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Relative to renewable energy resources.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SJR 7, Maldonado. Renewable energy resources.

This measure would support legislation introduced in the Congress of the United States expressing the sense of Congress that it is the goal of the United States that, no later than January 1, 2025, not less than 25% of the total energy consumed in the United States comes from renewable resources. The measure also would request that Congress ensure that efforts to increase renewable energy production do not harm current production of food, feed, and fiber.

WHEREAS, The United States has a quantity of renewable energy resources that is sufficient to supply a significant portion of the energy needs of the United States; and

WHEREAS, The agricultural, forestry, and working land of California can help ensure a sustainable domestic energy system; and

WHEREAS, Accelerated development and use of renewable energy technologies would provide numerous benefits to all citizens of California and the United States, including improved national security, improved balance of payments, healthier rural economies, improved environmental quality, and abundant, reliable, and affordable energy; and

WHEREAS, The production of transportation fuels from renewable energy would help the United States meet rapidly growing domestic and global energy demands, reduce the dependence of the United States on energy imported from volatile regions of the world that are politically unstable, stabilize the cost and availability of energy, and safeguard the economy and security of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Increased energy production from domestic renewable resources would attract substantial new investments in energy infrastructure, create economic growth, develop new jobs for the citizens of the United States, and increase the income for farm, ranch, and forestry jobs in the rural regions of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Increased use of renewable energy is practical and can be cost effective with the implementation of supportive policies and proper incentives to stimulate markets and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Public policies aimed at enhancing renewable energy production and accelerating technological improvements will further

reduce energy costs over time and increase market demand; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature of the State of California supports legislation introduced in the Congress of the United States expressing the sense of Congress that it is the goal of the United States that, no later than January 1, 2025, not less than 25 percent of the total energy consumed in the United States comes from renewable resources; and be it further

Resolved, That the California Legislature respectfully requests that Congress ensure that efforts to increase renewable energy production do not harm current production of food, feed, and fiber; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.