

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 723

Introduced by Assembly Member DeVore

February 22, 2007

An act relating to environmental quality.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 723, as introduced, DeVore. California Environmental Quality Act.

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency to prepare, or cause to be prepared, and certify the completion of, an environmental impact report on a project, as defined, that it proposes to carry out or approve that may have a significant effect on the environment, as defined, or to adopt a negative declaration if it finds that the project will not have that effect. CEQA also generally requires a lead agency to prepare a mitigated negative declaration for a project that may have a significant effect on the environment if revisions in the project would avoid or mitigate that effect and there is no substantial evidence that the project, as revised, would have a significant effect on the environment. CEQA provides some exemptions from its requirements for specified projects.

This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to declare a "CEQA Holiday" exemption for a period of 5 years for the construction of agricultural employee housing, affordable housing, and urban infill housing projects.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
2 legislation declaring a “CEQA Holiday” exemption from the
3 California Environmental Quality Act (Division 13 (commencing
4 with Section 21000)), for a period of five years, for the construction
5 of agricultural employee housing, affordable housing, and urban
6 infill housing projects.

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