any California corporation exempt from taxation under*
25 *Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), or 501(c)(5) of the federal Internal*
26 *Revenue Code.*

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