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SB-559 Department of Water Resources: federal funding: Friant-Kern Canal. (2019-2020)

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2019–2020 REGULAR SESSION

SENATE BILL

NO. 559

Introduced by Senator Hurtado

(Principal coauthors: Senators Borgeas, Caballero, and Grove)

(Principal coauthors: Assembly Members Arambula, Bigelow, Fong, Mathis, Patterson, and Salas)

February 22, 2019

An act to add and repeal Section 140.5 of the Water Code, relating to water.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 559, Hurtado. Department of Water Resources: federal funding: Friant-Kern Canal.

Under existing law, the United States Bureau of Reclamation operates the federal Central Valley Project and the Department of Water Resources operates the State Water Project to supply water to persons and entities in the state. Existing law requires the Friant-Kern Canal to be of such capacity as the department determines necessary to furnish an adequate supply of water for beneficial purposes in the area to be served by the canal.

This bill would require the Department of Water Resources to report to the Legislature, no later than March 31, 2021, on federal funding approved by the United States Congress in its 2021 Congressional Budget Resolution and related appropriations bills or otherwise provided to the Friant Water Authority or other government agency to restore the capacity of the Friant-Kern Canal, as specified. The bill would require the department to include in its report a proposal for the state to pay a share of the project cost, not to exceed 35%, and how the money will be spent.

This bill would make these provisions inoperative on March 31, 2025, and would repeal them as of January 1, 2026.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 140.5 is added to the Water Code, to read:

140.5. (a) The department shall report to the Legislature, in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government Code, on or before March 31, 2021, on federal funding approved by the United States Congress in its 2021 Congressional Budget Resolution and related appropriations bills or otherwise provided to the Friant Water Authority or other government agency to restore the capacity of the Friant-Kern Canal, including whether the restoration is to original design capacity or a different capacity.

(b) The report shall include a proposal for the state to pay a share of the project cost, not to exceed 35 percent of the total cost, and how the money will be spent.

(c) Pursuant to Section 10231.5 of the Government Code, this section shall become inoperative on March 31, 2025, and, as of January 1, 2026, is repealed.