

BILL ANALYSIS

RESOURCES AGENCY

DEPARTMENT California Coastal Commission	AUTHOR Villaraigoso/Keeley	BILL NUMBER AB 18
SPONSORED BY Villaraigoso/Keeley	RELATED BILLS	DATE LAST AMENDED 4/22/99

SUBJECT
Urban Parks, Clean Water, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000

SUMMARY

AB 18 would enact the Villaraigosa-Keeley Urban Parks, Clean Water, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000. It would authorize, for the purpose of financing a program for the acquisition, development, improvement, rehabilitation, restoration, enhancement, and protection of park, recreational, cultural, historical, fish and wildlife, lake, riparian, reservoir, river, and coastal resources, the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$1,500,000,000. The bill would require the Secretary of State to submit the bond act to the voters at the March 7, 2000, statewide general election.

The Commission voted to support AB 18 on April 15, 1999.

ANALYSIS

History: Proposition 70, passed in 1988, was the last successful bond act that provided money to the Coastal Conservancy for coastal acquisition and enhancement projects. These funds have now been depleted.

Changes Proposed by this Bill: AB 18 would enact the Villaraigosa-Keeley Urban Parks, Clean Water, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000. It would authorize, for the purpose of financing a program for the acquisition, development, improvement, rehabilitation, restoration, enhancement, and protection of park, recreational, cultural, historical, fish and wildlife, lake, riparian, reservoir, river, and coastal resources, the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$1,500,000,000.

The Coastal Conservancy would be allocated \$200 million in bond funds under this bill. Of this amount, \$25 million would be set aside for San Francisco Bay Area projects, and \$175 million would be reserved for projects in coastal areas and watersheds. Other bond allocations include:

- \$300 million to State Parks projects
- \$500 million to cities, counties, and park districts for urban parks and open space
- \$10 million for lake, river, and reservoir access
- \$10 million for non-motorized trail projects
- \$60 million to the Wildlife Conservation Board for wetland, watershed, riparian, and threatened and endangered species projects
- \$45 million to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.

DEPARTMENTS THAT MAY BE AFFECTED
Coastal Conservancy, Parks and Recreation, Fish and Game, Conservation

STATE MANDATE

GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT

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AGENCY SECRETARY POSITION

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE USE

- Position approved.....
 Position disapproved
 Position Noted

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- \$10 million to the Department of Fish and Game for waterfowl habitat and wildlife area improvement projects
- \$50 million to the Tahoe Conservancy
- \$7.5 million to the San Joaquin River Conservancy
- \$5 million to the Department of Conservation for agricultural land conservation projects

Discussion: Historically, state bonds have provided the Coastal Conservancy and other land conservation and parkland agencies with funding for land acquisition and restoration projects. The Conservancy has depleted the bond funds provided by the last successful bond act in 1988. This bond measure would allow the Conservancy to augment its coastal resource restoration and acquisition efforts.

FISCAL IMPACT

This bill would have no fiscal impacts on the Commission.

POSITION

The Commission voted to support AB 18 on April 15, 1999.

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