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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2293

**Introduced by Assembly Members Cristina Garcia, Eggman,
Eduardo Garcia, and Gomez**
(Principal coauthor: Senator Leyva)

February 18, 2016

An act to add ~~Section 39717 to Part 10 (commencing with Section 44480)~~ to Division 26 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to greenhouse gases.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2293, as amended, Cristina Garcia. Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: ~~3-year investment plan; technical assistance program. Green Assistance Program.~~

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 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. Existing law requires the California Environmental Protection Agency to identify disadvantaged communities and 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.

~~This bill would require the state board to establish a technical assistance program, upon an appropriation of moneys from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, to establish the Green Assistance Program, to be administered by the Secretary for Environmental Protection to, among other things, assist small disadvantaged communities businesses, small nonprofit organizations, and small cities in applying for moneys from programs using moneys from the fund, as specified. The bill would also require the department to include in the 3-year investment plan an allocation to the state board for that technical assistance program.~~

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 both of the*
- 2 *following:*
- 3 (a) *Small businesses, small nonprofit organizations, and small*
- 4 *cities often lack the technical expertise to develop grant and*
- 5 *financing options.*
- 6 (b) *For the state to meet its air quality goals, every business*
- 7 *and community must have the same opportunity to compete for*
- 8 *funding that is available to meet those air quality goals.*
- 9 ~~SECTION 1. Section 39717 is added to the Health and Safety~~
- 10 ~~Code, to read:~~
- 11 ~~39717. (a) For purposes of this section, “disadvantaged~~
- 12 ~~community” means a community identified pursuant to Section~~
- 13 ~~39711.~~
- 14 ~~(b) The Department of Finance shall include in the investment~~
- 15 ~~plan developed and submitted to the Legislature pursuant to Section~~
- 16 ~~39716 an allocation to the state board to implement this section.~~
- 17 ~~(c) Upon an appropriation of moneys from the fund, the state~~
- 18 ~~board shall establish a technical assistance program to assist small~~
- 19 ~~disadvantaged communities in applying for moneys from programs~~
- 20 ~~that have been appropriated moneys from the fund.~~
- 21 ~~(d) The program established pursuant to this section shall~~
- 22 ~~provide assistance to small disadvantaged communities with any~~
- 23 ~~of the following:~~
- 24 ~~(1) Identifying~~

1 SEC. 2. Part 10 (commencing with Section 44480) is added to
2 Division 26 of the Health and Safety Code, to read:

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4 PART 10. GREEN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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6 44480. For purposes of this part, the following definitions
7 apply:

8 (a) "Fund" means the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund,
9 established pursuant to Section 16428.8 of the Government Code.

10 (b) "Secretary" means the Secretary for Environmental
11 Protection.

12 (c) "Small city" means a city with a population of less than
13 500,000 as determined by the latest census.

14 44481. The Green Assistance Program is hereby established
15 and shall be administered by the secretary. The program shall do
16 all of the following:

17 (a) Provide technical assistance, including the development of
18 competitive project proposals, to small businesses, small nonprofit
19 organizations, and small cities when applying for an allocation
20 of moneys from the fund.

21 (b) Assist small cities in equitably applying for funding to help
22 mitigate the impacts of poor air quality and help improve the health
23 of the state's most disadvantaged communities.

24 (c) Assist small businesses in applying for funding for energy
25 efficiency upgrades to meet and exceed the greenhouse gas
26 emission reductions established pursuant to Section 38560.

27 (d) Assist small businesses and small cities in complying with
28 all applicable federal, state, and local air quality laws.

29 (e) Assist small cities to develop plans that would assist the
30 state in meeting the statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit.

31 (f) Identify state agencies with appropriate grant programs.

32 ~~(2) Developing competitive project proposals to apply for~~
33 ~~moneys available through state agencies or pursuant to this chapter.~~

34 ~~(3) Coordinating~~

35 (g) Coordinate existing local programs to reduce greenhouse
36 gas emissions with new programs receiving moneys pursuant to
37 this chapter. from the fund.

38 ~~(4) Conducting~~

39 (h) Conduct community outreach to residents of small
40 disadvantaged communities cities that the state board determines

1 require technical assistance on consumer programs receiving state
2 or local moneys pursuant to this chapter *from the fund* or for other
3 programs that reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Those programs
4 may include, but are not limited to, programs that also improve
5 air quality, reduce residential and commercial water use, and
6 increase residential and commercial energy efficiency.

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