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AB-1452 State Capitol: Iraq Afghanistan Kuwait Veterans Memorial monument. (2023-2024)

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Assembly Bill No. 1452

CHAPTER 371

An act to add Section 14636 to the Government Code, relating to the State Capitol.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1452, Mathis. State Capitol: Iraq Afghanistan Kuwait Veterans Memorial monument.

Existing law provides for various memorials and monuments on the grounds of the State Capitol. Existing law requires the Department of General Services to maintain state buildings and grounds.

This bill would authorize a nonprofit organization representing veterans of the wars in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Kuwait in consultation with the Department of General Services, to plan, construct, and maintain a monument to the veterans of the wars in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Kuwait on the grounds of the State Capitol. The bill would require the nonprofit organization to submit a plan for the monument to the Joint Rules Committee for its review and approval. The bill would require the monument to be funded exclusively from private sources.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

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

SECTION 1. Section 14636 is added to the Government Code, to read:

14636. (a) A recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization representing veterans of the wars in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Kuwait, in consultation with the Department of General Services, may plan, construct, and maintain a monument to veterans of the wars in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Kuwait on the grounds of the State Capitol in accordance with this section.

(b) The Department of General Services, in consultation with the nonprofit organization representing veterans of the wars in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Kuwait, shall do all of the following:

- (1) Review the preliminary design plans to identify potential maintenance concerns.
- (2) Ensure compliance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12101 et seq.) and address safety concerns.
- (3) Review and approve any documents prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) of the Public Resources Code) for the work on the grounds of the State Capitol.
- (4) Review final construction documents to ensure that the documents comply with all applicable laws.

(5) Prepare the right-of-entry permit outlining the final area of work, final construction documents, construction plans, the contractor hired to perform the work, insurance, bonding, provisions for damage to state property, and inspection requirements.

(6) Prepare a maintenance agreement outlining the responsibility of the nonprofit organization representing veterans of the wars in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Kuwait for the long-term maintenance of the monument due to aging, vandalism, or relocation.

(7) Inspect all construction performed pursuant to this section by the contractor selected by the nonprofit organization representing veterans of the wars in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Kuwait.

(c) If a nonprofit organization representing veterans of the wars in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Kuwait undertakes responsibility for a monument pursuant to this section, it shall submit a plan for the monument to the Joint Rules Committee for its review and approval. The organization shall not begin construction of the monument until both of the following have occurred:

(1) The Joint Rules Committee has approved and adopted the plan for the monument.

(2) The Joint Rules Committee and the Department of Finance have determined that sufficient private funding is available to construct and maintain the monument.

(d) The planning, construction, and maintenance of the monument shall be funded exclusively through private funding.