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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1030**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Ridley-Thomas**

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An act to amend Section 39712 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to greenhouse gases.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1030, as amended, Ridley-Thomas. California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.

The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 establishes the State Air Resources Board as the state agency responsible for monitoring and regulating sources emitting 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 by the Legislature. Existing law 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 moneys in the fund to be used to facilitate the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and, where applicable and to the extent feasible, to foster job creation by promoting in-state

greenhouse gas emissions reduction projects carried out by California workers and businesses.

This bill would, ~~for projects involving hiring, require priority be given to projects involving hiring that include partnerships with training entities that have a proven track record of placing disadvantaged workers in support the targeted training and hiring of workers from disadvantaged communities for career-track jobs.~~

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. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
- 2 following:
- 3 (a) With the adoption of Assembly Bill 32 (Chapter 488 of the
- 4 Statutes of 2006), Senate Bill 535 (Chapter 830 of the Statutes of
- 5 2012), and related climate policies, the state has led the nation in
- 6 tackling climate change and ensuring that climate policies and
- 7 investments help lift up our state’s most disinvested communities.
- 8 (b) The revenue generated through the auction of carbon
- 9 allowances provides an opportunity to promote triple bottom line
- 10 investments that tackle our climate crises, grow our economy, and
- 11 promote equity.
- 12 (c) The growth rate of green jobs is significantly faster than that
- 13 of all other jobs nationwide, and the majority of this job growth
- 14 is in California, making the state a national and international leader
- 15 in green jobs.
- 16 (d) Green jobs are accessible to people with a variety of
- 17 educational attainment and, on average, offer a higher median
- 18 wage and better opportunities for career advancement. Preparing
- 19 and connecting disconnected youth and disadvantaged workers to
- 20 these jobs is critical to ensuring these jobs support a future of
- 21 shared prosperity.
- 22 (e) It is the intent of the Legislature to ensure that investments
- 23 made through the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, created
- 24 pursuant to Section 16428.8 of the Government Code, continue to
- 25 support the growth of the diverse green jobs sector in the state,
- 26 increase access to green jobs for disconnected youth and other
- 27 disadvantaged workers, and support workforce training

1 opportunities that create a pathway for disadvantaged workers to  
2 enter the green jobs sector.

3 SEC. 2. Section 39712 of the Health and Safety Code is  
4 amended to read:

5 39712. (a) (1) It is the intent of the Legislature that moneys  
6 shall be appropriated from the fund only in a manner consistent  
7 with the requirements of this chapter and Article 9.7 (commencing  
8 with Section 16428.8) of Chapter 2 of Part 2 of Division 4 of Title  
9 2 of the Government Code.

10 (2) The state shall not approve allocations for a measure or  
11 program using moneys appropriated from the fund except after  
12 determining, based on the available evidence, that the use of those  
13 moneys furthers the regulatory purposes of Division 25.5  
14 (commencing with Section 38500) and is consistent with law. If  
15 any expenditure of moneys from the fund for any measure or  
16 project is determined by a court to be inconsistent with law, the  
17 allocations for the remaining measures or projects shall be  
18 severable and shall not be affected.

19 (b) Moneys shall be used to facilitate the achievement of  
20 reductions of greenhouse gas emissions in this state consistent  
21 with Division 25.5 (commencing with Section 38500) and, where  
22 applicable and to the extent feasible:

23 (1) Maximize economic, environmental, and public health  
24 benefits to the state.

25 (2) (A) Foster job creation by promoting in-state greenhouse  
26 gas emissions reduction projects carried out by California workers  
27 and businesses.

28 ~~(B) For projects that involve hiring, projects that include~~  
29 ~~partnerships with training entities that have a proven track record~~  
30 ~~of placing disadvantaged workers in career-track jobs shall be~~  
31 ~~prioritized.~~

32 *(B) Prioritize, for projects that involve hiring pursuant to this*  
33 *paragraph, those projects that support targeted training and hiring*  
34 *of workers from disadvantaged communities for career-track jobs.*

35 (3) Complement efforts to improve air quality.

36 (4) Direct investment toward the most disadvantaged  
37 communities and households in the state.

38 (5) Provide opportunities for businesses, public agencies,  
39 nonprofits, and other community institutions to participate in and  
40 benefit from statewide efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

1 (6) Lessen the impacts and effects of climate change on the  
2 state's communities, economy, and environment.

3 (c) Moneys appropriated from the fund may be allocated,  
4 consistent with subdivision (a), for the purpose of reducing  
5 greenhouse gas emissions in this state through investments that  
6 may include, but are not limited to, any of the following:

7 (1) Funding to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through energy  
8 efficiency, clean and renewable energy generation, distributed  
9 renewable energy generation, transmission and storage, and other  
10 related actions, including, but not limited to, at public universities,  
11 state and local public buildings, and industrial and manufacturing  
12 facilities.

13 (2) Funding to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through the  
14 development of state-of-the-art systems to move goods and freight,  
15 advanced technology vehicles and vehicle infrastructure, advanced  
16 biofuels, and low-carbon and efficient public transportation.

17 (3) Funding to reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with  
18 water use and supply, land and natural resource conservation and  
19 management, forestry, and sustainable agriculture.

20 (4) Funding to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through  
21 strategic planning and development of sustainable infrastructure  
22 projects, including, but not limited to, transportation and housing.

23 (5) Funding to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through  
24 increased in-state diversion of municipal solid waste from disposal  
25 through waste reduction, diversion, and reuse.

26 (6) Funding to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through  
27 investments in programs implemented by local and regional  
28 agencies, local and regional collaboratives, and nonprofit  
29 organizations coordinating with local governments.

30 (7) Funding research, development, and deployment of  
31 innovative technologies, measures, and practices related to  
32 programs and projects funded pursuant to this chapter.