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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.

Under existing law, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) has regulatory authority over public utilities, including electrical corporations and gas corporations. Existing law authorizes the PUC to establish rules for all public utilities, subject to control by the Legislature. Pursuant to existing law, the PUC has opened Rulemaking 09-11-014 (Order Instituting Rulemaking to Examine the Commission's Post-2008 Energy Efficiency Policies, Programs, Evaluation, Measurement and Verification, and Related Issues, filed November 20, 2009). Existing law requires the ~~Public Utilities Commission (PUC)~~ 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 the above-described~~ Energy Commission program.

This bill would require the PUC, *as part of Rulemaking 09-11-014*, to ensure that energy efficiency programs (1) result in real, *absolute* 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 evaluate all reasonable alternatives for financing residential energy efficiency retrofits, including efficiency improvement of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning 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: yes.
 State-mandated local program: no.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 381.3 is added to the Public Utilities
 2 Code, to read:
 3 381.3. (a) ~~The~~ *As part of Rulemaking 09-11-014 (Order*
 4 *Instituting Rulemaking to Examine the Commission’s Post-2008*
 5 *Energy Efficiency Policies, Programs, Evaluation, Measurement*
 6 *and Verification, and Related Issues, filed November 20, 2009),*
 7 *the commission shall ensure that energy efficiency programs that*
 8 *are under review in that proceeding do all the following:*
 9 (1) Result in real, *absolute* reductions in energy consumption.
 10 (2) Examine alternatives to traditional administration, delivery,
 11 and evaluation mechanisms for energy efficiency services,
 12 including, but not limited to, the provision of feed-in tariffs to
 13 those who can provide for and obtain verifiable consumption
 14 reductions.
 15 ~~(3) Examine the establishment of a program for on-bill financing~~
 16 ~~for residential retrofit and improvement of heating, ventilation,~~
 17 ~~and air conditioning. The commission shall examine options for~~
 18 ~~providing ready access to financing from various potential sources~~
 19 ~~and mechanisms that can be collected and repaid through utility~~
 20 ~~bills.~~

- 1 (3) *Evaluate all reasonable alternatives for financing residential*
- 2 *energy efficiency retrofits, including efficiency improvements of*
- 3 *heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning.*
- 4 (b) The commission shall consult and coordinate with the State
- 5 Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission
- 6 in complying with subdivision (a).