

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 12, 2016

SENATE BILL

No. 1383

**Introduced by Senator Lara
(Coauthors: Senators Allen, Hancock, and Hill)**

February 19, 2016

An act to add Section ~~39731~~ 39730.5 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to greenhouse gases.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1383, as amended, Lara. Short-lived climate pollutants.

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 state board is required to adopt a statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit equivalent to the statewide greenhouse gas emissions level in 1990 to be achieved by 2020. The state board is also required to complete a comprehensive strategy to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants, as defined, in the state.

This bill would require the state ~~board~~ *board*, no later than January 1, 2018, to approve and ~~implement~~ *begin implementing* that comprehensive strategy to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants to achieve a reduction in methane by 40%, hydrofluorocarbon gases by 40%, and anthropogenic black carbon by 50% below 2013 levels by 2030, as specified.

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) Short-lived climate pollutants, such as black carbon,
4 fluorinated gases, and methane, are powerful climate forces that
5 have a dramatic and detrimental effect on air quality, public health,
6 and climate change.

7 (b) These pollutants create a warming influence on the climate
8 that is many times more potent than that of carbon dioxide.

9 (c) These toxic air contaminants also are a significant
10 environmental risk factor for premature death.

11 (d) Reducing these emissions can have an immediate beneficial
12 impact on climate change and on public health.

13 (e) To the extent possible, efforts to reduce emissions of
14 short-lived climate pollutants should focus on areas of the state
15 that are disproportionately affected by poor air quality.

16 SEC. 2. Section ~~39731~~39730.5 is added to the Health and
17 Safety Code, to read:

18 ~~39731.~~

19 39730.5. (a) No later than January 1, 2018, the state board
20 shall approve and—~~implement~~ *begin implementing* the
21 comprehensive short-lived climate pollutant strategy developed
22 pursuant to Section 39730 to achieve a reduction in the statewide
23 emissions of methane by 40 percent, hydrofluorocarbon gases by
24 40 percent, and anthropogenic black carbon by 50 percent below
25 2013 levels by 2030.

26 (b) ~~It is the intent of the Legislature that the state board consider,~~
27 ~~when~~ *Prior to approving and implementing* the short-lived climate
28 pollutant strategy pursuant to subdivision (a), *the state board shall*
29 *do* all of the following:

30 (1) ~~Coordinating~~ *Coordinate* with other state and local agencies
31 and districts to develop measures identified as part of the strategy.

32 (2) ~~Providing~~ *Provide* a forum for public engagement by holding
33 at least three public hearings in geographically diverse locations
34 throughout the state.

35 (3) ~~Evaluating~~ *Evaluate* the best-available scientific,
36 technological, and economic information to ensure that the strategy
37 is cost effective and technologically feasible.

1 ~~(4) Considering the impact of the strategy on all of the~~
2 ~~following:~~

3 *(4) Incorporate and prioritize, as appropriate, measures and*
4 *actions that provide the following cobenefits:*

5 *(A) Job growth and local economic benefits in the state.*

6 *(B) Public health benefits for residents, particularly in*
7 *disadvantaged communities identified pursuant to Section 39711.*

8 *(C) Potential for new innovation in technology, energy, and*
9 *resource management practices.*

10 *(c) The state board shall publicly notice the strategy described*
11 *in subdivision (a) and post a copy of that strategy on the state*
12 *board's Internet Web site at least one month prior to the state*
13 *board approving it pursuant to subdivision (a).*