

Introduced by Senator Lieu

February 21, 2014

An act to add Section 8753.6 to the Government Code, relating to state government, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1432, as amended, Lieu. Arts Council: grants.

Existing law establishes the Arts Council composed of 11 members, with the Speaker of the Assembly and the Senate Committee on Rules each appointing one member and the Governor appointing 9 members who are subject to confirmation by the Senate. The Arts Council is authorized to award grants, as specified.

This bill would continuously appropriate the sum of \$25,000,000 annually from the General Fund to the Arts Council to be used for grants as currently authorized by law.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

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

- 1 *SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the*
- 2 *following:*
- 3 *(a) The Arts Council was established in 1976 with an initial*
- 4 *General Fund budget of \$750,000.*
- 5 *(b) By the 1982–83 fiscal year, the Arts Council had a budget*
- 6 *of nearly \$11 million and reached a high of nearly \$29 million in*
- 7 *the 2000–01 fiscal year.*

1 (c) Over the years, the Arts Council's budget has faced steady
 2 cuts from almost \$29 million in the 2000–01 fiscal year to \$17
 3 million in the 2003–04 fiscal year, and then \$1 million from the
 4 General Fund in subsequent fiscal years.

5 (d) In 1983, California spent \$0.46 per person on the arts.

6 (e) Presently, California ranks last out of the 50 states and six
 7 territories, with \$0.03 in per capita spending on the arts.

8 (f) Adjusted for inflation, the 1983 Arts Council's budget would
 9 be \$25 million.

10 (g) It is the intent of the Legislature to restore funding to the
 11 Arts Council to its 1983 level.

12 (h) The creative industries of California generate \$273.5 billion
 13 in total (direct, indirect, and induced) output.

14 (i) California's creative industries employ 1.4 million workers.

15 (j) The direct, indirect, and induced workers of California's
 16 creative industries paid nearly \$13 billion in property taxes,
 17 personal income taxes, and sales taxes into the General Fund and
 18 to local governments.

19 (k) Every dollar in state support for the arts leverages \$7 in
 20 earned and contributed revenue, and brings back more than \$3 in
 21 taxes to state and local government entities.

22 (l) A \$25 million investment per year in the arts would generate
 23 \$175 million in earned and contributed revenue and bring back
 24 more than \$75 million in taxes to state and local government
 25 entities.

26 **SECTION 1.**

27 **SEC. 2.** Section 8753.6 is added to the Government Code, to
 28 read:

29 8753.6. Notwithstanding Section 13340 of the Government
 30 Code, the sum of ~~twenty-five~~ *twenty-five* million dollars
 31 (\$25,000,000) is hereby continuously appropriated from the
 32 General Fund to the Arts Council each fiscal year. These funds
 33 shall be used to issue grants to further the arts and California's
 34 robust creative economy, as otherwise authorized to be issued
 35 under this chapter.