Senate Bill No. 1344

CHAPTER 263

An act to add Section 64 to the Harbors and Navigation Code, relating to the control of water hyacinth, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SB 1344, Caramendi. Water hyacinth control.

Under existing law, there are no special provisions for the control of water hyacinth in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and the Suisun Marsh.

This bill would designate the Department of Boating and Waterways as the lead agency of the state for the purpose of cooperating with agencies of the United States and other public agencies in controlling water hyacinth in the delta and the marsh. The bill would authorize the department and other public agencies to cooperate with one another and agencies of the United States and to furnish money, services, equipment, and other property to that end. The bill would make related legislative findings and declarations.

The bill would appropriate $125,000 from the Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund to the department for expenditure during the 1982 calendar year for the development of a long-range water hyacinth control program in the delta and the marsh, and, subject to specified conditions, for the implementation of a short-term program until the long-term program is ready for implementation.

The bill would take effect immediately as an urgency statute. Appropriation: yes.

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

SECTION 1. Section 64 is added to the Harbors and Navigation Code, to read:

64. (a) The Legislature hereby finds and declares that the growth of water hyacinth in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and the Suisun Marsh has occurred at an unprecedented level and that the resulting accumulations of water hyacinth obstruct navigation, impair other recreational uses of waterways, have the potential for damaging manmade facilities, and may threaten the health and stability of fisheries and other ecosystems within the delta and marsh. Accordingly, it is necessary that the state, in cooperation with agencies of the United States, undertake an aggressive program for the effective control of water hyacinth in the delta and the marsh.

(b) The department is designated as the lead agency of the state for the purpose of cooperating with agencies of the United States and other public agencies in controlling water hyacinth in the delta and the marsh.

(c) The department, other state agencies, cities, counties, and districts are hereby authorized to cooperate with one another and with agencies of the United States in controlling water hyacinth in the delta and the marsh and may furnish money, services, equipment, and other property to that end.

SEC. 2. Notwithstanding Sections 71.4 and 85.2 of the Harbors and Navigation Code, the sum of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars ($125,000) is hereby appropriated from the Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund to the Department of Boating and Waterways for expenditure during the 1982 calendar year for the following purposes:

(a) The development of a long-range water hyacinth control program in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and the Suisun Marsh, to be undertaken in cooperation with agencies of the United States and other public agencies.

(b) The implementation of a short-term program for the control of water hyacinth until the long-term control program is ready for implementation; provided that the Department of Boating and Waterways shall notify the Department of Finance and the Joint Legislative Budget Committee at least 30 days prior to any expenditure of funds pursuant to this subdivision.

SEC. 3. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

In order that control of water hyacinth can be substantially underway prior to the summer growth season, it is necessary that this act take effect immediately.