

Date of Hearing: May 2, 2018

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

Adam Gray, Chair

AB 1782 (Muratsuchi) – As Amended April 19, 2018

SUBJECT: Surfing

SUMMARY: This bill designates surfing as the official state sport.

EXISTING LAW:

- 1) Designates the following as official state insignia:
 - a) State Flower – "*Golden Poppy*" (Added by Chapter 69, Statutes of 1903)
 - b) State Bird – "*California Valley Quail*" (Added by Chapter 777, Statutes of 1931)
 - c) State Tree – "*California Redwood*" includes both the coast redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens*) and the Sierra big tree (*Sequoia gigantea*) – (Added by Chapter 134, Statutes of 1943; Amended by Chapter 1140, Statutes of 1953)
 - d) State Theatre – "*Pasadena Playhouse*" (Added by Resolution Chapter 45, Statutes of 1937)
 - e) State Fish – "*California Golden Trout*" (Added by Resolution Chapter 90, Statutes of 1947)
 - f) State Song – "*I Love You California*" (Added by Resolution Chapter 87, Statutes of 1951)
 - g) State Animal – "*California Grizzly*" (Added by Chapter 1140, Statutes of 1953)
 - h) State Motto – "*Eureka*" (Added by Chapter 1237, Statutes of 1963)
 - i) State Rock – "*Serpentine*" (Added by Chapter 89, Statutes of 1965)
 - j) State Mineral – "*Native Gold*" (Added by Chapter 89, Statutes of 1965)
 - k) State Nickname – "*Golden State*" (Added by Chapter 66, Statutes of 1968)
 - l) State Reptile – "*Desert Tortoise*" (Added by Chapter 683, Statutes of 1972)
 - m) State Insect – "*California Dogface Butterfly*" (Added by Chapter 521, Statutes of 1972)
 - n) State Fossil – "*Sabre-Tooth Cat*" (Added by Chapter 792, Statutes of 1973)
 - o) State Historical Society – "*California Historical Society*" (Added by Chapter 52, Statutes of 1979)
 - p) State Marine Mammal – "*California Gray Whale*" (Added by Chapter 328, Statutes of 1975)

- q) State Gemstone – "*Benitoite*" (Added by Chapter 1365, Statutes of 1985)
- r) State Folk Dance – "*Square Dance*" (Added by Chapter 1645, Statutes of 1988)
- s) State Dance – "*West Coast Swing*" (Added by Chapter 1645, Statutes of 1988)
- t) State Prehistoric Artifact – "*Chipped Stone Bear*" (Added by Chapter 73, Statutes of 1991)
- u) State Marine Fish – "*Garibaldi*" (Added by Chapter 948, Statutes of 1995)
- v) State Soil – "*San Joaquin Soil*" (Added by Chapter 331, Statutes of 1997)
- w) State Fife and Drum Band – "*California Consolidated Drum Band*" (Added by Chapter 58, Statutes of 1997)
- x) State Tartan – "*Based on the family tartan of the revered John Muir*" (blue and green with red, gold, and blue seams) (Added by Chapter 100, Statutes of 2001)
- y) State Gold Rush Ghost Town – "*Town of Bodie*" (Added by Chapter 365, Statutes of 2002)
- z) State Tall Ship – "*Californian*" (Added by Chapter 113, Statutes of 2003)
- aa) State Grass – "*Nassella Pulchra*" – commonly referred to as "purple needlegrass" (Added by Chapter 243, Statutes of 2004)
- bb) State Silver Rush Ghost Town – "*Calico*" (Added by Chapter 90, Statutes of 2005)
- cc) Official Marine Reptile – "*Pacific Leatherback Sea Turtle*" (Added by Chapter 591, Statutes of 2012)
- dd) State Amphibian – "*California Red-Legged Frog*" (Added by Chapter 77, Statutes of 2014)
- ee) State Pet – "*Shelter Pet*" (Added by Resolution Chapter 184, Statutes of 2015)
- ff) State Lichen – "*Lace Lichen*" (Added by Chapter 113, Statutes of 2015)
- gg) State fabric – "*Denim*" (Added by Chapter 873, Statutes of 2016)
- hh) State Dinosaur – "*Augustynolophus morrisoni*" (Added by Chapter 264, Statutes of 2017)
- ii) State Nut – "*Almond, walnut, pistachio, and pecan*" (Added by Chapter 49, Statutes of 2017)

FISCAL EFFECT: This bill is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

COMMENTS:

Purpose of the bill: According to the author: "Surfing is an iconic California sport, and the state is home to a number of world-famous surf breaks like Malibu, Trestles, Mavericks, Rincon,

Steamer Lane, Ocean Beach, and Huntington Beach, which are destinations for both domestic and international surfers. Every year, California hosts numerous domestic and international surf events, including the International Surf Festival, the U.S. Open of Surfing, and the Big Wave Surf Contest. California is also home to the Surfers' Hall of Fame, the International Surfing Museum, and the California Surf Museum.

The commercial surf board industry started in California in the 1950s. The science of wave forecasting was pioneered at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the University of California and allows surfers to predict when and where to go surfing all over the world. The invention of world's first neoprene wetsuit is attributed to a physicist at UC Berkeley.

Due to the state's historic connection to the sport, culture, and industry; its unique coastal geography and legendary surf breaks; and as home to some of the biggest names in the sport, it is appropriate that we make surfing California's state sport."

The author declares, the United States is home to approximately 3.3 million surfers, who spend between \$1.9 and \$3.3 billion each year on local surf trips, and the surf industry, which is almost exclusively based in California, generates over \$6 billion in United States annual retail sales. Additionally, a report published by the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), indicated that California has the highest number of individuals who surf in the country.

Prior/Related Legislation: AB 1067 (Gray), Chapter 49, Statutes of 2017. Designated the "almond, walnut, pistachio, and pecan" the official State Nut.

AB 1540 (Bloom), Chapter 264, Statutes of 2017. Designated the "Augustynolophus morrisi" the official State Dinosaur.

AB 501 (Levine), Chapter 873, Statutes of 2016. Designated "Denim" as the official State Fabric.

AB 1528 (Committee on Water, Parks, and Wildlife), Chapter 113, Statutes of 2015. Among other things, declared "Lace Lichen" (*Ramalina menziesii*) the official State Lichen.

ACR 56 (Linder), Resolution Chapter 184, Statutes of 2015. Declared a "shelter pet" as the official State Pet.

AB 2364 (V. Manuel Pérez), Chapter 77, Statutes of 2014. Designated the "California Red-Legged Frog" (*Rana draytonii*) as the official State Amphibian.

AB 1776 (Fong), Chapter 591, Statutes of 2012. Designated the Pacific Leatherback Sea Turtle as the official marine reptile of the State of California and established October 15 as Pacific Leatherback Sea Turtle Conservation Day.

SB 906 (Ashburn), Chapter 90, Statutes of 2005. Designated "Calico" in San Bernardino County as the official State Silver Rush Ghost Town.

SB 1226 (Machado), Chapter 243, Statutes of 2004. Designated "purple needlegrass," or *Nassella Pulchra*, as the official State Grass.

AB 965 (Kehoe), Chapter 113, Statutes of 2003. Established the "Californian" as the official State Tall Ship.

AB 1757 (Leslie), Chapter 365, Statutes of 2002. Designated "Bodie" as the official State Gold Rush Ghost Town.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

Hurley International

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Opposition

None on file

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