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AB 2754 Coastal Commission

SUMMARY

AB 2754 would clarify that ongoing and routine agricultural activities taking place in the California coastal zone are not considered ‘development’ in accordance with the California Coastal Act.

BACKGROUND

The California Coastal Act (Act), enacted in 1976 and implemented by the California Coastal Commission (Commission), serves as the guiding law governing land use decisions and public access in the coastal zone, which runs approximately 1,100 miles along the State’s coastal line and, at times, almost 5 miles inland. The preface of the Act identifies leading priorities including public access, resource protection and supporting coastal-dependent industries, including agriculture.

The Act requires any person, including a state or local agency and private landholders, seeking to undertake “development” within the coastal zone to obtain a coastal development permit from the Commission. Existing law broadly defines “development” with very few exemptions available for agriculture. Several activities, that are routine to agricultural operations and conform to the priorities of the Act, have been subject to costly and time-consuming permitting by the Commission. These activities may include crop rotation, tilling, and necessary pasture management.

THIS BILL

AB 2754 will clarify that ongoing and routine agricultural activities, as defined, that do not result in substantial impacts on coastal resources are not deemed “development” in accordance with the Coastal Act. AB 2754 will allow for ongoing agricultural viability in California’s coastal counties while protecting the important coastal resources.

SUPPORT

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