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SENATE BILL

No. 1125

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

February 19, 2014

An act to add Section 38551.5 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to greenhouse gases.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1125, as amended, Pavley. California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: 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 the 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 quantitative, advisory reduction targets for greenhouse gas emissions and short-lived climate pollutants, as defined, for 2030 in order to inform future legislative action. The bill would require the state board to report to the Legislature on those targets. The bill, on January 1, 2020, would declare inoperative the requirement that the state board report to the Legislature.

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 38551.5 is added to the Health and Safety
2 Code, to read:

3 38551.5. (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms
4 have the following meanings:

5 (1) “Open and public process” means one or more public
6 meetings noticed pursuant to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act
7 (Article 9 (commencing with Section 11120) of Chapter 1 of Part
8 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code).

9 (2) “Short-lived climate pollutant” means an agent that has a
10 relatively short lifetime in the atmosphere, from a few days to a
11 few decades, and a warming influence on the climate with high
12 global warming potentials.

13 (b) On or before January 1, 2016, the state board, in consultation
14 with the Climate Action Team, other relevant state and local
15 agencies, and interested stakeholders, shall develop, in an open
16 and public process, quantitative, advisory reduction targets for
17 greenhouse gas emissions and short-lived climate pollutants with
18 high global warming potentials for 2030 in order to inform future
19 legislative action.

20 (c) In developing targets pursuant to subdivision (b), the state
21 board shall use the best available climate science, including, but
22 not limited to, the climate science surrounding short-lived climate
23 pollutants, and shall consider a level of statewide reductions for
24 2030 that significantly mitigates adverse public health impacts in
25 disadvantaged communities through reductions of short-lived
26 climate pollutants, in concert with other regulations limiting the
27 emissions of criteria or toxic air pollutants pursuant to Division
28 26 (commencing with Section 39000).

29 (d) (1) The state board shall report to the Legislature the targets
30 developed pursuant to this section.

31 (2) A report submitted pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be
32 submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government
33 Code.

1 (3) The requirement for submitting a report pursuant to
2 paragraph (1) is inoperative on January 1, 2020, pursuant to Section
3 10231.5 of the Government Code.

4 *(e) This section does not affect the authority of a state agency*
5 *to adopt and implement rules and regulations that result in the*
6 *reduction of greenhouse gas emissions or short-lived climate*
7 *pollutants to the extent authorized or required by law.*

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