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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

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. 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.

1 (4) The amount awarded to each project.

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

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

22 (2) (A) *The state board, in consultation with the California*
23 *Environmental Protection Agency and agencies that administer*
24 *programs using moneys appropriated from the fund, shall develop*
25 *guidelines to implement this program consistent with this section.*

26 (B) *The state board shall provide an opportunity for public*
27 *comment prior to finalizing the guidelines.*

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

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

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

33 (3) Coordinating existing local programs to reduce greenhouse
34 gas emissions with new programs receiving moneys pursuant to
35 this chapter.

36 (4) Conducting community outreach to residents of
37 disadvantaged communities identified pursuant to Section 39711
38 and other communities with median incomes at or below 80 percent
39 of the statewide median income and that the state board determines
40 require technical assistance on consumer programs receiving state

1 or local moneys pursuant to this chapter or for other programs that
2 reduce greenhouse gas emissions. ~~The programs may include, but~~
3 ~~are not limited to, programs that also improve air quality, reduce~~
4 ~~residential and commercial water use, and increase residential and~~
5 ~~commercial energy efficiency.~~

6 *(d) Technical assistance provided pursuant to this section shall*
7 *promote programs that reduce emissions of greenhouse gases and*
8 *demonstrate a direct, meaningful benefit to disadvantaged*
9 *communities. Cobenefits of these programs may include, but are*
10 *not limited to, improved air quality, improved water quality,*
11 *improved public health, increased access to employment in clean*
12 *energy, increased access to affordable housing and transit, reduced*
13 *residential and commercial water use, and increased residential*
14 *and commercial energy efficiency.*