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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 1455**

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**Introduced by Senator Kehoe**

February 19, 2010

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An act to add Section 740.12 to the Public Utilities Code, relating to electric vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1455, as amended, Kehoe. Plug-in hybrid and electric vehicles: Internet Web site.

Under existing law, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) has regulatory authority over public utilities, including electrical corporations and gas corporations, as defined. Existing law requires the PUC, in cooperation with specified entities, to evaluate and implement policies to promote the development of equipment and infrastructure needed to facilitate the use of electric power and natural gas to fuel low-emission vehicles.

Existing law requires the PUC, in consultation with specified entities, to evaluate policies to develop infrastructure sufficient to overcome any barriers to the widespread deployment and use of plug-in hybrid and electric vehicles and, by July 1, 2011, to adopt rules that address related matters.

This bill would require, by January 1, 2013, the PUC, in consultation with specified entities, to develop an Internet Web site for consumers who are considering the purchase of a plug-in hybrid or a fully electric vehicle ~~with~~, to provide certain information regarding the costs and charging infrastructure associated with fueling such a vehicle.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 740.12 is added to the Public Utilities  
2 Code, to read:  
3 740.12. By January 1, 2013, the commission, in consultation  
4 with the Energy Commission, electrical corporations, the motor  
5 vehicle industry, and the California Electric Transportation  
6 Coalition, shall develop an Internet Web site to inform consumers  
7 who are considering the purchase of a plug-in hybrid or a fully  
8 electric vehicle of the costs and charging infrastructure associated  
9 with fueling that vehicle. The Internet Web site shall include  
10 information as follows:  
11 (a) Information to assist a consumer in determining whether a  
12 vehicle will require a utility service upgrade *at the consumer's*  
13 *residence*.  
14 (b) Basic charging circuit requirements.  
15 (c) ~~Rate-Utility rate~~ options.  
16 (d) Load management techniques.  
17 (e) Any other information the commission determines to be  
18 necessary to fully inform a consumer considering the purchase of  
19 a plug-in hybrid or an electric vehicle of the essential costs of, and  
20 infrastructure required for, charging that vehicle.

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