

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2021**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Levine**

February 14, 2006

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An act relating to energy efficiency.

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AB 2021, as introduced, Levine. Public utilities: energy efficiency.

Existing law regulates public utilities, as defined, including public utilities owned by municipal corporations and publicly owned utilities.

This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to develop comprehensive legislation to carry out all achievable cost-effective energy efficiency programs by requiring municipal utilities to decouple revenues from total sales of electricity if current practices are limiting investments in cost-effective energy efficiency, requiring that local publicly owned utilities contribute proportionally to meeting any statewide energy saving targets established by the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, requiring local publicly owned utilities to contract for independent evaluation, measurement, and verification of energy and demand savings achieved by the energy efficiency programs, and requiring the energy commission to investigate options and develop a plan to improve the energy efficiency, and to decrease peak electricity demand of air conditioners, as provided.

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. It is the intent of the Legislature to develop
- 2 comprehensive legislation to carry out all achievable
- 3 cost-effective energy efficiency programs through all of the
- 4 following:
- 5 (a) Requiring that local publicly owned utilities, as defined by
- 6 Section 9604 of the Public Utilities Code, contribute
- 7 proportionally to meeting any statewide energy saving targets
- 8 established by the State Energy Resources Conservation and
- 9 Development Commission (Energy Commission), and to
- 10 contribute at a level no lower than the investor-owned utilities’
- 11 annual energy savings in dollars as a percent of sales.
- 12 (b) Requiring municipal utilities to decouple revenues from
- 13 total sales of electricity if current practices are limiting
- 14 investments in cost-effective energy efficiency.
- 15 (c) Requiring local publicly owned utilities to contract for
- 16 independent evaluation, measurement, and verification of energy
- 17 and demand savings achieved by the energy efficiency programs,
- 18 and to make evaluation reports available to the public upon
- 19 request.
- 20 (d) Requiring the Energy Commission to investigate options
- 21 and develop a plan to improve the energy efficiency, and to
- 22 decrease peak electricity demand, of air conditioners in the hot,
- 23 dry climate that drives peak electricity demand in much of the
- 24 state.