

Introduced by Senator De León

February 15, 2011

An act to amend Section 25747 of the Public Resources Code, relating to energy.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 343, as introduced, De León. Energy: renewable energy resources program.

The Warren-Alquist State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Act requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to adopt guidelines governing the funding of programs authorized pursuant to this act, at a publicly noticed meeting offering all interested parties an opportunity to comment. Substantive changes to the guidelines may not be adopted without at least 10 days' written notice to the public.

This bill would instead require that the public be given at least 14 days' written notice.

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 25747 of the Public Resources Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 25747. (a) The commission shall adopt guidelines governing
- 4 the funding programs authorized under this chapter, at a publicly
- 5 noticed meeting offering all interested parties an opportunity to
- 6 comment. Substantive changes to the guidelines may not be
- 7 adopted without at least ~~10~~ 14 days' written notice to the public.

1 The public notice of meetings required by this subdivision may
2 not be less than 30 days. Notwithstanding any other provision of
3 law, any guidelines adopted pursuant to this chapter or Section
4 399.13 of the Public Utilities Code, shall be exempt from the
5 requirements of Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of
6 Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code. The
7 Legislature declares that the changes made to this subdivision by
8 the act amending this section during the 2002 portion of the
9 2001–02 Regular Session are declaratory of, and not a change in
10 existing law.

11 (b) Funds to further the purposes of this chapter may be
12 committed for multiple years.

13 (c) Awards made pursuant to this chapter are grants, subject to
14 appeal to the commission upon a showing that factors other than
15 those described in the guidelines adopted by the commission were
16 applied in making the awards and payments. Any actions taken
17 by an applicant to apply for, or become or remain eligible and
18 registered to receive, payments or awards, including satisfying
19 conditions specified by the commission, shall not constitute the
20 rendering of goods, services, or a direct benefit to the commission.

21 (d) An award made pursuant to this chapter, the amount of the
22 award, and the terms and conditions of the grant are public
23 information.