

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 10, 2013

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 796**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Muratsuchi**

February 21, 2013

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An act to add Section 25525.5 to the Public Resources Code, relating to energy.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 796, as amended, Muratsuchi. Energy: thermal powerplants: certification: sea level rise.

Existing law vests the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission with the exclusive jurisdiction to certify sites for thermal powerplants with a generation capacity of 50 or more megawatts and related facilities. Existing law requires the commission to make certain findings before issuing a certification for the site.

This bill would require the commission to consider the effects of sea level rise ~~on~~ *in the context of protecting* the proposed site and related facility *from damage caused by sea level rise* during the certification process.

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 25525.5 is added to the Public Resources
- 2 Code, to read:
- 3 25525.5. In the issuance of a certification pursuant to this
- 4 chapter, the commission shall consider the effects of sea level rise

1 ~~on~~ in the context of protecting the proposed site and related facility  
2 from potential damage caused by sea level rise, such as storm  
3 surges and flooding. In assessing the sea level rise, the commission  
4 may rely on floodplain maps published by the Department of Water  
5 Resources.

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