

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2579**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Gordon**

February 21, 2014

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An act to amend Section 25783 of the Public Resources Code, relating to energy.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2579, as introduced, Gordon. Energy: solar energy systems.

Under existing law, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) has regulatory authority over public utilities, including electrical corporations. Decisions of the PUC are adopted in the California Solar Initiative, a program providing the ratepayer funded incentives for eligible solar energy systems. Existing law also authorizes the PUC to, among other things, conduct annual random audits of solar energy systems to evaluate their performance.

This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to the latter provision.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 25783 of the Public Resources Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 25783. The commission shall do all the following:
- 4 (a) Publish educational materials designed to demonstrate how
- 5 builders may incorporate solar energy systems during construction
- 6 as well as energy efficiency measures that best complement solar
- 7 energy systems.

- 1 (b) Develop and publish the estimated annual electrical  
2 generation and savings for solar energy systems. The estimates  
3 shall vary by climate zone, type of system, size, life cycle costs,  
4 electricity prices, and other factors the commission determines to  
5 be relevant to a consumer when making a purchasing decision.
- 6 (c) Provide assistance to builders and contractors. The assistance  
7 may include technical workshops, training, educational materials,  
8 and related research.
- 9 (d) ~~The commission shall annually conduct~~ *Conduct annual*  
10 random audits of solar energy systems to evaluate their operational  
11 performance.