

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 31, 2011

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 904

Introduced by Assembly Member Skinner

February 17, 2011

An act to add Section 381.3 to the Public Utilities Code, relating to energy.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 904, as amended, Skinner. Energy efficiency.

Existing law requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (Energy Commission) to establish, by March 1, 2010, a regulatory proceeding to develop a comprehensive program to achieve greater energy savings in the state's existing residential and nonresidential building stock.

Existing law requires the Public Utilities Commission (PUC), by March 1, 2010, to open a new proceeding or amend an existing proceeding to investigate the ability of electrical corporations and gas corporations to provide various energy efficiency financing options to their customers for the purposes of implementing that Energy Commission program.

~~This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to require the PUC to take prescribed actions in its energy efficiency proceedings~~ *require the PUC to ensure that electrical corporation and gas corporation energy efficiency programs (1) result in real reductions in energy consumption, (2) examine alternatives to traditional administration, delivery, and evaluation mechanisms for energy efficiency services, and (3) examine the establishment of a program for on-bill financing for residential retrofit and improvement of heating,*

ventilation, and air conditioning. The bill would require the PUC to consult and coordinate with the Energy Commission in achieving these results.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~-yes. 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 enact~~
2 ~~legislation to require the Public Utilities Commission to do all of~~
3 ~~the following in its energy efficiency proceedings:~~

4 ~~(a) Seek to implement programs leading to real reductions in~~
5 ~~electricity consumption in the next round of energy efficiency~~
6 ~~funding.~~

7 *SECTION 1. Section 381.3 is added to the Public Utilities Code,*
8 *to read:*

9 *381.3. (a) The commission shall ensure that electrical*
10 *corporation and gas corporation energy efficiency programs do*
11 *all the following:*

12 ~~(b)~~

13 *(1) Result in real reductions in energy consumption.*

14 *(2) Examine alternatives to traditional administration, delivery,*
15 *and evaluation mechanisms for energy efficiency services,*
16 *including, but not limited to, the provision of feed-tariffs to those*
17 *who can provide for and obtain verifiable consumption reductions.*

18 ~~(e) Consult~~

19 *(3) Examine the establishment of a program for on-bill financing*
20 *for residential retrofit and improvement of heating, ventilation,*
21 *and air conditioning. The commission shall examine options for*
22 *providing ready access to financing from various potential sources*
23 *and mechanisms that can be collected and repaid through utility*
24 *bills.*

25 *(b) The commission shall consult and coordinate with the State*
26 *Energy Resources Conservation and development Commission in*
27 *complying with subdivisions (a) and (b): subdivision (a).*