

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 242

Introduced by Assembly Member Blakeslee

February 1, 2007

An act to add Section 25305.1 to the Public Resources Code, relating to energy.

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AB 242, as introduced, Blakeslee. Energy policy: emissions of greenhouse gases: reduction.

Under existing law, the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (Energy Commission), the State Air Resources Board, and the California Climate Action Registry all have responsibilities with respect to the control of emissions of greenhouse gases, and the Secretary for Environmental Protection is required to coordinate emission reductions of greenhouse gases and climate change activity in state government. Under the Warren-Alquist State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Act, the Energy Commission develops policy recommendations for public interest energy strategies, including statewide reductions in emissions of greenhouse gases and addressing the impacts of climate change on California.

This bill would make legislative findings and declarations regarding the policy and intent of the state with regard to reductions in emissions of greenhouse gases.

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 25305.1 is added to the Public Resources
- 2 Code, to read:
- 3 25305.1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:
- 4 (a) An important goal of the state is to reduce by 2020 statewide
- 5 greenhouse gas emission levels to 1990 levels.
- 6 (b) It is the policy of the state and the intent of the Legislature
- 7 to encourage voluntary actions to achieve near-term reductions in
- 8 emissions of greenhouse gases through investments in
- 9 cost-effective, available solutions, including, but not limited to,
- 10 end-use energy efficiency, demand-side management, renewable
- 11 energy, combined heat and power, and alternative fuel vehicles.
- 12 (c) It is also the intent of the Legislature that an entity that has
- 13 voluntarily reduced its emissions of greenhouse gases before
- 14 January 1, 2012, receive credit for early action.
- 15 (d) It is the further intent of the Legislature that an entity that
- 16 has minimized its carbon footprint through voluntary actions to
- 17 achieve near-term reductions in emissions of greenhouse gases
- 18 through cost-effective, available solutions, have the opportunity
- 19 to become carbon-neutral through the purchase of offsets for the
- 20 emission of greenhouse gases.