
Inventory of the California State Assembly Economic Development and New Technologies Committee Records

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Descriptive Summary

Title: California Assembly Economic Development and New Technologies Committee Records

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Creator: Assembly Economic Development and New Technologies Committee

Collection Size: 18.25 cubic feet

Repository: California State Archives
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Abstract: The Assembly Economic Development and New Technologies Committee records consist of approximately 18.25 cubic feet of textual and audiovisual records covering the years 1981-1990. In addition to this committee's records, there are those of its predecessor, the Assembly Economic Development and Planning Committee.

Physical location: California State Archives

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access

While the majority of the records are open for research, any access restrictions are noted in the record series descriptions.

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Acquisition and Custodial History

The State Archives received these records in accordance with California Government Code 9080(b) which requires legislative committees to transfer their records to the State Archives when they are no longer needed by the committee.

Committee History

The Assembly Committee on Economic Development and New Technologies arose in response to the rapidly changing economy and the increasing importance of high technology industries in California during the 1980s. Its mission was to serve as a forum to develop, debate, and act on legislative initiatives relating to the local and state economies and emerging technologies.

On January 13, 1983 the California State Assembly passed House Resolution 8 to create the Committee on Economic Development and New Technologies. The thirteen member, bi-partisan committee focused on eight core issues - international trade, small business development, tourism, educational and vocational training, new and emerging

technologies, motion pictures, state and local economic development and biotechnology. The Committee aimed to provide access to the legislative process to organizations and individuals concerned with technology and economic development through extensive outreach and field visits. A Monterey County Democrat, Sam Farr, chaired the committee throughout its existence.

The committee's predecessor, Economic Development and Planning, was short-lived. On May 5, 1980 the Assembly passed House Resolution 46 to create the Economic Development and Planning Committee for the 1981-1982 legislative session. Donald A. Rogers, a Kern County Republican, chaired the committee for its short tenure.

As the Assembly moved towards the 1990s the role of technology in government and that of consumer protection and government efficiency continued to gain prominence. The Assembly believed these issues were closely linked and moved to combine the Economic Development and Planning Committee and the Governmental Efficiency and Consumer Protection Committee. Therefore, on January 18, 1991, House Resolution 7 combined the Assembly Governmental Efficiency and Consumer Protection Committee and the Assembly Economic Development and New Technologies Committee to create the Governmental Efficiency, Consumer Protection, and New Technologies Committee. Just a few days later, on January 28, 1991, House Resolution 9 was unanimously passed, which renamed this committee to be the Assembly Consumer Protection, Governmental Efficiency, and Economic Development Committee.

The chairs of the committee from 1981-1989 were:

Economic Development and Planning Committee, 1981-1982

Rogers, Donald A. (1981-1982)

Economic Development and New Technologies Committee, 1983-1989

Farr, Sam (1983-1989)

Scope and Content

The Assembly Economic Development and New Technologies Committee records consist of approximately 18.25 cubic feet of textual and audiovisual records covering the years 1981-1990. In addition to this committee's records, there are those of its predecessor, the Assembly Economic Development and Planning Committee. The records are organized into five series: Bill Files (1981-1988), Hearing Files (1983-1988), Subject Files (1981-1989), Report Files (1986-1990), and Correspondence (1983-1988).

Bill Files constitute about 6 cubic feet of the collection and document the bills directed to the committee and include committee analyses, letters from interested parties, request for draft bills, and legislative updates. A majority of the bill files relate to small business development, emerging technologies, tourism, and economic development.

The Hearing Files make up about 3.75 cubic feet of the collection and include several audiotapes and one videotape in addition to the textual records. Popular subjects include the tourism industry, job training at community colleges, and biotechnology. One hearing of particular interest focused on runaway film production and Clint Eastwood testified to the importance of the film industry in California. There are several hearings that did not focus on a particular topic but instead concentrated on several related bills. Other hearings were on such topics as federal defense spending, trade development, and rural economic development.

Subject Files make up the largest portion of the collection with about 6.5 cubic feet. The subjects range from the superconducting super collider, the Pacific Rim, small business issues, corporate takeovers, computers, and international trade. Other subject files include press releases, news clips, tax policy, and the committee's informational brochure.

The fourth series, Reports, is the smallest series, consisting of only three file folders. The two reports included in the collection are an annual report from 1986 and information on water scarcity from 1990. Correspondence is the final series of the collections. It is comprised of roughly 3.5 cubic feet of correspondence mostly from a committee member or staffers. It is arranged chronologically beginning in January 1983 and ending with 1988.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

California. Legislature. Assembly. Committee on Economic Development and New Technologies

California. Legislature. Assembly. Committee on Economic Development and Planning

Technology

Related Collections at the California State Archives

Sam Farr Papers

Assembly Consumer Protection, Governmental Efficiency, and Economic Development Committee Records

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Series 1 **Bill Files 1981-1988**

Physical Description: 123 file folders

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically by legislative session then numerically by bill number.

Scope and Content Note

Bill files created by the Economic Development and New Technologies Committee may include bill analyses, amendments and resolutions, letters of support or opposition, author's statements, newspaper clippings, correspondence, committee statements, and other information.

Of particular interest are those bills relating to the implementation of technology into the legislative process and tourism in rural areas of California.

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1981-1982: Legislative Updates, AB41-AB3757, ACR45-ACR75, AJR18-AJR55 (9ff) LP415:1-9

1981-1982: SB1526-SB1731, SCR60-SCR70, SJR7 (3ff) LP415:10-12

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1983-1984: Legislative Updates, Draft Bills, AB40-AB3978, ACR45-ACR147, AJR3-AJR139 (35ff) LP415:13-47

1983-1984: SB323-SB2287, SCR62, SJR12-SJR41 (11ff) LP415:48-58

1985-1986: Legislative Updates, Draft Bills, AB1682-AB4197, HR21 (9ff) LP415:59-67

1985-1986: SB356-SB1121, SCR19, SJR7-SJR19 (3ff) LP415:68-70

1987-1988: Draft Bills, AB5-AB4680, ACR25-ACR166 (40ff) LP415:71-110

1987-1988: SB18-SB2892, SCR38-SCR51 (13ff) LP415:111-123

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Series 2 **Hearing Files 1981-1989**

Physical Description: 65 file folders, 19 audiotapes and 1 videotape

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically by hearing date.

Access Information

Access to audiovisual material requires the production of use copies.

Scope and Content Note

Hearing Files created by the Assembly Economic Development and New Technologies Committee may include agendas, transcripts, testimony, background, and working files for regular session hearings as well as informational and oversight hearings. Audiotapes and videotapes have been separated to a cold-storage vault for preservation purposes and separation sheets are in the hearing files to alert the researcher to the existence of these tapes. Popular subjects include tourism, technology, runaway film production, and rural economic development. Many of the hearings are not focused on a particular topic but instead cover a number of bills.

For a list of hearing dates and topics, see Appendix A in in Additional Series Information.

Additional Series Information

[Appendix A: List of Hearing Files](#)

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Series 3 **Subject Files 1981-1989**

Physical Description: 155 file folders

Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically by subject heading.

Scope and Content Note

Subject Files created by the Assembly Economic Development and New Technologies Committee may include publications, press releases, committee notes, reports, and correspondence related to small business issues, tourism, technology, trade, and corporate takeovers.

For a list of subject files, see Appendix B in in Additional Series Information.

Additional Series Information

[Appendix B: List of Subject Files](#)

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Series 4 **Reports 1986-1990**

Physical Description: 2 file folders

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically by report date.

Scope and Content Note

Report files created by the Assembly Economic Development and New Technologies Committee include correspondence, publications, and analyses. The reports include a discussion on water scarcity in California and scripts for potential save water radio commercials throughout the state.

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Series 5 **Correspondence 1983-1988**

Physical Description: 67 file folders

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically by date of correspondence.

Scope and Content Note

Correspondence files generated by the Assembly Economic Development and New Technologies include committee member and staff memos, copies of out-going mail, and some constituent correspondence.