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To: House Bill No. 5209

File No. 495

Cal. No. 316

"AN ACT CONCERNING STATE LAND WHERE HUNTING IS PERMITTED."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of
4 Environmental Protection shall not reduce the amount of state land
5 where recreational activity is permitted without providing for an equal
6 amount of such land elsewhere in the state. The amount of state land
7 where recreational activity is permitted shall not be less than the
8 percentage of state land where recreational activity was permitted as
9 of July 1, 2008.

10 (b) The amount of land dedicated for recreational activity pursuant
11 to subsection (a) of this section shall be proportionate to public

12 popularity. For purposes of this section, recreational activity includes,
13 but is not limited to, hiking, cross country skiing, off-road vehicle use,
14 all-terrain vehicle use, mountain biking, hunting and bird watching.

15 (c) For purposes of determining public popularity pursuant to
16 subsection (b) of this section, the Commissioner of Environmental
17 Protection shall conduct a public survey every three years to determine
18 the level of popularity of each recreational activity for each parcel of
19 public land. Such public survey shall include collection of public
20 opinion data for specific recreational activities."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section