

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 316

Introduced by Assembly Member Salinas

February 7, 2003

An act relating to health.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 316, as introduced, Salinas. Health: agricultural workers.

Existing law requires the State Department of Health Services to review and survey the extent to which agricultural workers and their families utilize those public health programs for which they are eligible, including, but not limited to, the Medi-Cal program and the Healthy Families Program.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would encourage health delivery systems to use the model of Promotores De Salud, where appropriate, and to provide incentives to encourage the use of that model.

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

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) The Legislature finds and declares:
2 (1) The delivery of health care to agricultural workers in rural
3 areas is often constrained by issues of access and outreach to those
4 workers and their families.
5 (2) The program known as “Promotores de Salud” (promoters
6 of health) provides access and outreach in a manner which is

1 culturally and linguistically accessible to agricultural workers and
2 their families.

3 (3) By training and using community members as promotores,
4 this program has demonstrated a significant level of
5 cost-effectiveness in delivering health care, particularly in
6 maternal and child health.

7 (b) Therefore, it is the intent of the Legislature to enact
8 legislation that would encourage health delivery systems to use the
9 model of Promotores de Salud where appropriated, and to provide
10 incentives to encourage this use.

