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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2019–20 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 144

Introduced by Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry

December 13, 2018

An act to amend Section 4630.2 ~~of of~~, to add Section 4005 to, and to add and repeal Section 75125.5 of, the Public Resources Code, relating to ~~forestry~~: *public resources*.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 144, as amended, Aguiar-Curry. ~~Forest Management Task Force recommendations: mass timber production facilities. Public resources management.~~

Existing

(1) *Existing* law declares that a thriving in-state forest products sector provides public benefits, including employment opportunities in both rural and urban areas, and economic development for rural communities. Existing law establishes the Forest Health Task Force pursuant to a specified executive order issued by the Governor, and requires the task force or its successor entity, on or before July 1, 2020, in consultation with specified entities, to develop recommendations for the siting of additional wood product manufacturing facilities in the state. Existing law specifies that it is the intent of the Legislature, in developing those recommendations, that the location and activities of the mass timber production facilities be, among other things, located in, or be proximate to, areas that are near the locations of large landscape fires, as described, and in areas identified as federal opportunity zones or in areas that have an average household income of 5% below the state's median household income.

This bill would *add a definition of the task force for purposes of those provisions and* recast the median household income threshold from 5% below to at or below 5% of the state’s median household income.

(2) *Existing law establishes the Strategic Growth Council in state government consisting of various state agency heads and 3 public members. Existing law assigns to the council certain duties relative to the identification and review of activities and funding programs of state agencies that may be coordinated to improve air and water quality, improve natural resource protection, increase the availability of affordable housing, improve transportation, meet greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals, encourage sustainable land use planning, and revitalize urban and community centers in a sustainable manner.*

This bill would require the council, in consultation with stakeholders and relevant permitting agencies, to prepare and submit a report to the Legislature that provides a scoping plan for the state to meet its organic waste management mandates, goals, and targets and would require the scoping plan to include, among other things, recommendations on policy and funding support for closing the loop on carbon-neutral or carbon-negative organic waste management practices.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~-yes. State-mandated local program: no.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 4005 is added to the Public Resources
 2 Code, to read:
 3 4005. “Forest Management Task Force” means the task force
 4 established by the Governor pursuant to Executive Order No.
 5 B-52-18 to oversee the implementation of that executive order.
 6 SECTION 1.
 7 SEC. 2. Section 4630.2 of the Public Resources Code is
 8 amended to read:
 9 4630.2. (a) On or before July 1, 2020, the Forest Management
 10 Task Force established pursuant to Executive Order No. B-52-18
 11 or its successor entity shall, in consultation with the Governor’s
 12 Office of Business and Economic Development, the Joint Institute
 13 for Wood Products Innovation in the Board of Forestry and Fire
 14 Protection, private industry, investors, and other stakeholders it
 15 deems appropriate, develop recommendations for siting of

1 additional wood product manufacturing facilities in the state. These
2 recommendations shall include but are not limited to:

3 (1) A financially viable proposal for the development and
4 construction of at least one new mass timber production facility
5 that can manufacture mass timber panels that can be cross or dowel
6 laminated or use similar mass timber technology.

7 (2) Identify and propose the necessary incentives needed to
8 attract private investment to construct such a mass timber
9 production facility in California.

10 (3) Identify other former manufacturing or wood processing
11 sites that may be suitable for future investment.

12 (b) In developing the recommendations pursuant to subdivision
13 (a), it is the intent of the Legislature that the location and activities
14 of the mass timber production facilities, to the extent feasible, meet
15 the following:

16 (1) Be adjacent to a high or very high fire hazard severity zone,
17 as identified by the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection,
18 and be capable of processing materials generated as a result of fuel
19 treatments or other forest management practices.

20 (2) Generate mass timber workforce training and job creation
21 opportunities.

22 (3) Be located in, or be proximate to, areas that are near the
23 locations of large landscape fires of greater than 50,000 acres that
24 have occurred since 2005 and in areas identified as federal
25 opportunity zones or in areas that have an average household
26 income at or below 5 percent of the state's median household
27 income.

28 *SEC. 3. Section 75125.5 is added to the Public Resources Code,*
29 *to read:*

30 *75125.5. (a) On or before December 31, 2020, the council, in*
31 *consultation with stakeholders and relevant permitting agencies,*
32 *shall prepare and submit a report to the Legislature, in compliance*
33 *with Section 9795 of the Government Code, that provides a scoping*
34 *plan for the state to meet its organic waste management mandates,*
35 *goals, and targets.*

36 *(b) The scoping plan required pursuant to subdivision (a) shall*
37 *include, but is not limited to, all of the following:*

38 *(1) Recommendations on policy and funding support for closing*
39 *the loop on carbon-neutral or carbon-negative organic waste*
40 *management practices.*

- 1 (2) *Identify obstacles to closing the loop on carbon-neutral or*
- 2 *carbon-negative organic waste management practices.*
- 3 (3) *Activities to be undertaken by the private and public sectors*
- 4 *to address the obstacles identified pursuant to paragraph (2).*
- 5 (c) *This section shall remain in effect only until December 31,*
- 6 *2024, and as of that date is repealed.*