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ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 156

Introduced by Assembly Member Perea
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Rendon)

January 20, 2015

An act to amend Section 39713 of, and 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. California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: disadvantaged communities.~~

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 prepare and post on its Internet Web site a specified report on the projects funded to benefit 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 of the Health and Safety Code is*
2 *amended to read:*

3 39713. (a) The investment plan developed and submitted to
4 the Legislature, pursuant to Section 39716, shall allocate a
5 minimum of 25 percent of the available moneys in the fund to
6 projects that provide benefits to communities described in Section
7 39711.

8 (b) The investment plan shall allocate a minimum of 10 percent
9 of the available moneys in the fund to projects located within
10 communities described in Section 39711.

11 (c) The allocation pursuant to subdivision (b) may be, but need
12 not be, for projects included, in whole or in part, in the set of
13 projects supported by the allocation described in subdivision (a).

14 (d) *The state board shall prepare and post on its Internet Web*
15 *site a report on the projects funded pursuant to this section. The*
16 *report shall include all of the following:*

- 17 (1) *A general description of the project.*
- 18 (2) *The location where the project will be implemented.*
- 19 (3) *The estimated date of completion of each project.*
- 20 (4) *The amount awarded to each project.*

1 (5) *The status of any moneys in the fund that are not awarded*
2 *pursuant to this section and the reasons, if any, why those moneys*
3 *have not been awarded.*

4 ~~SECTION 4.~~

5 SEC. 2. Section 39713.5 is added to the Health and Safety
6 Code, to read:

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

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

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

24 (1) Identifying state agencies with appropriate grant programs.

25 (2) Developing competitive project proposals to apply for
26 moneys available through state agencies or pursuant to this chapter.

27 (3) Coordinating existing local programs to reduce greenhouse
28 gas emissions with new programs receiving moneys pursuant to
29 this chapter.

30 (4) Conducting community outreach to residents of
31 disadvantaged communities identified pursuant to Section 39711
32 and other communities with median incomes at or below 80 percent
33 of the statewide median income and that the state board determines
34 require technical assistance on consumer programs receiving state
35 or local moneys pursuant to this chapter or for other programs that
36 reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The programs may include, but
37 are not limited to, programs that also improve air quality, reduce

- 1 residential and commercial water use, and increase residential and
- 2 commercial energy efficiency.

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