

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2223

Introduced by Assembly Member Gray

February 18, 2016

An act relating to greenhouse gases, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2223, as introduced, Gray. Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: manure digesters.

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 in regulations implementing the act the use of market-based compliance mechanisms. Existing law requires all moneys, except for fines and penalties, collected by the state board 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 defines a “renewable electrical generation facility” for purposes of the California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program to include facilities that use, among other renewable energy resources, digester gas.

This bill would continuously appropriate \$100,000,000 annually from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to the state board to make manure digester market development payments for electricity produced from California-generated manure by California-based manure digesters.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding Section 13340 of the
2 Government Code, the sum of one hundred million dollars
3 (\$100,000,000) annually is hereby continuously appropriated from
4 the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund created pursuant to Section
5 16428.8 of the Government Code to the State Air Resources Board
6 to make manure digester market development payments of up to
7 \$____ per kW of electricity produced from California-generated
8 manure by California-based manure digesters.

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