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SENATE BILL

No. 37

Introduced by Senator De León

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~~An act relating to energy. An act to add Sections 1940.10 and 2079.10b to the Civil Code, to amend Section 25402.9 of the Public Resources Code, and to add Chapter 7.6 (commencing with Section 2833) to Part 2 of Division 1 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to electricity.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 37, as amended, De León. Energy efficiency and renewable energy upgrades: on-bill repayment program.

~~Under~~

(1) Under existing law the Public Utilities Commission has regulatory authority over public utilities, including electrical corporations and gas corporations, as defined. Existing law authorizes the commission to fix the rates and charges for every public utility and requires that those rates and charges be just and reasonable.

~~This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact the California Clean Energy Consumer Access Act of 2013 and would authorize the commission to require an electrical or gas corporation with 250,000 or more service connections to develop and implement an on-bill repayment program that will provide Californians greater access to providing financial assistance for energy efficiency and clean technology upgrades, renewable energy, distributed generation, or demand response improvements by allowing for the repayment of the~~

financial assistance to be included in the utility customer's utility bill (on-bill repayment). The bill would provide that the on-bill repayment obligation would run with the meter, as defined. Because a violation of any part of any order, decision, rule, direction, demand, or requirement of the commission is a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

(2) Existing law requires sellers of property or landlords to provide specified disclosure, to prospective buyers or prospective or existing tenants, regarding the property.

This bill would additionally require sellers of property or landlords to provide to prospective buyers or prospective or existing tenants a disclosure indicating that a portion of the utility bill is subject to an on-bill repayment obligation.

(3) Existing law requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (Energy Commission) to develop, adopt, and publish an informational booklet to educate and inform homeowners, rental property owners, renters, seller, brokers, and the general public about the statewide home energy rating program. Existing law requires the Energy Commission to charge a fee for the booklet.

This bill would require the Energy Commission to update the booklet to include information about home energy conservation and on-bill repayment program developed pursuant to (1) above. This bill would instead authorize the Energy Commission to charge a fee for the booklet.

(4) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

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

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

- 1 *SECTION 1. This act shall be known, and may be cited, as the*
- 2 *California Clean Energy Consumer Access Act of 2013.*
- 3 *SEC. 2. (a) The Legislature finds and declares all of the*
- 4 *following:*

1 (1) Currently, many Californians lack access to affordable
2 financing for onsite energy efficiency and clean energy projects.

3 (2) Existing clean energy programs and incentives are important
4 but limited in that they are funded by insufficient amounts of
5 ratepayer or taxpayer moneys, and in that existing programs reach
6 only a small number of Californians due to restrictions in income
7 level, credit score, project size, or property and technology specific
8 eligibility criteria.

9 (3) California's current economic condition necessitates that
10 the Legislature engineer pioneering ways to create sustainable,
11 green collar jobs.

12 (4) Since the recession began in late 2007, California has lost
13 nearly 1.4 million jobs, including 400,000 in the construction
14 industry alone. Investing in clean energy projects will maximize
15 job creation and will help the state regain a sense of economic
16 security and sustainability at a time when unemployment remains
17 high. The state can further stimulate its economy by putting the
18 industry segment back to work that is most in need, the construction
19 trades.

20 (5) Allowing the financing of clean energy projects through the
21 utility bill has the cobenefit of allowing for a more affordable
22 interest rate than would be otherwise available due to the security
23 of utility bill payments and allowing for ratepayers to see the
24 benefits and costs of clean energy projects on the same document.

25 (6) By tying repayment to the utility bill, ratepayers will make
26 payments for their upgrades on the same bill where savings are
27 realized from the investment, resulting in a new bill that can be
28 equal to or even less than their utility bill prior to energy upgrades.

29 (7) On-bill repayment is a unique clean energy incentive
30 program because it does not rely on public funding and expands
31 access to energy efficiency and clean technology upgrades.

32 (8) On-bill repayment will incentivize private investors to invest
33 in clean energy improvements in California, will stimulate the
34 state's economy by creating jobs for contractors and other persons
35 who complete new energy improvements, and will reinforce the
36 leadership role of the state in the new energy economy, thereby
37 attracting clean energy manufacturing facilities and related jobs
38 to the state.

39 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature, in enacting this act, to
40 allow greater access to onsite clean energy projects by allowing

1 consumers to finance clean energy projects through their utility
2 bills in a financing mechanism called “on-bill repayment.”

3 SEC. 3. Section 1940.10 is added to the Civil Code, to read:

4 1940.10. (a) A property owner that authorizes a project
5 financed by the OBR program pursuant to Chapter 7.6
6 (commencing with Section 2833) of Part 2 of Division 1 of the
7 Public Utilities Code shall provide to an existing tenant who is
8 responsible, directly or indirectly through the provisions of the
9 applicable lease, for paying all or a portion of the cost of utility
10 service that is subject to an OBR obligation, the disclosure made
11 available to the property owner pursuant to Section 2833.3 of the
12 Public Utilities Code.

13 (b) Prior to the signing of a lease or rental agreement, an owner,
14 or the agent of an owner of any premises with respect to which
15 utility service is subject to an OBR obligation that will be paid by
16 the tenant, whether directly or indirectly through the provisions
17 of the applicable lease, shall provide a prospective tenant with the
18 disclosure that was provided to the owner pursuant to Section
19 2833.3 of the Public Utilities Code.

20 (c) A lease shall not be invalidated solely because of the failure
21 to comply with this section.

22 (d) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have
23 the following meanings:

24 (1) “OBR program” has the same meaning as that set forth in
25 Section 2833 of the Public Utilities Code.

26 (2) “OBR obligation” has the same meaning as that set forth
27 in Section 2833 of the Public Utilities Code.

28 SEC. 4. Section 2079.10b is added to the Civil Code, to read:

29 2079.10b. (a) Every seller of real property subject to an OBR
30 obligation that runs with the meter, pursuant to Chapter 7.6
31 (commencing with Section 2833) of Part 2 of Division 1 of the
32 Public Utilities Code, shall deliver to the buyer of the property the
33 disclosure that was provided to the seller Section 2833.3 of the
34 Public Utilities Code.

35 (b) Upon delivery of the disclosure form to the buyer of real
36 property, the seller or agent is not required to provide additional
37 information relative to the OBR obligation and the information in
38 the disclosure form is deemed adequate to inform the buyer about
39 the existence of the OBR obligation and the OBR repayment charge

1 *that will run with the meter pursuant to Section 2833.3 of the*
2 *Public Utilities Code.*

3 *(c) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have*
4 *the following meanings:*

5 *(1) “OBR obligation” has the same meaning as that set forth*
6 *in Section 2833 of the Public Utilities Code.*

7 *(2) “OBR repayment charge” has the same meaning as that set*
8 *forth in Section 2833 of the Public Utilities Code.*

9 *(3) “Runs with meter” has the same meaning as that set forth*
10 *in Section 2833 of the Public Utilities Code.*

11 *SEC. 5. Section 25402.9 of the Public Resources Code is*
12 *amended to read:*

13 25402.9. (a) On or before July 1, 1996, the commission shall
14 develop, adopt, and publish an informational booklet to educate
15 and inform homeowners, rental property owners, renters, sellers,
16 brokers, and the general public about the statewide home energy
17 rating program adopted pursuant to Section 25942.

18 (b) In the development of the booklet, the commission shall
19 consult with representatives of the Department of Real Estate, the
20 Department of Housing and Community Development, the Public
21 Utilities Commission, investor-owned and municipal utilities,
22 cities and counties, real estate licensees, home builders, mortgage
23 lenders, home appraisers and inspectors, home energy rating
24 organizations, contractors who provide home energy services,
25 consumer groups, and environmental groups.

26 (c) *The commission shall update the booklet developed pursuant*
27 *to subdivision (a) to include information about home energy*
28 *conservation and on-bill repayment programs developed and*
29 *implemented pursuant to Chapter 7.6 (commencing with Section*
30 *2833) of Part 2 of Division 1 of the Public Utilities Code.*

31 ~~(e)~~

32 (d) ~~The commission shall~~ *may* charge a fee for the informational
33 booklet to recover its costs under subdivision (a).

34 *SEC. 6. Chapter 7.6 (commencing with Section 2833) is added*
35 *to Part 2 of Division 1 of the Public Utilities Code, to read:*

1 *CHAPTER 7.6. CALIFORNIA CLEAN ENERGY CONSUMERS ACCESS*
2 *ACT OF 2013*

3
4 2833. For the purposes of this chapter, the following the terms
5 have the following meanings:

6 (a) “Bill neutrality” means a utility customer’s annual payments
7 of OBR repayment charges set at an amount that is less than or
8 equal to the projected annual electric and gas energy savings
9 arising from the OBR improvements in a methodology to be
10 determined by the commission pursuant to Section 2833.1.

11 (b) “Incurring customer” means the utility customer of record
12 during the billing period during which any OBR repayment charge
13 becomes due and payable.

14 (c) “OBR agreement” means a written agreement executed by,
15 and among, a utility customer, an OBR partner or its agent, and
16 a utility or its agent, governing the terms of an OBR obligation.

17 (d) “OBR improvement” means an eligible energy improvement
18 financed through an OBR obligation.

19 (e) “OBR obligation” means an obligation to repay a financing
20 provided to a utility customer pursuant to an on-bill repayment
21 program.

22 (f) “OBR partner” means a person or entity providing financing
23 for eligible energy improvements pursuant to an on-bill repayment
24 program. OBR partners include, but are not limited to, banks,
25 savings and loan institutions, credit unions, project developers,
26 or independent solar energy producers, as defined in Section 2868.
27 Financing may be provided in the form of a loan, lease, power
28 purchase agreement, energy service agreement, or other financing
29 structure approved by the commission.

30 (g) “On-bill repayment program” or “OBR program” means
31 a program, which may include one or more pilot test programs,
32 approved by the commission that enables building owners or
33 occupants to arrange, by an OBR agreement, for the financing of
34 eligible energy improvements that is repaid through charges to be
35 included as a portion of utility bills for utility service to the
36 premises served by the improvements.

37 (h) “OBR repayment charge” means a charge, constituting
38 repayment of all or a portion of any OBR obligation, that is
39 included on a utility bill in accordance with a
40 commission-approved utility tariff.

1 (i) “Run with the meter” means all of the following:

2 (1) The OBR obligation, for so long as any portion of the OBR
3 obligation remains outstanding prior to the sale or transfer of the
4 applicable real property, survives a change in ownership, tenancy,
5 or meter account responsibility.

6 (2) The OBR obligation, for so long as any portion of the OBR
7 obligation remains outstanding, at all times constitutes an
8 obligation of the utility customer of record with respect to the
9 premises served by the OBR improvements to repay.

10 (3) Arrears in OBR repayment charges outstanding prior to the
11 sale or transfer of the applicable real property remain the
12 responsibility of the incurring customer, unless expressly assumed
13 by a subsequent customer or third party.

14 (4) The exemption from restrictions on a utility’s right to
15 terminate service pursuant to Section 2833.11 applies to the
16 subsequent utility customer for as long as any portion of the OBR
17 obligation remains outstanding.

18 (j) “Utility” means an electrical corporation or gas corporation
19 that develops, or is required to develop, an on-bill repayment
20 program.

21 2833.1. (a) The commission may require an electrical
22 corporation or gas corporation with 250,000 or more service
23 connections in the state to develop and implement one or more
24 on-bill repayment programs for eligible energy efficiency,
25 renewable energy, distributed generation, or demand response
26 improvements.

27 (b) A utility shall not implement the on-bill repayment program
28 without the express approval of the commission.

29 (c) The commission shall supervise on-bill repayment programs
30 to ensure that the programs are administered in compliance with
31 the terms approved by the commission.

32 2833.2. (a) The commission shall establish requirements to
33 be met by each utility in the utility’s on-bill repayment programs
34 that are submitted to the commission for approval, including, but
35 not limited to, eligibility criteria for types of improvements and
36 projects, the establishment of energy and cost savings evaluation
37 standards, requirements that prevent increases in expected
38 disconnection rates, prepayment options, rules that prohibit the
39 unauthorized removal from the property of an OBR improvement,

1 *a methodology to determine bill neutrality, and project inspection*
2 *services or requirements.*

3 *(b) The commission shall limit technologies eligible to be*
4 *financed through OBR obligations to those that will achieve*
5 *reductions of greenhouse gases as defined in the California Global*
6 *Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (Division 25.5 (commencing with*
7 *Section 38500) of the Health and Safety Code).*

8 *(c) The commission shall ensure the on-bill repayment program*
9 *includes all of the following program elements:*

10 *(1) (A) For two years from the initial approval of the program*
11 *by the commission, all on-bill repayment programs shall require*
12 *bill neutrality.*

13 *(B) Two years after the initial approval, the commission shall*
14 *evaluate the success of projects financed through on-bill repayment*
15 *to date. If the commission determines that the requirement for bill*
16 *neutrality has unnecessarily limited the types of projects that may*
17 *be financed through the program, the commission may limit the*
18 *application of the bill neutrality requirement.*

19 *(C) Notwithstanding subparagraph (B), the bill neutrality*
20 *requirement shall apply, at all times, in cases where a portion of*
21 *the OBR repayment charges are expected to be paid by one or*
22 *more tenants on the property, whether directly or indirectly.*

23 *(2) A requirement that an OBR obligation shall not be put in*
24 *place without authorization by all owners of the fee interest in the*
25 *property where the premises served by the OBR improvements is*
26 *located.*

27 *(3) Consumer protections for low-income residential customers,*
28 *including protections to prevent increases in the expected number*
29 *of service terminations, such as targeted use of a*
30 *commission-approved loan loss reserve in lieu of service*
31 *termination, and, including, at all times, a requirement for bill*
32 *neutrality for lower income households.*

33 *(4) A requirement that the OBR partner implement consumer*
34 *protections, loan eligibility, and credit determinations.*

35 *(5) A requirement that the OBR partner provide the utility or*
36 *its agent with a copy of all financing documents associated with*
37 *an OBR obligation.*

38 *(6) A requirement that the OBR repayment charge be listed by*
39 *the utility as a separate line item on the customer's bill from the*
40 *utility.*

1 (7) A requirement that the on-bill repayment charge collected
2 by the utility or its agents be remitted to the OBR partner pursuant
3 to a timeframe determined by the commission.

4 2833.3. The OBR program shall develop all of the following:

5 (a) A description of OBR programs and OBR obligations that
6 would be included in the informational booklet developed pursuant
7 to Section 25402.9 of the Public Resources Code.

8 (b) A standard disclosure required by Section 2079.10b of the
9 Civil Code to be available for use by a seller of real property that
10 is served by OBR improvements that is provided free of charge to
11 the seller upon request.

12 (c) A standard disclosure required by Section 1940.10 of the
13 Civil Code to be available for use by a lessor of real property that
14 is served by OBR improvements that is provided free of charge to
15 the lessor upon request.

16 2833.4. (a) If the amount paid by the utility customer is less
17 than the amount billed to the customer on the utility bill, for a
18 utility customer account to which an OBR obligation is in effect,
19 the commission shall adopt one of the following methods for
20 allocation of the payment:

21 (1) Allocate the payment in the following order of priority:

22 (A) Beginning with the earliest billing period in which an
23 arrearage exists, allocate to the utility in respect of the outstanding
24 arrearage in all charges other than OBR repayment charges (such
25 charges, the non-OBR charges) accrued during that billing period.
26 Upon the satisfaction of that arrearage, allocation to the OBR
27 partner in respect of the outstanding arrearage in the OBR
28 repayment charges accrued during that billing period.

29 (B) Upon the satisfaction of arrearage pursuant to subparagraph
30 (A), the remaining amount of the payment, if any, shall be allocated
31 to the arrearages accrued in subsequent billing periods pursuant
32 to subparagraph (A), with the arrearage accruing from any earlier
33 billing period being satisfied before the arrearages accruing from
34 subsequent billing period. With respect to any billing period,
35 allocation shall be made first to the utility in respect of all
36 non-OBR charges, and, after satisfaction of the arrearage in
37 non-OBR charges accruing in such billing period, to the OBR
38 partner in respect of the arrearage in OBR repayment charges
39 accruing in such billing period.

1 (C) Upon the satisfaction of all prior arrearages accruing from
2 prior billing periods, the remaining payment, if any, shall be
3 allocated first to the utility in respect of the non-OBR charge in
4 the current billing period. Upon the satisfaction of that charge,
5 allocation shall be made to the OBR partner in respect of the OBR
6 repayment charge in the current billing period.

7 (2) Allocate the payment to the utility and the OBR partner on
8 a pro-rata basis, in proportion to the non-OBR charge and OBR
9 repayment charge due and owing during the applicable billing
10 period, with arrearages from the earlier billing period being
11 satisfied first, followed by arrearages from subsequent billing
12 periods, which shall be addressed in chronological order, followed
13 by charges that are due and owing during the current billing
14 period.

15 (b) Any arrearage in payment for a billing period shall be
16 included in subsequent billing periods until it is paid in full.

17 (c) In the event of an arrearage in payment, the full amount of
18 the arrearage constitutes a failure to pay for electric or gas service
19 and shall be treated consistent with the rules established by the
20 commission for a customer's failure to pay for service.

21 2833.5. With respect to a utility account that has been closed
22 and in which arrearage exist, including arrearage with respect to
23 OBR repayment charges, the commission may adopt rules
24 providing that after a period of time to be determined by the
25 commission, the share of total arrearage that is attributable to the
26 OBR obligation may be deemed, as of a date certain, to be an
27 obligation owed directly to the OBR partner and not to the utility.

28 2833.6. (a) An OBR obligation shall run with the meter unless
29 the commission has determined that it is not reasonable for the
30 applicable category of OBR obligation to run with the meter.

31 (b) Acceptance of electric or gas service to premises that are
32 served by OBR improvements, and to which an OBR obligation is
33 outstanding, following submission of an application for that
34 service, operates as an acceptance of the OBR obligation
35 associated with electric or gas service, as applicable, to the extent
36 that OBR repayment charges accrue during the period of electric
37 or gas service and an assumption of the contractual rights and
38 obligations of the OBR agreement for the duration of receipt of
39 that service.

1 (c) Acceptance of electric or gas service does not operate as
2 an assumption of any past due OBR repayment charges incurred
3 prior to the commencement of that service by the person or entity
4 that subsequently becomes the customer of record.

5 2833.7. (a) The commission shall authorize a utility to recover
6 all prudently incurred actual costs, net of any fees charged to a
7 customer, OBR partner, contractor, or other third party, of
8 establishing and administering the on-bill repayment program.

9 (b) The commission shall approve a utility's request for cost
10 recovery of actual costs for all judgments, settlements, costs, and
11 expenses, including attorney's fees, and other liabilities paid or
12 incurred by or imposed upon the utility in carrying out required
13 activities under an OBR program pursuant to public or private
14 enforcement of federal laws governing consumer lending, credit,
15 debt collection, and servicing.

16 (c) Utilities, to the extent they are carrying out required
17 activities pursuant to an on-bill repayment program, shall not be
18 responsible for lending, underwriting, and credit determinations,
19 and are not subject to the California Finance Lenders Law
20 (Division 9 (commencing with Section 22000) of the Financial
21 Code), the California Financial Privacy Act (Division 1.4
22 (commencing with Section 4050) of the Financial Code), or the
23 Rosenthal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (Title 1.6C
24 (commencing with Section 1788) of Part 2 of Division 3 of the
25 Civil Code).

26 2833.8. (a) For each OBR obligation, the OBR partner or its
27 agent shall record in the county recorder's office of a county in
28 which the property is located, a notice, with respect to the real
29 property on which the premises served by the OBR improvements
30 are situated, of the existence of the OBR obligation and stating
31 the total amount of the OBR obligation, the term of the OBR
32 obligation, and that the OBR obligation is being repaid through
33 a charge on an electric or gas service provided to the property.
34 The notice shall further state that it is being filed pursuant to this
35 section and, unless fully satisfied prior to the sale or transfer of
36 the property, the OBR obligation shall survive changes in
37 ownership, tenancy, or meter account responsibility and, until
38 fully satisfied, shall constitute the obligation of the person
39 responsible for the meter account. The notice shall not constitute
40 a mortgage or deed of trust and shall not create any security

1 *interest or lien on the property. Upon satisfaction of the OBR*
2 *obligation, the OBR partner or its agent shall promptly record a*
3 *notice of repayment or a termination of notice.*

4 *(b) The county recorder shall record the notices in the same*
5 *book in which the deeds are recorded.*

6 2833.9. *The commission and the utility shall not provide a*
7 *forum to adjudicate disputes arising from this chapter. If a dispute*
8 *arises between the customer and the OBR partner regarding the*
9 *customer's obligation to pay the OBR obligation, the utility shall*
10 *not be responsible in any respect relating to the disputes and shall*
11 *handle funds collected from the customer in accordance with the*
12 *program rules.*

13 2833.10. *The commission shall periodically evaluate on-bill*
14 *repayment programs and may suspend or modify part or all of a*
15 *program if it finds that the program does not meet commission*
16 *requirements or goals. Suspension shall not affect the OBR*
17 *obligations that exist at the time of the suspension.*

18 2833.11. *Subdivision (e) of Section 777.1 and subdivision (a)*
19 *of Section 779.2 do not apply to delinquency in OBR repayment*
20 *charges.*

21 2833.12. *(a) This chapter does not require that the on-bill*
22 *repayment programs be identical and the commission may vary*
23 *program elements for each utility based upon each utility's*
24 *individual circumstances.*

25 *(b) This chapter does not limit the authority of the commission*
26 *to approve and supervise separate on-bill repayment programs*
27 *with different features for different categories of customers,*
28 *including single-family residential, multifamily residential,*
29 *industrial, governmental, commercial, and other categories of*
30 *customers that the commission determines to be appropriate.*
31 *Utilities shall not implement on-bill repayment programs without*
32 *the express approval of the commission.*

33 SEC. 7. *No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to*
34 *Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because*
35 *the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school*
36 *district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or*
37 *infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty*
38 *for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of*
39 *the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within*

1 *the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California*
2 *Constitution.*

3 ~~SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the~~
4 ~~following:~~

5 ~~(a) Despite existing programs, large numbers of Californians~~
6 ~~currently do not have access to energy efficiency and clean~~
7 ~~technology upgrades.~~

8 ~~(b) Existing clean energy programs and incentives are important~~
9 ~~but limited in that they are underfunded and reach only a small~~
10 ~~number of Californians due to restrictions in income level, credit~~
11 ~~score, project size, or commercial-only eligibility.~~

12 ~~(c) Energy efficiency and clean technology upgrades currently~~
13 ~~have especially low penetration rate due to a split incentive between~~
14 ~~renter and landlord over the costs and benefits of such projects.~~

15 ~~(d) California's current economic condition necessitates that~~
16 ~~the Legislature develop pioneering ways to create sustainable,~~
17 ~~green-collar jobs.~~

18 ~~(e) On-bill repayment is an innovative and pioneering concept~~
19 ~~that would provide affordable financing of energy efficiency and~~
20 ~~on-site clean generation technology upgrades by tying repayment~~
21 ~~of the loan obligation to the utility meter.~~

22 ~~(f) By tying repayment to the utility bill, ratepayers would repay~~
23 ~~the loan on the same bill where savings are realized from the~~
24 ~~investment, creating a potential net bill neutrality or even a~~
25 ~~decrease in the ratepayer's bill as a result of the investment.~~

26 ~~(g) On-bill repayment would be a unique clean energy incentive~~
27 ~~program because it would not rely on ratepayer or taxpayer funding~~
28 ~~and it would expand access to energy efficiency and clean~~
29 ~~technology upgrades.~~

30 ~~(h) On-bill repayment would incentivize private investors to~~
31 ~~invest in California's clean energy improvements, would stimulate~~
32 ~~the state's economy by creating jobs for contractors and other~~
33 ~~persons who complete new energy improvements, and would~~
34 ~~reinforce the leadership role of the state in the new energy~~
35 ~~economy, thereby attracting clean energy manufacturing facilities~~
36 ~~and related jobs to the state.~~

37 ~~(i) It is the intent of the Legislature to enact an on-bill repayment~~
38 ~~program that will provide Californians greater access to energy~~
39 ~~efficiency and clean technology upgrades.~~

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