

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1324**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Williams**

February 27, 2015

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An act to amend Section 38501 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to greenhouse gases.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1324, as introduced, Williams. California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006.

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 state board is required to adopt a statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit equivalent to the statewide greenhouse gas emissions level in 1990 to be achieved by 2020 and to adopt rules and regulations in an open public process to achieve the maximum, technologically feasible, and cost-effective greenhouse gas emissions reductions. The act makes various findings and declarations.

This bill would make changes to those findings and declarations.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 38501 of the Health and Safety Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 38501. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

1 (a) Global warming poses a serious threat to the economic  
2 well-being, public health, natural resources, and the environment  
3 of California. The potential adverse impacts of global warming  
4 include the exacerbation of air quality problems, a reduction in  
5 the quality and supply of water to the state from the Sierra  
6 snowpack, a rise in sea levels resulting in the displacement of  
7 thousands of coastal businesses and residences, damage to marine  
8 ecosystems and the natural environment, and an increase in the  
9 incidences of infectious diseases, asthma, and other human  
10 health-related problems.

11 (b) Global warming will have detrimental effects on some of  
12 California's largest industries, including agriculture, wine, tourism,  
13 skiing, recreational and commercial fishing, and forestry. It will  
14 also increase the strain on electricity supplies necessary to meet  
15 the demand for summer air-conditioning in the hottest parts of the  
16 state.

17 (c) California has long been a national and international leader  
18 on energy conservation and environmental stewardship efforts,  
19 including the areas of air quality protections, energy efficiency  
20 requirements, renewable energy standards, natural resource  
21 conservation, and greenhouse gas emission standards for passenger  
22 vehicles. The program established by this division will continue  
23 this tradition of environmental leadership by placing California at  
24 the forefront of national and international efforts to reduce  
25 emissions of greenhouse gases.

26 (d) National and international actions are necessary to fully  
27 address the issue of global warming. However, action taken by  
28 California to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases will have  
29 far-reaching effects by encouraging other states, the federal  
30 government, and other countries to act.

31 (e) By exercising a global leadership role, California will also  
32 position its economy, technology centers, financial institutions,  
33 and businesses to benefit from national and international efforts  
34 to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases. More importantly,  
35 investing in the development of innovative and pioneering  
36 technologies will assist California in achieving the ~~2020~~ statewide  
37 ~~limit~~ *limits* on emissions of greenhouse gases established by this  
38 division *for 2020 and beyond* and will provide an opportunity for  
39 the state to take a global economic and technological leadership  
40 role in reducing emissions of greenhouse gases.

1 (f) It is the intent of the Legislature that the State Air Resources  
2 Board coordinate with state agencies, as well as consult with the  
3 environmental justice community, industry sectors, business  
4 groups, academic institutions, environmental organizations, and  
5 other ~~stakeholders~~ *stakeholders*, in implementing this division.

6 (g) It is the intent of the Legislature that the State Air Resources  
7 Board consult with the Public Utilities Commission in the  
8 development of emissions reduction measures, including limits on  
9 emissions of greenhouse gases applied to electricity and natural  
10 gas providers regulated by the Public Utilities Commission in order  
11 to ensure that electricity and natural gas providers are not required  
12 to meet duplicative or inconsistent regulatory requirements.

13 (h) It is the intent of the Legislature that the State Air Resources  
14 Board design emissions reduction measures to meet the statewide  
15 emissions limits for greenhouse gases established pursuant to this  
16 division in a manner that minimizes costs and maximizes benefits  
17 for California's economy, improves and modernizes California's  
18 energy infrastructure and maintains electric system reliability,  
19 maximizes additional environmental and economic co-benefits for  
20 California, and complements the state's efforts to improve air  
21 quality.

22 (i) It is the intent of the Legislature that the Climate Action  
23 Team established by the Governor to coordinate the efforts set  
24 forth under Executive Order S-3-05 continue its role in  
25 coordinating overall climate policy.