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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 156**

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

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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, as defined.~~

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.

- 1 (2) The location where the project will be implemented.
- 2 (3) The estimated date of completion of each project.
- 3 (4) The amount awarded to each project.
- 4 (5) The status of any moneys in the fund that are not awarded
- 5 pursuant to this section and the reasons, if any, why those moneys
- 6 have not been awarded.

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

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

15 (b) (1) Upon an appropriation of moneys from the fund, the  
16 state board shall establish a comprehensive technical assistance  
17 program for eligible applicants assisting disadvantaged  
18 communities ~~identified pursuant to Section 39711 and other~~  
19 ~~communities with median incomes at or below 80 percent of the~~  
20 ~~statewide median income and that the state board determines~~  
21 ~~require technical assistance. Eligible assistance in accessing~~  
22 ~~programs using moneys appropriated from the fund.~~

23 (2) *Eligible* applicants include, but are not limited to, regional  
24 agencies and nonprofit organizations coordinating with local  
25 governments.

26 (3) *As used in this section, “disadvantaged communities” means*  
27 *census tracts identified as disadvantaged pursuant to Section 39711*  
28 *or with median incomes at or below 80 percent of the statewide*  
29 *median household income.*

30 ~~(2)~~

31 (4) (A) The state board, in consultation with the California  
32 Environmental Protection Agency and agencies that administer  
33 programs using moneys appropriated from the fund, shall develop  
34 guidelines to implement this program consistent with this section.

35 (B) The state board shall provide an opportunity for public  
36 comment prior to finalizing the guidelines.

37 (c) *The state board shall prioritize technical assistance to those*  
38 *communities demonstrating the greatest need for increased*  
39 *capacity to access programs using moneys appropriated from the*  
40 *fund.*

1 (e)

2 (d) The program established pursuant to this section shall  
3 provide assistance to eligible applicants with any of the following:

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

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

7 (3) Coordinating existing local programs to reduce greenhouse  
8 gas emissions with new programs receiving moneys pursuant to  
9 this chapter.

10 (4) Conducting community outreach to residents of  
11 disadvantaged communities ~~identified pursuant to Section 39711~~  
12 ~~and other communities with median incomes at or below 80 percent~~  
13 ~~of the statewide median income and that the state board determines~~  
14 require technical assistance on consumer programs receiving state  
15 or local moneys pursuant to this chapter or for other programs that  
16 reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

17 (d)

18 (e) Technical assistance provided pursuant to this section shall  
19 promote programs that reduce emissions of greenhouse gases and  
20 demonstrate a direct, meaningful benefit to disadvantaged  
21 communities. Cobenefits of these programs may include, but are  
22 not limited to, improved air quality, improved water quality,  
23 improved public health, increased access to employment in clean  
24 energy, increased access to affordable housing and transit, reduced  
25 residential and commercial water use, and increased residential  
26 and commercial energy efficiency.