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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2585

Introduced by Assembly Member Williams

February 19, 2016

An act to add Section 38572 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to greenhouse gases.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2585, as amended, Williams. California Global Warming Solutions Act of ~~2006: biomethane~~. 2006: *market-based compliance mechanisms*.

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. ~~Existing law requires the state board to complete a comprehensive strategy to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants, as defined, in the state.~~ *The act authorizes the state board to include the use of market-based compliance mechanisms.*

~~This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would encourage the production and use of biomethane to meet the goals established in the act.~~ *require the state board, no later than July 1, 2018, to review any regulation adopted as part of a market-based compliance mechanism to consider the intended purpose and consistency of requirements aimed to prevent resource shuffling, as defined, among all fuels subject to that regulation.*

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 38572 is added to the Health and Safety
2 Code, to read:

3 38572. (a) For purposes of this section, “resource shuffling”
4 means any plan, scheme, or artifice undertaken by a fuels provider
5 to substitute fuels deliveries from sources with relatively lower
6 emissions for fuels deliveries from sources with relatively higher
7 emissions to reduce the fuels provider’s emissions compliance
8 obligation.

9 (b) No later than July 1, 2018, the state board shall review any
10 regulation adopted pursuant to this part to consider the intended
11 purpose and consistency of requirements aimed to prevent resource
12 shuffling among all fuels subject to that regulation.

13 ~~SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares that~~
14 ~~biomethane can provide the lowest-carbon fuel of any kind while~~
15 ~~helping to meet the state’s goals relating to short-lived climate~~
16 ~~pollutants, landfill diversion, and wildfire reduction.~~

17 ~~SEC. 2. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation~~
18 ~~that would encourage the production and use of biomethane to~~
19 ~~meet the goals established in the California Global Warming~~
20 ~~Solutions Act of 2006 (Division 25.5 (commencing with Section~~
21 ~~38500) of the Health and Safety Code).~~