

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2874

Introduced by Assembly Member Benoit

February 24, 2006

An act to add Section 399.18 to the Public Utilities Code, relating to public utilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2874, as introduced, Benoit. Renewables portfolio standard.

The Public Utilities Act requires the Public Utilities Commission to review and adopt a procurement plan and a renewable energy procurement plan for each electrical corporation pursuant to the California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program. The program requires that a retail seller of electricity, including electrical corporations, community choice aggregators, and electric service providers, but not including local publicly owned electric utilities, purchase a specified minimum percentage of electricity generated by eligible renewable energy resources, as defined, in any given year as a specified percentage of total kilowatthours sold to retail end-use customers each calendar year (renewables portfolio standard).

This bill would amend that act to add a legislative finding and declaration regarding opportunities to increase energy production from renewable resources connected with water delivery systems, and to state the intent of the Legislature to establish a program to encourage water and wastewater agencies to develop renewable energy resources to help retail sellers of electricity meet the state's renewables portfolio standard.

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. Section 399.18 is added to the Public Utilities
2 Code, to read:
3 399.18. (a) The Legislature finds and declares that this state
4 has promising opportunities to increase energy production from
5 renewable resources connected with water delivery systems.
6 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature to establish a program to
7 encourage water and wastewater agencies to develop renewable
8 energy resources to help retail sellers of electricity meet the
9 state's renewables portfolio standard in accordance with this
10 article.

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