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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1169

Introduced by Assembly Member Gomez

February 27, 2015

An act to amend Section 75125 of the Public Resources Code, relating to public resources.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1169, as amended, Gomez. Strategic Growth Council: state funding signs.

Existing law establishes the Strategic Growth Council in state government that consists of various heads of state agencies and certain other members. Existing law requires the council to engage in certain activities, including identifying and reviewing activities and funding programs of member state agencies that may be coordinated to improve air and water quality, improving natural resources protection, increasing the availability of affordable housing, improving transportation, meeting goals of the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, encouraging sustainable land use planning, and revitalizing urban and community centers in a sustainable manner. Existing law provides for the council to award grants and loans to support the planning and development of sustainable communities.

This bill would require recipients of state funding from the council or member state agencies ~~for a project~~ *certain projects* to post signs acknowledging the source of funds for the project pursuant to guidelines adopted by the council. The bill, if a project is funded from state and

nonstate sources, would require the state funding source to be listed first if state funding equals 50% or more of total project costs.

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. Section 75125 of the Public Resources Code is
2 amended to read:

3 75125. The council shall do all of the following:

4 (a) (1) Identify and review activities and funding programs of
5 member state agencies that may be coordinated to improve air and
6 water quality, improve natural resource protection, increase the
7 availability of affordable housing, improve transportation, meet
8 the goals of the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006
9 (Division 25.5 (commencing with Section 38500) of the Health
10 and Safety Code), encourage sustainable land use planning, and
11 revitalize urban and community centers in a sustainable manner.
12 At a minimum, the council shall review and comment on the
13 five-year infrastructure plan developed pursuant to Article 2
14 (commencing with Section 13100) of Chapter 2 of Part 3 of
15 Division 3 of the Government Code and the State Environmental
16 Goals and Policy Report developed pursuant to Section 65041 of
17 the Government Code.

18 (2) Require all recipients of state funding from the council or
19 member state agencies for a project *located in a public place and*
20 *that provides public benefits as determined by the council*, to post
21 signs acknowledging the source of funds for the project, pursuant
22 to guidelines adopted by the council. If a project is funded from
23 state and nonstate sources, the state funding source shall be listed
24 first if state funding equals 50 percent or more of total project
25 costs.

26 (b) Recommend policies and investment strategies and priorities
27 to the Governor, the Legislature, and to appropriate state agencies
28 to encourage the development of sustainable communities, such
29 as those communities that promote equity, strengthen the economy,
30 protect the environment, and promote public health and safety,
31 consistent with subdivisions (a) and (c) of Section 75065.

1 (c) Provide, fund, and distribute data and information to local
2 governments and regional agencies that will assist in developing
3 and planning sustainable communities.

4 (d) Manage and award grants and loans to support the planning
5 and development of sustainable communities, pursuant to Sections
6 75127, 75128, and 75129. To implement this subdivision, the
7 council may do all of the following:

8 (1) Develop guidelines for awarding financial assistance,
9 including criteria for eligibility and additional consideration.

10 (2) Develop criteria for determining the amount of financial
11 assistance to be awarded. The council shall award a revolving loan
12 to an applicant for a planning project, unless the council determines
13 that the applicant lacks the fiscal capacity to carry out the project
14 without a grant. The council may establish criteria that would allow
15 the applicant to illustrate an ongoing commitment of financial
16 resources to ensure the completion of the proposed plan or project.

17 (3) Provide for payments of interest on loans made pursuant to
18 this article. The rate of interest shall not exceed the rate earned by
19 the Pooled Money Investment Board.

20 (4) Provide for the time period for repaying a loan made
21 pursuant to this article.

22 (5) Provide for the recovery of funds from an applicant that fails
23 to complete the project for which financial assistance was awarded.
24 The council shall direct the Controller to recover funds by any
25 available means.

26 (6) Provide technical assistance for application preparation.

27 (7) Designate a state agency or department to administer
28 technical and financial assistance programs for the disbursing of
29 grants and loans to support the planning and development of
30 sustainable communities, pursuant to Sections 75127, 75128, and
31 75129.

32 (e) No later than July 1, 2010, and every year thereafter, provide
33 a report to the Legislature that shall include, but is not limited to,
34 all of the following:

35 (1) A list of applicants for financial assistance.

36 (2) Identification of which applications were approved.

37 (3) The amounts awarded for each approved application.

38 (4) The remaining balance of available funds.

39 (5) A report on the proposed or ongoing management of each
40 funded project.

1 (6) Any additional minimum requirements and priorities for a
2 project or plan proposed in a grant or loan application developed
3 and adopted by the council pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section
4 75126.

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