

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2498

Introduced by Assembly Member Skinner

February 19, 2010

An act to amend Section 2840.6 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to energy.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2498, as introduced, Skinner. Combined heat and power systems. The existing Waste Heat and Carbon Emissions Reduction Act authorizes the Public Utilities Commission to require an electrical corporation to purchase excess electricity, as defined, from an eligible customer, as defined, of the electrical corporation that is delivered by a combined heat and power system, as defined, that complies with the sizing, energy efficiency, and air pollution control requirements of the act. The act states the intent of the Legislature that state policies dramatically advance the efficiency of the state's use of natural gas by capturing unused waste heat, and in so doing, help offset the growing crisis in electricity supply and transmission congestion in the state.

This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive revision to these provisions.

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 2840.6 of the Public Utilities Code is
2 amended to read:

1 2840.6. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature that state policies
2 dramatically advance the efficiency of the state’s use of natural
3 gas by capturing unused waste heat, and in so doing, help offset
4 the growing crisis in electricity supply and *to relieve* transmission
5 congestion in the state.

6 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature to reduce wasteful
7 consumption of energy through improved residential, commercial,
8 institutional, industrial, and manufacturer utilization of waste heat
9 whenever it is cost effective, technologically feasible, and
10 environmentally beneficial, particularly when this reduces
11 emissions of carbon dioxide and other carbon-based greenhouse
12 gases.

13 (c) It is the intent of the Legislature to support and facilitate
14 both customer- and utility-owned combined heat and power
15 systems.

16 (d) This article does not apply to, and shall not impact, combined
17 heat and power systems in operation prior to January 1, 2008, or
18 combined heat and power systems with a generating capacity
19 greater than 20 megawatts.