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**TITLE 5. LOCAL AGENCIES [50001 - 57607]** ( Title 5 added by Stats. 1949, Ch. 81. )

**DIVISION 1. CITIES AND COUNTIES [50001 - 52203]** ( Division 1 added by Stats. 1949, Ch. 81. )

**PART 1. POWERS AND DUTIES COMMON TO CITIES AND COUNTIES [50001 - 51298.5]** ( Part 1 added by Stats. 1949, Ch. 81. )

**CHAPTER 6.6. Open-Space Easement Act of 1974 [51070 - 51097]** ( Chapter 6.6 added by Stats. 1974, Ch. 1003. )

**ARTICLE 1. Declaration [51070 - 51073]** ( Article 1 added by Stats. 1974, Ch. 1003. )

**51070.** It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting this chapter to provide a means whereby any county or city may acquire or approve an open-space easement in perpetuity or for a term of years for the purpose of preserving and maintaining open space.  
(Amended by Stats. 1977, Ch. 1178.)

**51071.** The Legislature finds that the rapid growth and spread of urban development is encroaching upon, or eliminating open-space lands which are necessary not only for the maintenance of the economy of the state, but also for the assurance of the continued availability of land for the production of food and fiber, for the enjoyment of scenic beauty, for recreation and for the use and conservation of natural resources.  
(Added by Stats. 1974, Ch. 1003.)

**51072.** The Legislature hereby declares that open-space lands, if preserved and maintained, would constitute important physical, social, economic or aesthetic assets to existing or pending urban development.  
(Added by Stats. 1974, Ch. 1003.)

**51073.** The Legislature further declares that the acquisition of open-space easements is in the public interest and constitutes a public purpose for which public funds may be expended or advanced.  
(Added by Stats. 1974, Ch. 1003.)