

Assembly Bill No. 362

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Chief Clerk of the Assembly

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Secretary of the Senate

This bill was received by the Governor this _____ day
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Private Secretary of the Governor

CHAPTER _____

An act to add Section 14861 to the Government Code, relating to state printing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 362, Waldron. State printing: demonstration project: process free printing.

Existing law establishes the Office of State Printing within the Department of General Services. Existing law requires that all state printing be done in the Office of State Printing.

This bill would authorize the department to engage in a demonstration project to show the economic and environmental advantages of sustainable printing practices, including the use of process free printing plates, as defined, and associated technology for specified types of printing jobs. The bill would permit a vendor that participates in the demonstration project to pay any costs associated with the demonstration. The bill would make legislative findings in support of the project.

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

SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

(a) State government is a major consumer of materials and energy. The state's policies include conserving, improving, and protecting natural resources and the environment, preventing water, air, and land pollution, and enhancing the health, safety, and welfare of state residents and their overall economic and social well-being.

(b) It is the policy of the state to promote cost-effective methods to reduce energy and resource consumption, and to reduce or eliminate the use of hazardous substances and the generation of hazardous substances, pollution, and waste at the source.

(c) The state's solid waste management priorities include reducing the generation of solid waste, reusing materials, and recycling materials that cannot be reused, and making sound choices regarding the consumption of commodities, services, and

technology and the amount of waste they generate. State agencies and public authorities can minimize potential environmental and health impacts on workers and the public.

(d) The state's procurement of commodities, services, and technology can be enhanced through state and public agency choices that minimize the potential environmental and health impacts of their activities. State government can be a leader in environmental stewardship through the use of green procurement and sustainable management practices.

SEC. 2. Section 14861 is added to the Government Code, to read:

14861. (a) The department may engage in a demonstration project that shows the environmental and economic benefits that may be achieved by utilizing sustainable printing practices which may include, but are not limited to, the use of process free printing plates and associated technology for state printing jobs that utilize offset or lithographic printing. In engaging in a process free printing plate pilot project, the department shall make best efforts to adhere to the following best practices:

- (1) Reduce overall chemical usage in making printing plates.
- (2) Maximize the use of low-volatile organic compounds and less hazardous chemicals.
- (3) Minimize water usage.
- (4) Reduce electricity usage.
- (5) Maximize the recycling of paper, ink, aluminum plates, and related materials.
- (6) Reduce the carbon footprint.

(b) A private vendor electing to participate in a demonstration project with the department may pay for costs associated with the demonstration project, including process free printing plates, necessary for the demonstration, as agreed upon with the department.

(c) For purposes of this chapter, "process free printing plates" are defined as printing plates that can be put on press in offset printing, also known as lithography, immediately after imaging on a platesetter, with no intermediary plate processing step required.

Approved _____, 2015

Governor