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SR-21 (2019-2020)

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2019–2020 REGULAR SESSION

SENATE RESOLUTION

NO. 21

Introduced by Senator Hill

February 22, 2019

Relative to the Know Before You Fly educational campaign.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SR 21, Hill.

WHEREAS, The safe integration of unmanned aircraft systems into the National Airspace System promises to drive new economic development and consumer choice, promote more responsible stewardship of natural resources, facilitate more effective emergency response and disaster recovery, and improve the efficiency and security of energy, transportation, and communications networks; and

WHEREAS, Direct operation of unmanned aircraft systems, for both commercial and noncommercial use, is growing rapidly, with more than 1,000,000 aircraft already registered; and

WHEREAS, The development and adoption of services provided by unmanned aircraft systems is expected to generate \$80,000,000,000 of new economic activity and create more than 100,000 new jobs in the United States by 2025; and

WHEREAS, The safe operation of unmanned aircraft systems, both for noncommercial and commercial purposes, is necessary for continued innovation, economic activity, and public benefit; and

WHEREAS, Prospective operators of unmanned aircraft systems must understand and abide by relevant requirements and limitations to ensure the safe operation of such systems; and

WHEREAS, The regulatory framework for unmanned aircraft systems continues to develop, including Federal Aviation Administration steps to integrate unmanned aircraft systems into the national airspace and issuance of operational requirements for small unmanned aircraft systems operations in the national airspace; and

WHEREAS, Easily accessible and freely available information regarding current guidance for safe and responsible unmanned aircraft systems operations provides certainty to unmanned aircraft system owners and operators, maximizes the public benefits of unmanned aircraft systems, and mitigates risks to public safety and security; and

WHEREAS, Know Before You Fly is an education campaign founded by the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International and the Academy of Model Aeronautics in partnership with the Federal Aviation Administration to educate prospective users about the safe and responsible operation of unmanned aircraft systems; and

WHEREAS, Through the Know Before You Fly educational campaign, the Federal Aviation Administration has developed relationships with more than 150 partners, including unmanned aircraft manufacturers, law enforcement agencies, retailers, labor organizations, and institutions of higher education; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, That the Senate recognizes and supports the Know Before You Fly campaign as an official source of safety education for prospective and active operators of unmanned aircraft systems in California; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.