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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2800

Introduced by Assembly Member Quirk

February 19, 2016

~~An act to add Division 33 (commencing with Section 56000) to the Health and Safety Code, relating to building standards. An act to add Section 71155 to the Public Resources Code, relating to climate change.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2800, as amended, Quirk. ~~Building standards: climate change effects. Climate change: infrastructure planning.~~

Existing law requires the Natural Resources Agency, by July 1, 2017, and every 3 years thereafter, to update the state's climate adaptation strategy to identify vulnerabilities to climate change by sectors and priority actions needed to reduce the risks in those sectors.

This bill would require the Natural Resources Agency, by July 1, 2020, and every 5 years thereafter, to establish and update guidelines for effectively incorporating the effects of climate change into state infrastructure planning and investment decisions. The bill would require the agency to establish a science advisory panel with expertise in climate change impacts in California and state infrastructure engineering.

~~Existing law, the California Building Standards Law, requires the California Building Standards Commission to promulgate and publish updated building standards adopted in the California Building Standards Code every 3 years. The commission receives proposed building standards from state agencies in the course of the adoption cycle. These proposed standards are then made available for public inspection and~~

hearings and are reviewed by technical advisory bodies appointed by the commission.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would require the California Environmental Protection Agency, in coordination with other state agencies, to establish appropriate standards for the development, design, and construction of infrastructure projects that will withstand the effects of climate change.

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 71155 is added to the Public Resources
2 Code, to read:

3 71155. (a) (1) By July 1, 2020, the agency shall establish
4 guidelines for effectively incorporating the effects of climate change
5 into state infrastructure planning and investment decisions. The
6 agency shall coordinate with the California Environmental
7 Protection Agency, the Transportation Agency, the Office of
8 Emergency Services, the Office of Planning and Research, and
9 other relevant state agencies to develop guidelines for each sector
10 specified in paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 71153.

11 (2) The agency shall update the guidelines every five years
12 thereafter.

13 (b) By January 1, 2020, and every five years thereafter, the
14 agency shall release the draft guidelines or draft updates, as
15 appropriate. Between the release of the draft and the establishment
16 of the guidelines or updates pursuant to subdivision (a), the agency
17 shall hold public hearings for purposes of providing an opportunity
18 for the public to review and provide written and oral comments
19 on the guidelines or updates, as appropriate.

20 (c) In developing the guidelines and the updates, the agency
21 shall establish a science advisory panel that, at a minimum, has
22 expertise in climate change impacts in California and state
23 infrastructure engineering.

24 SECTION 1. ~~Division 33 (commencing with Section 56000)~~
25 is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:

