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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1997–98 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 169**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Bordonaro**

January 27, 1997

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An act to amend and supplement the Budget Act of 1996 (Chapter 162 of the Statutes of 1996), relating to forest resources, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 169, as amended, Bordonaro. State fire protection.

~~(1) Existing~~

*Existing* law, items of the Budget Act of 1996, appropriated funds for support of the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection that are available for fire protection.

This bill would appropriate, for expenditure in the 1996–97 fiscal year, \$70,972,000 from the General Fund to the Controller for allocation, in augmentation of those budget items, in accordance with a specified schedule. The bill would authorize the Director of Finance to withhold authorization for the expenditure of certain of those funds available for

emergency fire suppression and detection costs until, and to the extent that, preliminary estimates of potential deficiencies are verified.

~~(2) The bill would not take effect unless SB 1022 is chaptered and takes effect.~~

~~(3) The~~

The bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) The sum of seventy million nine  
2 hundred seventy-two thousand dollars (\$70,972,000) is  
3 hereby appropriated, for expenditure in the 1996-97  
4 fiscal year, from the following funds to the Controller for  
5 allocation in accordance with the following schedule:

6 (1) For allocation to the Department of Forestry and  
7 Fire Protection, in augmentation of Item 3540-001-0001 of  
8 Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 1996, to provide a staff  
9 for the first fire engine of one operator and two  
10 firefighters 24 hours a day and seven days a week during  
11 the declared fire season, and for the second fire engine at  
12 two-engine stations of one operator and two firefighters  
13 24 hours a day and seven days a week during the declared  
14 peak fire season, ~~and staffing.~~ *Staffing* allocations,  
15 determination of declared fire season periods, and  
16 associated funding provided ~~in this act~~ *under this section*  
17 shall be defined by allocation levels for each ranger unit,  
18 as determined by the Department of Forestry and Fire  
19 Protection, the sum of one million nine hundred sixty-two  
20 thousand dollars (\$1,962,000).

21 (2) For allocation to the Department of Forestry and  
22 Fire Protection, in augmentation of Item 3540-001-0001 of  
23 Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 1996, and for the  
24 adoption by the State Board of Forestry of an appendix to  
25 the 1996 fire protection plan adopted pursuant to Section  
26 4130 of the Public Resources Code that provides  
27 information on the intensity of protection to be assigned



1 to lands of the same type within state responsibility areas,  
2 and the estimated costs of that intensity of protection, the  
3 sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

4 (3) For allocation to the Department of Forestry and  
5 Fire Protection, in augmentation of Item 3540-006-0001 of  
6 Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 1996, and for the  
7 purposes of emergency fire suppression and detection  
8 costs, as provided in that item, the sum of sixty-nine  
9 million dollars (\$69,000,000).

10 (b) The Director of Finance may withhold  
11 authorization for the expenditure of funds pursuant to  
12 paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) until, and to the extent  
13 that, preliminary estimates of potential deficiencies are  
14 verified.

15 ~~SEC. 2. This act shall not take effect unless Senate Bill~~  
16 ~~1022 of the 1997-98 Regular Session is chaptered and takes~~  
17 ~~effect.~~

18 ~~SEC. 3.—~~

19 *SEC. 2.* This act is an urgency statute necessary for the  
20 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or  
21 safety within the meaning of Article IV of the  
22 Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts  
23 constituting the necessity are:

24 In order to provide needed funds for fire protection  
25 staffing and for emergency fire suppression and detection  
26 costs, and to ensure the same intensities of fire protection  
27 for lands of the same type, thereby providing critical fire  
28 protection for forest resources, as soon as possible, it is  
29 necessary that this act take effect immediately.

