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An act to add Section 62757 to the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to market milk.



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

SECTION 1. Section 62757 is added to the Food and Agricultural Code, to read:

62757. (a) If a federal milk marketing order is established in California, the secretary is authorized to establish a stand-alone quota program, the details of which shall be included in the pooling plan. The stand-alone quota program may be funded by an assessment on milk produced in the state.

(b) The secretary may require handlers, including cooperative associations acting as handlers, to make reports necessary for the operation of the stand-alone quota program.

(c) The stand-alone quota program shall be pursuant to a recommendation by the review board established pursuant to Section 62719 and approved by a statewide referendum of producers conducted pursuant to Sections 62716 and 62717.



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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

Bill No.

as introduced, _____.

General Subject: Market milk: federal milk marketing order.

Existing law regulates the production, marketing, and sale of market milk by the Secretary of Food and Agriculture, and authorizes the secretary, among other things, to prescribe marketing areas and determine minimum prices to be paid to producers by handlers for market milk, as specified.

This bill would provide that, if a federal milk marketing order is established in California, the secretary is authorized to establish a stand-alone quota program in accordance with specified procedural requirements. The bill would specify that the stand-alone quota program may be funded by an assessment on milk produced in the state and would authorize the secretary to require handlers to make reports necessary for the operation of the stand-alone quota program.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

