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SENATE BILL

No. 343

Introduced by Senator De León

February 15, 2011

An act to add Section 381.3 to the Public Utilities Code, relating to energy, *and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 343, as amended, De León. Energy: efficiency.

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 to investigate the ability of electrical corporation and gas corporations to provide energy efficiency financing options to their customers to implement a comprehensive program developed by the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (Energy Commission) and 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. Pursuant to this requirement, the PUC has opened Rulemaking 09-11-014.

This bill would require the PUC, in Rulemaking 09-11-014, in consultation with the Energy Commission, the Treasurer, and the California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority, to determine appropriate energy efficiency financing measures, programs, and funding sources for the residential, commercial, and public building sectors in order to achieve the statewide energy efficiency goals for those sectors identified in the California Energy Efficiency Strategic Plan adopted by the PUC.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: ~~majority~~^{2/3}. 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. In pending Rulemaking 09-11-014, the commission, in
4 consultation with the Energy Commission, the Treasurer, and the
5 California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation
6 Financing Authority, shall determine appropriate energy efficiency
7 financing measures, programs, and funding sources for the
8 residential, commercial, and public building sectors in order to
9 achieve the statewide energy efficiency goals for those sectors
10 identified in the California Energy Efficiency Strategic Plan, as
11 updated by the commission in January 2011.

12 SEC. 2. *This act is an urgency statute necessary for the*
13 *immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within*
14 *the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into*
15 *immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:*

16 *In order to prevent interruption of the funding and administration*
17 *of programs funded through the public goods charge, to reform*
18 *administration of those programs to better serve the needs of*
19 *ratepayers and the persons participating in those programs, and*
20 *because the bill requires the Public Utilities Commission to*
21 *undertake certain steps in an open, ongoing proceeding of the*
22 *commission in which numerous groups representing different*

- 1 *interests are participating parties, it is necessary for this act to*
- 2 *take effect immediately.*

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