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ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1124

Introduced by Assembly Member Skinner
(Coauthors: Senators DeSaulnier and Hancock)

February 18, 2011

An act to amend Section 381.2 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to energy.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1124, as amended, Skinner. Energy: energy efficiency.

Existing law requires the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to order certain electrical corporations to collect and spend certain funds for public benefit programs, including cost-effective energy efficiency and conservation programs. Existing law requires the PUC, by March 1, 2010, to have opened a new proceeding or amended an existing proceeding to investigate the ability of electrical corporations and gas corporations to provide energy efficiency financing options to their customers to implement the comprehensive energy efficiency program for certain residential and nonresidential buildings developed by the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission pursuant to a specified provision of law. Existing law also requires the PUC to include an assessment of each electrical corporation's and each

gas corporation’s implementation of that program in a specified triennial report required under existing law.

This bill would require the PUC, in its review of the energy efficiency programs of electrical corporations and gas corporations, to ensure compliance with ~~certain specified~~ principles, ~~as specified~~.

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

3 381.2. (a) By March 1, 2010, the commission, by opening a
4 new proceeding or amending an existing proceeding, shall
5 investigate the ability of electrical corporations and gas
6 corporations to provide various energy efficiency financing options
7 to their customers for the purposes of implementing the program
8 developed pursuant to Section 25943 of the Public Resources Code.

9 (b) In the report prepared pursuant to Section 384.2, the
10 commission shall include an assessment of each electrical
11 corporation’s and each gas corporation’s implementation of the
12 program developed pursuant to Section 25943 of the Public
13 Resources Code.

14 (c) In its review of the energy efficiency programs of electrical
15 corporations and gas corporations, the commission shall ensure
16 compliance with the following principles. ~~The energy efficiency~~
17 ~~programs shall:~~

18 ~~(1) Encourage job creation and training opportunities, with an~~
19 ~~emphasis on skilled occupations necessary for installation of highly~~
20 ~~efficient energy savings measures.~~

21 ~~(2)~~

22 (1) Achieve maximum energy savings for all types of customers
23 customer classes by adopting whole building, performance-based
24 approaches.

25 ~~(3)~~

26 (2) Maximize opportunities of leveraging private capital by
27 increasing and streamlining access to on-bill repayment programs
28 without increasing utility costs.

1 (3) *Encourage job creation and training opportunities, with an*
2 *emphasis on skilled occupations necessary for installation of highly*
3 *efficient energy savings measures.*

4 (4) ~~Facilitate~~ *Create a single point of contact to coordinate*
5 *access to the energy efficiency programs for prospective customers*
6 *using approaches that streamline and simplify procedures for*
7 *determining property-level program enrollment and customer*
8 *eligibility as well as encourage customer participation.*

9 ~~(5) Create a single point of contact to coordinate access to~~
10 ~~energy efficiency programs for prospective customers to maximize~~
11 ~~energy savings and encourage customer participation.~~

12 ~~(6)~~

13 (5) Provide equivalent funding and comparable measures for
14 all eligible customers within the energy efficiency programs,
15 particularly those customers that are more difficult to reach and
16 have not yet been served by the programs, including small
17 businesses, renters, multifamily renters, persons with disabilities,
18 and those located in remote areas.