

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1739

Introduced by Assembly Member Waldron

February 1, 2016

An act to amend Section 2827.3 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to electricity.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1739, as introduced, Waldron. Net energy metering.

Existing law requires all electric utilities to develop a standard contract or tariff providing for net energy metering, and to make this contract available to eligible customer generators, upon request, except as provided. Existing law requires the Public Utilities Commission to complete a study by October 1, 2013, to determine who benefits from, and who bears the economic burden, if any, of the net energy metering program, and to determine the extent to which each class of ratepayers and each region of the state receiving service under the net energy metering program is paying the full cost of the services provided to them by electrical corporations, and the extent to which those customers pay their share of the costs of public purpose programs. Existing law requires the commission to report the results of the study to the Legislature within 30 days of its completion.

This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to this provision.

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 2827.3 of the Public Utilities Code is
2 amended to read:
3 2827.3. (a) By October 1, 2013, the commission shall complete
4 a study to determine who benefits from, and who bears the
5 economic burden, if any, of, the net energy metering program
6 authorized pursuant to Section 2827, and to determine the extent
7 to which each class of ratepayers and each region of the state
8 receiving service under the net energy metering program is paying
9 the full cost of the services provided to them by electrical
10 corporations, and the extent to which those customers pay their
11 share of the costs of public purpose programs. In evaluating
12 program costs and benefits for purposes of the study, the
13 commission shall consider all electricity generated by renewable
14 electric generating systems, including the electricity used onsite
15 to reduce a customer’s consumption of electricity that otherwise
16 would be supplied through the electrical grid, as well as the
17 electrical output that is being fed back to the electrical grid for
18 which the customer receives credit or net surplus electricity
19 compensation under net energy metering. The study shall quantify
20 the costs and benefits of net energy metering to participants and
21 nonparticipants and shall further disaggregate the results by utility,
22 customer class, and household income groups within the residential
23 class. The study shall further gather and present data on the income
24 distribution of residential net energy metering participants. In order
25 to assess the costs and benefits at various levels of net energy
26 metering implementation, the study shall be conducted using
27 multiple net energy metering penetration scenarios, including, at
28 a minimum, the capacity needed to reach the solar photovoltaic
29 goals of the California Solar Initiative pursuant to Section 25780
30 of the Public Resources Code, and the estimated net energy
31 metering capacity under the 5-percent minimum requirement of
32 paragraphs (1) and (4) of subdivision (c) of Section 2827.
33 (b) (1) The commission shall report the results of the study to
34 the Legislature within 30 days of ~~its~~ *the study’s* completion.
35 (2) The report shall be submitted in compliance with Section
36 9795 of the Government Code.

1 (3) Pursuant to Section 10231.5 of the Government Code, this
2 section is repealed on July 1, 2017.

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