


**REPORT OF THE  
CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST**

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DATE: September 1, 2015

TO: Honorable Members of the Rules, Elections and the Intergovernmental Relations Committee

FROM: Sharon M. Tso   
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Council File No. 15-0002-S97  
Assignment No. 15-08-0709

SUBJECT: Resolution (Koretz-Bonin-Blumenfield) to SUPPORT SB 788 (McGuire and Jackson), the *California Coastal Protection Act of 2015*.

CLA RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution (Koretz-Bonin-Blumenfield) to include in the City's 2015-16 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for SB 788 (McGuire and Jackson), which would remove the exception provided in the *California Coastal Sanctuary Act of 1994* to the State Lands Commission to enter into a lease for the extraction of oil or gas from state owned tide and submerged lands if the Commission determines that the oil or gas deposits are being drained by means of producing wells upon adjacent federal lands, and the Commission determines that the lease is in the best interest of the state.

**SUMMARY**

On August 19, 2015, a Resolution (Koretz-Bonin-Blumenfield) was introduced to support SB 788 (McGuire and Jackson), which would remove the exception provided in the *California Coastal Sanctuary Act of 1994* to the State Lands Commission to enter into a lease for offshore oil drilling. Enactment into law of SB 788 will close the loophole allowing *new* offshore drilling leases upon adjacent federal lands, and further protect the city and State's coastline.

More specifically, SB 788 also indicates the following:

- The California coastline provides habitat for many threatened or endangered species, and also supports rare, deep-water coral habitats that provide habitat for abundant marine life.
- The State of California has not issued new offshore oil leases for over 50 years and intentionally has forgone any revenue from any *new* leases and the associated offshore oil development in state waters and federal waters.
- The Legislature, Governor, and State Lands Commission have repeatedly called upon the federal government to prohibit any new offshore oil development leases in federal waters off the California coast.

## BACKGROUND

The *California Coastal Sanctuary Act of 1994* placed the entire coast from the Mexican border north to the California-Oregon border in permanent sanctuary, except for existing offshore oil or gas leases in effect on January 1, 1995, in Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, and Orange Counties and waters in the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta east of the Carquinez bridges.


If enacted into law, SB 788 will close the loophole allowing *new* offshore drilling leases by repealing the provision contained in the *California Coastal Sanctuary Act of 1994*, that allows the State Lands Commission (SLC) to enter into *new* leases to extract oil or gas from state owned tide and submerged lands if the SLC determines that the oil or gas deposits are being drained by means of producing wells upon adjacent federal lands, inasmuch as this exception falls short of providing a complete ban on new leases for offshore oil drilling in state waters; and therefore, the exception threatens the network of marine protected areas.

### DEPARTMENTS NOTIFIED:

City Planning  
City Attorney

### BILL STATUS:

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| 2/27/15 | Introduced.   |
| 3/19/15 | Referred to Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Water                           |
| 6/3/15  | Passed Senate Appropriations Committee, referred to Assembly                        |
| 6/30/15 | Passed Senate Natural Resources Committee and referred to Appropriations Committee. |
| 7/15/15 | Set for first hearing Senate Appropriations Committee.                              |
| 8/27/15 | Senate Appropriations Committee, and under submission.                              |

  
Roberto R. Mejia  
Analyst

Attachments: 1. Resolution (Koretz-Bonin-Blumenfield)  
2. SB 788 (McGuire and Jackson)  
3. League of California Cities bill status

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SB 788 (McGuire and Jackson) / California Coastal Protection Act of 2015

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**Expiration Date**

08/19/2017

**Pending in committee**

Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations and Neighborhoods Committee

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**Action History for Council File 15-0002-S97**

**Date      Activity**

08/19/2015 Resolution document(s) referred to Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations and Neighborhoods Committee.