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The Air Resources Board (ARB) is a department of the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA). ARB, in partnership with local air districts, oversees all air pollution control efforts to attain and maintain health-based air quality standards in California.

The Legislative Office serves as the principal resource on air quality-related issues for Cal/EPA, the Governor’s Office, and the Legislature. As the Administration’s key air quality legislative staff, ARB’s Legislative Office serves as the conduit for transmission of technical expertise, while at the same time providing a policy context with which to view technical issues.

This summary contains brief descriptions of the legislation tracked by ARB’s Legislative Office during the first year of the 1999-2000 Legislative Session. Bills are listed in numerical order and are identified as chaptered, vetoed or 2-year (refused approval in 1999 and can continue their path in 2000). Of the more than 3,000 bills introduced in the 1999 legislative year, over 80 bills were tracked by ARB’s legislative staff. These bills addressed a wide array of air quality issues including Smog Check, community health, toxics programs, particulate air pollution and many more.
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AB 18 Villaraigosa Parks & Coastal Protection Bond Chapter 461

Places a $2.1 billion park bond on the March 7, 2000, ballot. If passed, the bond would fund a wide variety of environmental and infrastructure improvement projects associated with parks and recreation management activities. Among the many projects proposed, the bill would allocate funds for clean air projects. Urgency measure.

AB 44 McClintock Elimination of HOV Lanes 2-year

Redesignates all high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes in the state as mixed-flow lanes and significantly broadens the studies required to be conducted prior to establishing new HOV lanes.

AB 57 Cardoza Enhanced Smog Check in the Bay Area 2-year

Imposes enhanced Smog Check in upwind air districts that are the source of air pollution blown into downwind districts. Specifically, the author intends to impose enhanced Smog Check on the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area air district in order to mitigate Bay Area air pollution carried by winds into the San Joaquin Valley.

AB 71 Cunneen Clean Vehicles in HOV Lanes Chapter 330

Directs Caltrans to extend the use of high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes to California's cleanest vehicles beginning July 1, 2000. The bill also directs the Department of Motor Vehicles to design and issue distinctive decals, labels, or other identifiers for these vehicles.

AB 129 Oller MTBE Ban 2-year

Prohibits the use of MTBE (methyl tertiary butyl ether) in gasoline. Urgency measure.

AB 158 Oller Repeal of Enhanced Smog Check 2-year

Repeals the enhanced Smog Check program and implements the basic (BAR 90) program in all areas subject to Smog Check.

AB 567 Baugh Low Mileage Vehicle Smog Check Exemption 2-year

Creates a Smog Check exemption for vehicles that travel less than 12,000 miles every two years.

AB 624 Olberg Smog Check Certificates 2-year

Allows auto dealers to get smog certificates within their inspection area regardless of the buyer’s area.

AB 833 Battin Cal/EPA Sunset Review 2-year

Creates the Cal/EPA Sunset Review and Regulatory Accountability Act of 1999 to sunset the statutory authority for Cal/EPA and to create a committee to recommend whether the agency should be reauthorized.

AB 1058 Olberg Airport Support Vehicles – Fuel Violations Vetoed
ASSEMBLY BILLS

Authorizes ARB or a court to lower the amount of a penalty related to the use of illegal fuels if ARB or a court determines that the operator or fuel supplier was not informed of ARB's fuel regulations. Urgency measure.

AB 1102  Jackson  Cal/EPA Cross-Media Enforcement Unit  Chapter 65

Requires the Governor to appoint a Cal/EPA Deputy Secretary for Enforcement and a Deputy Secretary for External Affairs from the three deputy secretary positions allocated to Cal/EPA under current law. Outlines the authority and responsibilities of the Cal/EPA Cross-media Enforcement Unit.

AB 1103  Lempert  Air Quality Fee Extension  Chapter 66

Among other provisions unrelated to ARB, this bill permanently authorizes assessment of the existing California Clean Air Act (CCAA) industry fee which supports ARB's programs dedicated to implementation of the CCAA. Urgency measure.

AB 1105  Jackson  Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance  Chapter 67

Authorizes the Department of Consumer Affairs to exempt more, newer model-year vehicles from Smog Check. Expresses the intent of the Legislature that at least an additional fifteen percent of the cleanest vehicles would also be exempted. Authorizes the Department to assess an annual four dollar smog abatement fee upon these newly exempted vehicles. The bill also makes it easier for consumers to qualify for the Low Income Repair Assistance Program (LIRAP). Urgency measure.

AB 1164  Aanestad  Vapor Recovery Control Systems  Chapter 501

Requires ARB to update its list of known defects to gasoline vapor recovery systems used by service stations by January 1, 2001 and every three years thereafter.

AB 1175  Frusetta  Enhanced Smog Check Repeal  2-year

Repeals the enhanced Smog Check program and implements the basic (BAR 90) program in all areas subject to Smog Check.

AB 1207  Shelley  Healthy Schools Act of 1999  Vetoed

Requires the Department of Health Services (DHS), in consultation with several state agencies including ARB, to develop a manual of best management practices for achieving healthy indoor environmental quality in schools. The bill also requires DHS and ARB, in consultation with other agencies, to jointly review the environmental health conditions of portable classrooms, including an assessment of the air quality, and make recommendations regarding mitigation actions necessary to protect children’s health.

AB 1234  Shelley  Internet Notification of Meetings  Chapter 393
Requires the notice of regular meetings of state agencies to be posted on the internet.

AB 1293 Mazzoni Education Program for the Boating Public Vetoed

Authorizes the Department of Boating and Waterways to implement a public information program to educate the boating public on environmental concerns. As part of this effort, the Department would be required to consult with ARB and other environmental agencies.

AB 1376 Longville South Coast MSRC 2-year

Provides that if the South Coast air district governing board does not reject the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee’s work plan within 60 days, the plan becomes effective by default.

AB 1401 Longville South Coast MSRC Vetoed

Increases the vote required by the South Coast air district board to reject the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee's (MSRC) work program from a simple majority to a 3/4 super-majority vote. Deems the work program approved if the South Coast air district board fails to act within 60 days.

AB 1403 Soto South Coast Air District Mailing List Chapter 506

Requires the South Coast air district to convene a task force to update its mailing list to include every small business located within the district that may be impacted by a proposed rule. Also, requires the District to assemble an advisory group to guide its small business outreach and assistance programs.

AB 1450 Calderon Composting 2-year

Repeals the compost exemption from basic air contaminant nuisance law.

AB 1487 Maldonado State Implementation Plan Revisions Chapter 451

Requires ARB to publish quarterly a list of district rule revisions to the State Implementation Plan. The list is to include a timeline of actions taken on the revisions by ARB and U.S. EPA.

AB 1496 Granlund Quarterly CEC MTBE Reports 2-year

Requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (CEC) to submit quarterly reports to the Legislature summarizing the amount of MTBE used in gasoline by each refinery during the preceding quarter and comparing that to the previous quarter.

AB 1544 Granlund Oversight of Leaf Blower Regulations 2-year

Requires Cal/EPA to oversee leaf blower regulations throughout California. Also places new requirements on cities and counties as they adopt prohibitions and restrictions on leaf blowers.
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AB 1560   Aanestad   Smog Impact Fee  2-year

States the Legislature’s intent to repeal the Smog Impact Fee if it is held to be unconstitutional and directs Caltrans to refund the fee to any person who paid the fee.

AB 1571   Villaraigosa   Carl Moyer Program  Chapter 923

Expands and codifies the "Carl Moyer Clean Engine Incentive" grant program which reduces smog-forming emissions by subsidizing the incremental cost of replacing or upgrading diesel powered vehicles or equipment with cleaner technology. Urgency measure.

AB 1609   Cardenas   Leaf Blower Noise Limitations  2-year

Limits city and county authority to regulate the noise levels from leaf blowers to no less than 65 decibels (in accordance with the standards established by the American National Standard Institute). Also prohibits local agencies from banning leaf blowers. Local ordinances adopted as ballot initiative measures are exempt from these restrictions.

AB 1679   Local Gov’t*   South Coast Air District Permits  Chapter 643

This is the Assembly Local Government Committee’s annual omnibus bill. It includes provisions that extend the number of days that a permit applicant has to file an appeal of a permit denial from 10 days to 30 days.

AB 1680   E.S./Toxics*   Environmental Health Policy  2-year

Establishes the Environmental Health Policy Institute within DHS to identify long-term problems relating to environmental health issues and policy options for addressing those problems.

AB 1681   Bock   Medical Waste Incineration  2-year

Specifies handling, storage, and reporting requirements for medical waste incinerator operators. Requires the operator of a medical waste incinerator to handle and store the bottom ash, fly ash, and scrubber residuals in a manner which prevents release to the air, soil, or water.

ACR 48   Battin   Reports on Reformulated Gasoline  2-year

Requests ARB and the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to report to the Legislature by January 1, 2000, on the costs, benefits, and air quality impacts of long- and short-term use of California’s reformulated gasoline versus other types of gasolines. Also requests the University of California to provide an analysis of the economic impact of the reformulated fuel requirement on gasoline prices in California by January 1, 2000.

AJR 34   Wesson   Federal Diesel Fuel Standards  2-year

Requests that the U.S.EPA Administrator adopt the most stringent diesel fuel sulfur standards that are technologically and economically feasible.

HR 27   Bock   San Francisco Bay Area Dioxin Pollution  Adopted  1999  AIR

QUALITY LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY
This “House Resolution” states that there is an urgent need to scientifically determine the extent and nature of dioxin pollution in the San Francisco Bay Area and to develop strategy to further reduce the amount of dioxin pollution in the area.

* Denotes a committee of the Legislature
Originally required local transportation planning agencies to prepare a high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) master plan and annual reports that outline the usage rates of each lane. The bill now contains various, unrelated budget appropriations.

SB 25  Escutia  Children’s Environmental Health Protection  Chapter 731

Creates a Children’s Environmental Health Center within Cal/EPA and requires ARB and OEHHA to review all air quality standards on a prescribed schedule to ensure that the standards and their companion control measures adequately protect infants and children. Also requires expansion of ARB’s air monitoring network to more accurately reflect the exposure of infants and children to air pollutants and imposes additional notification requirements when ambient air quality standards are exceeded in the South Coast air district.

SB 63  Solis  San Bernardino Freeway HOV Lanes  Chapter 168

Reduces the minimum occupancy requirement from three to two persons for vehicles using the high-occupancy vehicle lane (HOV) on the San Bernardino Freeway.

SB 89  Escutia  Environmental Justice  2-year

Requires each state agency to address disproportionate health impacts on low income and minorities communities. Also requires the Office of Planning and Research to convene a working group on environmental justice.

SB 98  Alarcon  South Coast Vehicle Registration Fees  Chapter 36

Extends until January 1, 2005, the authority of the South Coast air district to impose a one-dollar fee on motor vehicle registration renewals. Existing law directs the air district to use the funds to develop advanced transportation technologies and increase the use of clean-burning fuels. Also codifies the district’s existing structure for administering its clean-burning fuels program. Urgency measure.

SB 110  Peace  Power Facility Site Certification  Chapter 581

Streamlines the California Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission’s (CEC) power plant siting process and updates the process to reflect energy deregulation. Also requires CEC, in consultation with ARB, to prepare a biennial status assessment of the restructured electricity market.

SB 115  Solis  Environmental Justice  Chapter 690

Defines "environmental justice" in statute and makes the Office of Planning and Research (OPR) the coordinating state agency for environmental justice programs. Requires OPR to consult with other agencies, including Cal/EPA, and other public and private sector parties. Requires Cal/EPA to develop a model environmental justice mission statement for its boards, departments and
SENATE BILLS


SB 136 Knight Owens Lake Dust Mitigation 2-year

Places in statute the negotiated agreement between the Great Basin air district and the City of Los Angeles for controlling dust on the dry Owens Lake bed. Removes the restriction on the air district that it may not impose control measures on the city that affect the city’s right to produce, divert, store, or convey water.

SB 192 Perata MTBE Ban and Tracking 2-year

Bans the sale of gasoline containing MTBE (methyl tertiary butyl ether) after January 1, 2003. Requires CEC to submit quarterly reports, beginning April 2000, summarizing MTBE use by refiners. Urgency measure.

SB 201 Mountjoy MTBE Ban 2-year


SB 212 Costa San Francisco Bay Area Enhanced Smog Check 2-year

Imposes enhanced Smog Check in upwind air districts that are the source of air pollution blown into downwind districts. Specifically, the author intends to impose enhanced Smog Check on the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area air district in order to mitigate Bay Area air pollution carried by winds into the San Joaquin Valley.

SB 230 Johannessen Smog Impact Fee 2-year

SB 230 would repeal the $300 smog impact fee charged when certain out-of state motor vehicles are initially registered in California.
SB 272   Leslie       MTBE Ban            2-year
Immediately prohibits the sale of gasoline containing MTBE (methyl tertiary butyl ether). Urgency measure.

SB 280   Bowen       Green Public Buildings 2-year
In addition to requirements for more stringent energy-efficiency standards in new state and public office buildings and schools, requires the Integrated Waste Management Board, in consultation with ARB and others, to promulgate green building measures — including measures to improve indoor air quality.

SB 285   Mountjoy    Smog Check Exemption 2-year
Exempts pre-1974 model vehicles from the Smog Check gross polluter requirements. This exemption would apply until 2003, after which time all vehicles 30 years and older would be exempt from the gross polluter requirements.

SB 296   Mountjoy    Smog Check Exemption 2-year
Creates a Smog Check exemption for vehicles that travel less than 5,000 miles annually.

SB 428   Perata      Bay Area High Speed Water Transit Chapter 1011
Creates the San Francisco Bay Area Water Transit Authority with responsibility to prepare and adopt a plan to implement a high-speed water transit system. The regional water transit plan would not become operative until the Legislature approves the plan. Upon such approval, the Authority would be empowered to issue revenue bonds, collect fees, and exercise eminent domain to implement the plan.

SB 448   Ortiz/Polanco Tax Exemption for Experimental Fuels 2-year
Exempts "experimental fuels" from the diesel fuel tax for two years. Experimental fuels would be taxed at a reduced rate of six cents per gallon after the zero-rate period. Tax levy.

SB 529   Bowen       Environmental Review of Fuel Regulations Chapter 813
Requires the California Environmental Policy Council to review proposed ARB fuel specifications for multi-media effects and recommend changes, if necessary, to reduce adverse impacts on public health or the environment. Mandates a more limited Council review for currently proposed ARB fuel regulations (RFG III). Requires ARB to conduct an external scientific peer review of the California Predictive Model by July 1, 2000.

SB 655   Peace       Alternative Energy System Grant Program Vetoed
Directs the California Energy Resource Conservation and Development Commission (CEC) to develop a grant program to offset the costs of certain solar and distributed generation energy systems that operate parallel to the electric grid.
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SB 736   Sher       ARB Budget Trailer Bill   2-year

Expresses legislative intent as a vehicle for statutory changes necessary to implement the 1999 Budget.

SB 821   Sher       Omnibus Local Air District Provisions   Vetoed

Among other minor changes, this proposal includes: an annual ARB report on district emission reduction and trading programs, tightened ARB procedures for certifying gasoline vapor recovery equipment used at service stations, and technical changes to recognize the independent status of the Sacramento Metropolitan air district as a special district.

SB 823   Sher       Particulate Matter Research Program   2-year

Enacts a five-year research program to assess the sources of California's particulate air pollution problem. Repeals obsolete provisions of the atmospheric acidity research program.

SB 826   Sher       Bay Area Vehicle Registration Fee Revenues   Chapter 204

SB 826 expands the list of projects that the Bay Area Air Quality Management District would be allowed to fund with motor vehicle registration fee revenues.

SB 906   Murray      Heavy-duty Diesel Inspection Program   2-year

Exempts 1992 and newer trucks and buses from ARB's fleet self-inspection requirement. Also increases ARB's roadside heavy-duty vehicle inspection program.

SB 989   Sher       MTBE Fuel Regulations   Chapter 812

Requires development of a timetable for eliminating the use of MTBE (methyl tertiary butyl ether) in motor vehicle fuel at the earliest possible date, increases monitoring and containment requirements for groundwater supplies, boosts financial assistance for upgrading underground tanks, and requires multimedia evaluation of new specifications for motor vehicle fuel.

SB 993   Hayden      School Toxic Exposure Standards   Vetoed

Requires development of standards to assess and mitigate toxic exposure at school sites.

SB 1001  Burton      Reports on MTBE Levels in Gasoline   Chapter 814

Requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (CEC) to submit quarterly reports summarizing the amount of MTBE (methyl tertiary butyl ether) in gasoline from each refinery during the MTBE phase-out period.

SB 1020  Figueroa    Toxic Exposure Regulations   2-year

Revises priorities for toxic air contaminant regulations by including exposure threats at schools, day care facilities, and residential housing facilities.
Requires ARB to compare the cost-effectiveness of aftermarket motor vehicle pollution control devices with the cost-effectiveness of vehicle retirement (scrappage) programs. ARB would be required to perform this assessment only for devices meeting specific criteria.

SB 1058    Johannessen    Smog Check Visual and Functional Checks    2-year

Deletes the requirement for a functional check of most emission control devices in enhanced Smog Check areas. Eliminates visual inspection for illegal aftermarket and hot rod parts in both enhanced and basic areas.

SB 1083    Knight    Commercial Space Programs    2-year

Expands the use of commercial space launch air quality permits to reusable launch vehicles in Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Merced counties.

SB 1102    Murray    Motor Vehicle Exhaust Regulation    2-year

Requires ARB, when evaluating controls for particulate matter from motor vehicles, to consider advanced technologies as much as fuel properties and alternatives provided neither option increases nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions. Urgency measure.

SB 1131    Burton    Investigation of Fuel Industry Practices    Chapter 956

Appropriates $1 million to the Department of Justice to conduct an investigation of fuel industry practices relevant to the production, distribution and pricing of gasoline and diesel fuel, and to review the pending mergers between major oil companies.

SB 1146    Burton    Vehicle Repair Information    2-year

Requires vehicle manufacturers to provide detailed automotive part manufacturing specifications to aftermarket parts manufacturers if the ARB Executive Officer determines that the disclosure is necessary to mitigate “anti-competitive effects.” Also requires the disclosure of repair information to the automotive repair industry.

SB 1150    Perata    Penalties for Stationary Source Violations    2-year

Applies both civil and criminal penalties to stationary source violations.

SB    Knight    Air Resources Board Membership    2-year

Increases ARB’s local air district membership from five to six. Also increases the total number of ARB members from 11 to 12. The additional member would be an ex-officio member from the Mojave Desert, the Antelope Valley, or the Kern County air district.

SB 1175    Polanco    Smog Check Gold Shield Stations    2-year

Enables Gold Shield "test and repair" Smog Check stations to retest the vehicles that are now
required to be tested at “test-only facilities” after repair.

SB 1186  Ortiz  Rice Straw Burning Alternatives  Chapter 640

Extends, for one year, ARB’s authority to issue grants to support development of alternatives to open field burning of rice straw. Requires ARB, in consultation with California Department of Food and Agriculture and other state agencies, to submit to the Legislature by January 1, 2001, recommendations for ensuring a consistent and predictable rice straw supply for cost-effective uses.

SB 1195  Hayden  PM2.5 in the South Coast Air District  Chapter 477

Requires the South Coast air district to: (1) add fine particulate matter (PM2.5) to its forecasting, reporting and public notification procedures commencing July 1, 2001; (2) make a preliminary assessment of PM2.5 in its next air quality plan and evaluate the effect of its existing ozone and PM10 control strategy in helping achieve the PM2.5 federal standard; and (3) prepare a triennial report, commencing on December 31, 2001, on the health impacts of particulate matter air pollution in the South Coast.

SB 1214  Brulte  Gasoline Cargo Tank Truck Violations  2-year

Classifies most cargo tank truck vapor recovery system violations as minor violations.

SB 1253  Sher  Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory  Vetoed

Requires the California Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (CEC), in consultation with ARB, to update the greenhouse gas emissions inventory and provide information regarding cost-effective and technologically feasible methods for reducing greenhouse gas production.

SB 1267  Polanco  Leaf Blower Noise and Emission Standards  2-year

Prohibits the sale of leaf blowers after January 1, 2001, unless they comply with national noise level specifications and meet the emissions standards adopted by ARB for gasoline-powered leaf blowers. Also restricts communities’ ability to adopt noise and pollution standards for leaf blowers and only allows a local ban of leaf blowers by a voter initiative.

SB 1269  Alpert  Vehicular Diesel Exhaust Exposure  Chapter 599

Originally this bill required the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment to conduct scientific studies to evaluate the exposure of the public to vehicular diesel exhaust. The bill now requires the Attorney General to collect, maintain and make accessible information concerning specific legal actions resulting from Proposition 65.

SB 1288  Murray  Used Car Dealers’ Smog Certificates  Chapter 355

Makes Smog Check certificates issued to licensed motor vehicle dealers valid for a maximum of two years or until the vehicle’s retail sale and registration, whichever occurs first. The bill would
sunset on January 1, 2002.

SB 1298       E,U&C*   Petroleum Violation Escrow Account         2-year

Appropriates $14 million from the Account to buy down the cost of zero-emission vehicles and infrastructure for local governments, state government and the Legislature, in addition to other uses.

SB 1300       Sher     Air Toxics “Hot Spots” Fees             2-year

Eliminates ARB authority to adopt a fee regulation to recover State costs for implementing the Air Toxics “Hot Spots” program after July 1, 2000. Requires ARB to develop criteria and guidelines for conducting cumulative risk analyses by July 1, 2001.

SB 1301       Kelley   Remote Sensing of Vehicle Emissions      Chapter 273

Requires BAR, as part of a discretionary pilot program, to evaluate the need to develop standards and licensing for operations of remote sensing equipment.

SCR 19       Burton   Gasoline Powered Leaf Blowers          Resolution Chapter 35

Directs ARB to prepare a report to the legislature, by January 1, 2000, summarizing the health and environmental impacts of gasoline-powered leaf blowers, including the effects of exhaust, noise, and blown dust.

SJR 15       Sher     Federal Oxygenate Requirements       Resolution Chapter 95

Requests the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency grant an administrative waiver of the federal Clean Air Act’s oxygenated fuel requirement and urges the U.S. Congress to enact legislation permitting California to adopt more flexible reformulated gasoline requirements.

SR 20       Mountjoy  MTBE Remediation                      Adopted

Urges the Attorney General to seek revenue sufficient to remediate MTBE contamination if MTBE continues to be used in California beyond December 31, 2002 as a result of a specific NAFTA complaint; and urges Congress to protect California against such NAFTA or GATT charges.
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October 10, 1999

To the Members of the Senate:

I am signing Senate Bill No. 428 with the following comments:

Ten years ago, the Loma Prieta earthquake devastated the San Francisco Bay Area. Much of that devastation is still felt today, particularly in the form of crushing traffic congestion on Bay Area roads and bridges.

The San Francisco Bay Area Water Transit Authority established by this legislation has the potential to provide desperately needed alternatives for commuters and other travelers, and to restore what was once a proud Bay Area tradition.

It is my intention that the planning phase of this project be funded from the Public Transportation Account (PTA) and that no General Fund monies shall be appropriated for the implementation of the Authority’s plan.

Sincerely,

GRAY DAVIS
October 10, 1999

To the Members of the Senate:

I am signing Senate Bill No. 1131, encouraging the Department of Justice to investigate the practices of the motor vehicle fuel industry related to the production, distribution and pricing of gasoline and diesel fuel.

However, I am deleting the $1 million General Fund appropriation from the bill and instead ask the Attorney General to implement the provisions of SB 1131 within existing resources. The 1999 Budget Act contains $3.2 million for the Department of Justice's Antitrust workload, which includes a $677,000 General Fund augmentation to address such expected workload increases.

Sincerely,

GRAY DAVIS
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To the Members of the Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill No. 1058 to the Legislature without my signature.

This bill would authorize the Air Resources Board (ARB) or a court to lower the amount of a penalty related to the use of illegal fuels if the ARB or a court determines that the operator or fuel supplier was not aware that the regulations applied to them.

I am concerned that this bill attempts to influence the outcome of a pending enforcement action while the investigation is open and settlement discussions are in progress.

The rationale for this bill is based in the inaccurate assertion that the ARB failed to provide sufficient notice to airport ground vehicle operators and fuel suppliers regarding fuel requirements. This bill sets an inappropriate precedent by legitimizing an "ignorance of the law" defense. In fact, the ARB took appropriate action to notify airport operators of new fuel standards.

This bill is unnecessary because current law requires the ARB and the courts to consider all relevant circumstances when determining whether a penalty should be assessed and the amount of the penalty. Factors such as the knowledge and intent, preventative efforts taken, and the cooperation of the business must be considered in penalty decisions. This bill could lead to needless litigation.

For these reasons, I am returning AB 1058 without my signature.

Sincerely,

GRAY DAVIS
October 10, 1999

To Members of the California Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill No. 1207 without my signature.

This bill attempts to address important issues concerning the health and safety of children in schools including indoor environmental quality, portable classrooms, and the use of pesticides at school facilities.

While laudable in much of its intent, this legislation contains a serious flaw which precludes me from signing it. My main concern with this bill is the overly prescriptive requirements on the use of pesticides on school sites. Unfortunately the bill is drafted with such broad language that it creates costly requirements for schools that are not reasonable or optimal approaches to pest management.

AB 1207 would, for example, require school districts to notify parents of applications in schools of such commonly used household insecticides as Raid and Combat, or three days before applying insecticides to address pest emergencies such as hornets nests or fire ants on school property. The bill would require school districts to notify parents of applications of pesticides even during school vacations when children would not normally be present in the school. For example, parents would need to be notified each time a summer baseball league applies weedkiller, such as Round-up, to delineate lines on a ballfield on school property.

The California Department of Finance indicates that this measure would result in estimated costs of $2.7 million in 2000-01, $1.7 million in 2001-02 and $1.2 million annually thereafter. In addition, this bill would result in reimbursable state-mandated costs estimated in the tens of millions of dollars for school districts to comply with the notification and posting requirements for pesticide use, establishing the least hazardous integrated pest management program, and training to implement the program.

In the 1999-2000 Budget Act, I set aside $1 million to provide a comprehensive review of air quality in portable classrooms. Additionally, the Department of Health Services (DHS) conducts an Indoor Air Quality Program charged with studying indoor environmental quality and coordinating the state's response to indoor air problems. DHS's Environmental Health Investigation Branch investigates environmental health problems in the state and has consulted with several school districts at their request on
recent school environmental health issues, including potential problems in portable classrooms.

I continue to believe the issue of air quality in portable classrooms is an important issue that must be addressed to ensure that any unsafe conditions are identified and promptly addressed, and I will support legislation to utilize the funds set aside in the budget toward that end.

Sincerely,

GRAY DAVIS
September 27, 1999

To the Members of the Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill No. 1293 without my signature.

This bill would have required the Coastal Commission to carry out public education and outreach programs relating to boating and nonpoint source pollution and would have extended the Commission's authority beyond the coastal zone for purposes of these programs.

I do not support expanding the Commission's authority beyond the coastal zone. Moreover, the Department of Boating and Waterways is the appropriate agency to carry out public education programs related to boating. In addition, programs relating to nonpoint source pollution should be carried out by the State Water Resources Control Board and the regional water quality control boards.

Sincerely,

GRAY DAVIS
July 27, 1999

To the Members of the Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill No. 1401 without my signature.

I have discussed with the author my desire to sign a bill that promotes better air quality without requiring a super majority vote of the South Coast Air Quality District Board.

Assembly member Longville and I have agreed to draft a bill to accomplish these objectives, hopefully this year.

I am philosophically opposed, however, to legislation that requires a super majority of 75% to enact public policy.

I would, however, support and sign legislation that will require the South Coast Air Quality Management District to act within 60 days by a majority vote on recommendations by the Mobile Source Pollution Reduction Committee. If no action is taken within 60 days the proposal would be deemed approved.

Sincerely,

GRAY DAVIS
October 10, 1999

To the Members of the Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 655 without my signature.

While I am supportive of efforts to promote emerging solar and distributed generation technologies, this bill establishes a new grant program without establishing the source or amount of funding.

This program, while important, should compete with other priorities in the annual budget process.

Sincerely,

GRAY DAVIS
October 10, 1999

To the Members of the Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 821 without my signature.

This bill would make various administrative and technical changes to the California Clean Air Act, including an annual report on air district emission and reduction programs, certification of gasoline vapor recovery equipment, and changes to recognize the independent status of the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management Air District.

This bill is unnecessary because it codifies existing practices. For example, the Air Resources Board already reviews the local air district’s emission credit trading programs to ensure compliance with guidelines.

Sincerely,

GRAY DAVIS
October 10, 1999

To the Members of the Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 993 without my signature.

This bill would require the development of children's health standards and guidelines for schools, require schoolsite response actions to be monitored by an advisory committee and require the Division of the State Architect to revise its design standards for school buildings.

I believe that California's school children should be safe from environmental harm. To this end, I have signed SB 162 and AB 387 by Senator Escutia and Assemblyman Wildman. These bills work together to create a comprehensive environmental assessment process for school construction.

While the efforts of the author are laudable, the current hazardous waste cleanup standards adequately protect children. Also, the bill requires the revision of school design standards in a manner that is unclear and fails to provide adequate funding for this purpose.

Sincerely,

GRAY DAVIS
October 9, 1999

To the Members of the Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1253 without my signature.

This bill would require the California Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (CEC), in consultation with other state agencies, to update the inventory of greenhouse gas emissions every five years and develop various information on global climate change.

This bill is unnecessary. The CEC has already developed and updated an inventory of the sources of greenhouse emissions within the state. It is unclear what new and different information would be revealed under this bill that has not been compiled or discovered thus far. In fact, California is already well below the national average for generating greenhouse gas on a per capita basis according to the CEC.

Sincerely,

GRAY DAVIS
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