

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 284

Introduced by Assembly Member Quirk

February 11, 2013

An act to add Section 25229 to the Public Resources Code, relating to energy.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 284, as introduced, Quirk. Energy: Road to 2050 Board.

Existing law establishes the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission and vests the commission with various authorities and duties regarding energy-related issues.

This bill would require the commission to convene the Road to 2050 Board consisting of representatives from specified entities. The bill would require the board to undertake specified studies regarding the achievement of a goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 80% of the 1990 emissions level by 2050. The bill would require the board to conduct a review and provide a full public accounting of energy efficiency programs, alternative energy programs, and alternative fuel programs administered by the members of the board. The bill would require the board to make the accounting available on a publicly available Internet Web site and would require the board to submit to the Legislature the accounting, and a report on the findings of the studies.

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 25229 is added to the Public Resources
2 Code, to read:
3 25229. (a) The commission shall convene the Road to 2050
4 Board consisting of representatives from all of the following:
5 (1) The commission.
6 (2) The Public Utilities Commission.
7 (3) The State Air Resources Board.
8 (4) The California Alternative Energy and Advanced
9 Transportation Financing Authority.
10 (5) The California Environmental Protection Agency.
11 (6) The Independent System Operator.
12 (7) The Governor’s Office.
13 (b) The board shall do all of the following:
14 (1) Study both of the following:
15 (A) The best process for meeting a goal of reducing greenhouse
16 gas emissions by 80 percent of the 1990 emissions level by 2050,
17 including how to reduce emissions from electric generators.
18 (B) Integration of renewable electrical generation into the
19 electric grid in a manner to ensure cost-effectiveness and reliability
20 that would include methods to reduce greenhouse gas emission
21 from homes, farms, industrial and commercial structures, as well
22 as emissions reduction from mobile sources.
23 (2) Review and provide a full public accounting, on a biennial
24 basis, of all money spent, and jobs and benefits achieved, by each
25 energy efficiency programs, alternative energy programs, and
26 alternative fuel programs administered by the members of the
27 board to ensure that funding is used in a safe, reliable, and
28 cost-effective manner.
29 (3) Publish a complete accounting conducted pursuant to
30 paragraph (2) on a publicly available Internet Web site.
31 (4) Submit to the Legislature, pursuant to Section 9795 of the
32 Government Code, findings made pursuant to paragraph (1) or (2)
33 and identify statutory changes that are needed to meet the
34 objectives of the state’s energy policies.

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