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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 189**

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**Introduced by Senator Hueso**

February 9, 2015

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An act to add Section ~~12897~~ 12893.5 to the Government Code, relating to clean energy development.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 189, as amended, Hueso. Clean Energy and Low-Carbon Economic and Jobs Growth Blue Ribbon Committee.

Existing law requires specified state agencies to prepare and submit to the Secretary for Environmental Protection specified information relating to the state agency's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, including a list of measures adopted and implemented by the agency to meet GHG emission reduction targets, as defined, and a status report on GHG emissions reduced as a result of these measures. Existing law further requires the California Environmental Protection Agency to provide that information on its Internet Web site in the form of a state agency GHG emission reduction report card.

This bill would create the Clean Energy and Low-Carbon Economic and Jobs Growth Blue Ribbon ~~Committee~~, *Committee in the California Environmental Protection Agency*, comprised of 7 members appointed by the Governor, the Speaker of the Assembly, and the Senate Committee on Rules, as provided. The bill would prescribe the terms and qualifications of committee members and would require the committee to advise state agencies on the most effective ways to expend clean energy and GHG-related funds and implement policies in order to maximize California's economic and employment benefits, and to

take specified actions in that regard. The bill would also require the committee to provide an annual update to the Governor and the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature on its ~~activities~~: *activities, as provided*. The bill would require each state agency responsible for implementing clean energy and low-carbon policies and programs to submit an annual progress report to the Governor and the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature describing how it implemented or responded to the advice, guidance, and recommendations of the committee.

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 all of the  
2 following:

3 (a) Numerous analyses have shown that California's world  
4 leadership in clean energy and greenhouse gas emission reductions  
5 law and policy ~~have~~ *has* led to major employment and economic  
6 benefits as well as to significant environmental and public health  
7 benefits.

8 (1) In December 2014, the Advanced Energy Economy Institute  
9 issued a report entitled "California Advanced Energy Employment  
10 Survey," which showed that state advanced energy policies have  
11 created over 430,000 jobs, an increase of 5 percent over 2013.

12 (2) That report further showed that California was number one  
13 in installed solar capacity and solar jobs, number one in total  
14 advanced energy investment, number one in electric vehicle sales,  
15 and number two in energy efficiency.

16 (b) In order to ensure that California's clean energy and climate  
17 programs are optimized for maximum economic benefit and job  
18 creation, the State Air Resources Board, the State Energy  
19 Resources Conservation and Development Commission, and the  
20 Public Utilities Commission have all created advisory committees  
21 to help them better understand the implications of their clean  
22 energy and climate policies.

23 (c) The purpose of this act is to create a single independent blue  
24 ribbon committee to provide advice to these and other agencies  
25 on the most effective ways to maximize California's economic

1 benefits and jobs growth via actions and investments in a cleaner,  
2 low-carbon economy.

3 SEC. 2. Section ~~12897~~12893.5 is added to the Government  
4 Code, to read:

5 ~~12897.~~

6 12893.5. (a) The Clean Energy and Low-Carbon Economic  
7 and Jobs Growth Blue Ribbon Committee is hereby created *in the*  
8 *agency*.

9 (b) (1) The committee shall consist of the following members:

10 (A) Five members appointed by the Governor and subject to  
11 confirmation by the Senate.

12 (B) One member each appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly  
13 and the Senate Committee on Rules.

14 (2)- Each member shall serve a term of four years.

15 (3)- Committee members shall not receive per diem or other  
16 similar compensation for serving as a committee member, but may  
17 receive reimbursement for actual expenses incurred in connection  
18 with the performance of their duties.

19 (c) The committee shall consist solely of persons with expertise  
20 in economic, financial, and policy aspects of clean energy economic  
21 growth, job creation, workforce standards, and employment  
22 opportunities for disadvantaged workers. At least two members  
23 of the committee shall have experience working on economic  
24 projects in disadvantaged communities.

25 (d) The committee shall advise state agencies on the most  
26 effective ways to expend clean energy and greenhouse gas-related  
27 funds and to implement policies in order to maximize California's  
28 economic and employment benefits. The committee shall also do  
29 all of the following:

30 (1) Develop guidance for tracking and reporting jobs outcomes  
31 for state clean energy and low-carbon investments and use this  
32 information to evaluate jobs outcomes.

33 (2) In consultation with the Labor and Workforce Development  
34 Agency, develop guidance to measure the quantity and quality of  
35 jobs created by state investments in clean energy and low-carbon  
36 investments, as well as guidance to measure the geographic and  
37 demographic distribution of jobs.

38 (3) Advise state agencies on the most effective ways to require  
39 responsible contractor standards, as applicable, and minimum  
40 training and skill certifications for workers to ensure high-quality

1 work for state clean energy and low-carbon investments, and the  
2 most effective ways to connect disadvantaged communities and  
3 other target populations to good quality jobs and career pathways  
4 created by those investments.

5 (4) In consultation with the California Workforce Investment  
6 Board, advise state agencies on the most effective ways to align  
7 state clean energy and low-carbon training funds with existing  
8 state workforce development investments and strategies.

9 (e) The committee shall provide an annual update to the  
10 Governor and the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the  
11 Legislature on its activities.

12 (f) (1) The State Energy Resources Conservation and  
13 Development Commission, the Public Utilities Commission, the  
14 State Air Resources Board, and any other state agency responsible  
15 for implementing clean energy and low-carbon policies and  
16 programs shall submit an annual progress report to the Governor  
17 and the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature  
18 describing how it implemented or responded to the advice,  
19 guidance, and any recommendations provided by the committee  
20 pursuant to the requirements of subdivision (d).

21 (2) *The annual progress report required by paragraph (1) may*  
22 *be included in any other annual report the state agency is required*  
23 *to provide to the Governor and the appropriate policy and fiscal*  
24 *committees of the Legislature, if it is feasible for the agency to do*  
25 *so.*

26 ~~(2)~~

27 (3) This subdivision shall be inoperative on January 1, 2021,  
28 pursuant to Section 10231.5 of the Government Code.