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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 156

Introduced by Assembly Member Perea

January 20, 2015

An act to add Section 39713.5 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to greenhouse gases.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 156, as amended, Perea. Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: technical assistance program.

The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 designates the State Air Resources Board as the state agency charged with monitoring and regulating sources of emissions of greenhouse gases. The act authorizes the state board to include the use of market-based compliance mechanisms. Existing law requires all moneys, except for fines and penalties, collected by the state board from the auction or sale of allowances as part of a market-based compliance mechanism to be deposited in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund and to be available upon appropriation. Existing law requires the California Environmental Protection Agency to identify disadvantaged communities and requires the Department of Finance, in consultation with the state board and any other relevant state agency, to develop, as specified, a 3-year investment plan for the moneys deposited in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. Existing law requires the 3-year investment plan to allocate a minimum

of 25% of the available moneys in the fund to projects that provide benefits to disadvantaged communities.

This bill would require the state board to establish a comprehensive technical assistance program, upon the appropriation of moneys from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, for eligible applicants, as specified, assisting disadvantaged communities and other specified communities.

This bill would also require the department to include in the 3-year investment plan an allocation to the state board for that technical assistance program.

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 39713.5 is added to the Health and Safety
2 Code, to read:

3 39713.5. (a) The investment plan developed and submitted to
4 the Legislature pursuant to Section 39716 shall allocate from the
5 available moneys in the fund technical assistance moneys to the
6 state board to implement this section. That allocation of technical
7 assistance moneys shall not be used to satisfy the requirements of
8 subdivisions (a) and (b) of Section 39713.

9 (b) Upon an appropriation of moneys from the fund, the state
10 board shall establish a comprehensive technical assistance program
11 for eligible applicants assisting disadvantaged communities
12 identified pursuant to Section 39711 and other communities with
13 median incomes at or below 80 percent of the statewide median
14 income and that the state board determines require technical
15 assistance. Eligible applicants include, but are not limited to,
16 regional agencies and nonprofit organizations coordinating with
17 local governments.

18 (c) The program established pursuant to this section shall
19 provide assistance to eligible applicants with any of the following:

- 20 (1) Identifying state agencies with appropriate grant programs.
- 21 (2) Developing competitive project proposals to apply for
- 22 moneys available through state agencies or pursuant to this chapter.
- 23 (3) Coordinating existing local programs to reduce greenhouse
- 24 gas emissions with new programs receiving moneys pursuant to
- 25 this chapter.

1 (4) Conducting community outreach *to residents of*
2 *disadvantaged communities identified pursuant to Section 39711*
3 *and other communities with median incomes at or below 80 percent*
4 *of the statewide median income and that the state board determines*
5 *require technical assistance* on consumer programs receiving state
6 or local moneys pursuant to this chapter or for other programs that
7 reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The programs may include, but
8 are not limited to, programs that also improve air quality, reduce
9 residential and commercial water use, and increase residential and
10 commercial energy efficiency.

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