Introduced by Senators Pavley and Lara (Coauthor: Senator Leno)

(Coauthor: Assembly Member Lowenthal)

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An act to add and repeal Section 39607.6 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to greenhouse gases.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1125, as introduced, Pavley. Greenhouse gases: emissions reduction.

The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 requires the State Air Resources Board to approve a statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit that is equivalent to the 1990 level to be achieved by 2020. The act requires the state board to make recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature on how to continue reduction of greenhouse gas emissions beyond 2020.

This bill would require the state board, on or before January 1, 2016, and in consultation with specified entities, to develop and submit to the Governor and the Legislature a report containing recommendations on a timetable of reduction targets of greenhouse gas emissions and short-lived climate pollutants with high global warming potentials beyond 2020. The bill would repeal the above provision on January 1, 2020.

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

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

SECTION 1. Section 39607.6 is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:

- 39607.6. (a) For the purposes of this section, "short-lived climate pollutant" means an agent that has a relatively short lifetime in the atmosphere, from a few days to a few decades, and a warming influence on the climate.
- (b) On or before January 1, 2016, the state board shall, in consultation with the Climate Action Team, other relevant state and local agencies, and interested stakeholders, in an open and public process, develop and submit to the Governor and Legislature a report containing recommendations on a timetable of reduction targets of greenhouse gas emissions and short-lived climate pollutants with high global warming potentials beyond 2020.
- (c) The state board, in developing the timetable of reduction targets shall consider emissions reduction trajectories that do all of the following:
- (1) Mitigate medium- and long-term risks of global climate change and associated adverse impacts on health, safety, and welfare in California.
- (2) Advance California's economic competitiveness by minimizing leakage and stimulating innovation.
- (3) Significantly mitigate adverse public health impacts in disadvantaged communities through reductions of short-lived climate pollutants, or in concert with other regulations limiting the emissions of criteria or toxic air pollutants under this division.
- (d) The report to be submitted to the Legislature pursuant to subdivision (a) shall be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government Code.
- (e) Pursuant to Section 10231.5 of the Government Code, this section is repealed on January 1, 2020.