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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 802

Introduced by Assembly Member Williams

February 26, 2015

An act to amend Section 381.2 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to energy efficiency.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 802, as amended, Williams. Public utilities: energy efficiency savings.

Existing law requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (Energy Commission) to develop and implement a comprehensive program to achieve greater energy savings in existing residential and nonresidential building stock. Existing law requires the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to investigate the ability of electrical corporations and gas corporations to provide various energy efficiency financing options to their customers for the purposes of implementing the program developed by the Energy Commission.

This bill would require the PUC, by July 1, 2016, to authorize electrical corporations and gas corporations to recover in rates the reasonable costs of programs providing incentives or rebates or both incentives and rebates to their customers to increase the energy efficiency of existing buildings, as specified. The bill would require the

PUC to authorize electrical corporations and gas corporations to count all energy savings achieved toward overall energy efficiency goals or targets established by the PUC. The bill would authorize the PUC to adjust the energy efficiency goals or targets of electrical corporations and gas corporations to reflect the energy savings achieved in meeting or exceeding energy efficiency requirements in existing buildings.

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 381.2 of the Public Utilities Code is
 2 amended to read:
 3 381.2. (a) The commission shall investigate the ability of
 4 electrical corporations and gas corporations to provide various
 5 energy efficiency financing options to their customers for the
 6 purposes of implementing the program developed pursuant to
 7 Section 25943 of the Public Resources Code.
 8 (b) (1) By July 1, 2016, the commission, in a separate or
 9 existing proceeding, shall authorize electrical corporations or gas
 10 corporations to recover in rates the reasonable costs of programs
 11 that provide financial incentives or rebates or both incentives and
 12 rebates to their customers to increase the energy efficiency of
 13 existing buildings based on all estimated energy savings and energy
 14 usage reductions, taking into consideration the overall reduction
 15 in normalized metered energy consumption as a measure of energy
 16 savings. Those programs shall include energy usage reductions
 17 resulting from the installation of a measure or equipment required
 18 for modifications to existing buildings to bring them into
 19 conformity with, or exceed, the requirements of Title 24 of the
 20 California Code of Regulations. The commission shall authorize
 21 an electrical corporation and gas corporation to count all energy
 22 savings achieved toward overall energy efficiency goals or targets
 23 established by the commission. The commission may adjust the
 24 energy efficiency goals or targets of an electrical corporation and
 25 gas corporation to reflect the energy efficiency savings achieved
 26 in meeting or exceeding the requirements of Title 24 of the
 27 California Code of Regulations in existing buildings.
 28 (2) *The commission shall prioritize energy efficiency activities*
 29 *consistent with Sections 454.55 and 454.56.*

1 (c) In the report prepared pursuant to Section 384.2, the
2 commission shall include an assessment of each electrical
3 corporation's and each gas corporation's implementation of the
4 program developed pursuant to Section 25943 of the Public
5 Resources Code.

6 *(d) This section does not require the commission to increase*
7 *funding for energy efficiency programs of electric corporations*
8 *or gas corporations that are recoverable in rates.*