

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 61

Introduced by Assembly Member Beth Gaines

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 61—Relative to state employee merit awards.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 61, as introduced, Beth Gaines. State employee merit awards.

This measure would declare that merit award payments in specified amounts, authorized by the Department of Human Resources, are made to specified current or retired state employees whose proposals have resulted in annual savings and net revenue gain to the state.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, Section 19823 of the Government Code authorizes
2 the Department of Human Resources to make awards to current
3 or retired state employees who propose procedures or ideas that
4 are subsequently adopted and placed in effect and result in
5 eliminating or reducing state expenditures or improving state
6 operations; and

7 WHEREAS, Any award granted under Section 19823 of the
8 Government Code in excess of \$5,000 must be approved by
9 concurrent resolution of the Legislature; and

10 WHEREAS, Lawrence Crawford, Glenn Mochel, and Steve
11 Sattler of the California Department of Transportation suggested
12 that rocker switches installed in department vehicles to activate
13 different lighting equipment be identified by engraving directly
14 on the switches, rather than requiring separate labels to be engraved

1 and subsequently installed on those switches, and to stock a supply
2 of commonly used prelabelled switches, which resulted in a first-year
3 savings of \$45,898; and

4 WHEREAS, Andrew Seames of the Employment Development
5 Department created a macro for use by the department's Tax and
6 Wage Corrections Group, to reduce repetitive data entries and
7 expedite the processing of work items when correcting employer
8 information in the database, which resulted in a first-year savings
9 of \$81,937; and

10 WHEREAS, Adrienne Redding of the Department of Corrections
11 and Rehabilitation suggested replacing expensive and
12 heavily-padded exposure control jumpsuits required for inmates
13 with a history of indecent exposure, which were purchased from
14 an out-of-state sole source vendor, and instead using inmate labor
15 for the in-house manufacture of a lighter-weight version of the
16 exposure control jumpsuits at the California Correctional Center
17 in Susanville, which resulted in a first-year savings of \$61,625;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Steven Speck, Roger Shonafelt, and Dana White
20 of the Department of Water Resources suggested using
21 polypropylene material in lieu of steel material for radiator tank
22 ends for motor air coolers at 28 pumping plant units, which resulted
23 in a first-year savings of \$204,965; and

24 WHEREAS, The savings generated by implementation of these
25 suggestions will continue to be realized on an annual basis; and

26 WHEREAS, As a result of actual savings generated from the
27 implementation of these suggestions, it is unnecessary to
28 appropriate additional funds for payment of awards to these
29 employees; now, therefore, be it

30 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
31 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature of the State of California
32 hereby declares that merit award payments, authorized by the
33 five-member Merit Award Board and the Department of Human
34 Resources, are hereby made in amounts up to and including 10
35 percent of the first-year savings generated by each suggestion, as
36 follows:

37 (a) To Lawrence Crawford, Glenn Mochel, and Steve Sattler,
38 in the amount of \$4,182, to be shared equally.

39 (b) To Andrew Seames in the amount of \$11,387.

40 (c) To Adrienne Redding in the amount of \$7,325.

1 (d) To Steven Speck, Roger Shonafelt, and Dana White in the
2 amount of \$15,501, to be shared equally; and be it further
3 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
4 of this resolution to the Controller and to the Department of Human
5 Resources.

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