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State Senate OKs Wolk's climate-change measure

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On a bipartisan 26-7 vote Monday, the California Senate approved a measure by Sen. Lois Wolk, D-Davis, to promote the protection and management of natural and working lands as part of California's ongoing efforts to meet its climate change goals.

"From farms to rangelands, wetlands to parks, California's natural and working lands have the potential to store considerable amounts of carbon," Wolk said.

"SB 1386 will reinforce that investment in these lands' management is a key strategy in meeting the California's ongoing efforts to reduce its greenhouse-gas emissions."

Natural and working lands — which include forests, farms, rangelands, wetlands, parks and other open spaces — can actively remove carbon from the air and store, or sequester, that carbon in plants and trees, roots and other organic materials in the soil.



"The protection and restoration of California's natural and working lands is a key strategy to meet our ambitious greenhouse-gas-reduction goals," said Kim Delfino, California program director for Defenders of Wildlife, which is sponsoring SB 1386. "SB 1386 codifies this important premise and would help ensure appropriate investments in our natural and working lands."

SB 1386 also will support the many other benefits provided by natural and working lands, which produce food and fiber, improve air and water quality, and provide wildlife habitat, flood protection and recreational and economic opportunities.

The bill's supporters include Audubon California, Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors, California Alliance with Family Farmers, California Central Valley Flood Control Association, California Climate &



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