

AB 241- Wildfire and Vegetation Management Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund

Summary:

AB 241 proposes the establishment of the Wildfire and Vegetation Management Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund, allowing individuals to designate a portion of their state tax refund to support conservation districts in wildfire and vegetation management efforts. This tax fund is set to expire on January 1, 2032.

Existing law:

California's state income tax form enables taxpayers to contribute to charitable funds that align with causes they value. Examples of this include the California Seniors Special Fund, the Rare and Endangered Species Preservation Program, the California Breast Cancer Research Fund, and the Suicide Prevention Voluntary Tax Fund.

Issue:

California urgently needs increased funding for vegetation management

and wildfire mitigation. As wildfires grow in frequency and severity, adequate resources are essential for

Implementing preventative measures, protecting communities, and preserving the state's natural ecosystems. Voluntary contributions from an individual's state tax return also provide the public with a direct way to support and invest in causes they care about.

Solution:

AB 241 will establish the Wildfire and Vegetation Management Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund to generate additional revenue for conservation districts, specifically in areas classified as very high and high fire severity zones.

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