

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 940

Introduced by Assembly Member Bradford

February 18, 2011

An act to amend Section 326.5 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to public utilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 940, as introduced, Bradford. Public Utilities Commission: report.

The Public Utilities Act requires the Public Utilities Commission to report annually to specified legislative committees on funding and expenditures related to certain entities and programs.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 326.5 of the Public Utilities Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 326.5. By January 10, 2009, and by January 10 of each year
- 4 thereafter, the commission shall report to the Joint Legislative
- 5 Budget Committee and appropriate fiscal and policy committees
- 6 of the Legislature, on all sources and amounts of funding and actual
- 7 and proposed expenditures, both in the two prior fiscal years and
- 8 for the proposed fiscal year, including any costs to ratepayers,
- 9 related to both of the following:

(a) Entities or programs established by the commission by order, decision, motion, settlement, or other action, including, but not limited to, the California Clean Energy Fund, the California Emerging Technology Fund, and the Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council. The report shall contain descriptions of relevant issues, including, but not limited to, all of the following:

(1) Any governance structure established for an entity or program.

(2) Any staff or employees hired by or for the entity or program, and their salaries and expenses.

(3) Any staff or employees transferred or loaned internally or interdepartmentally for the entity or program, and their salaries and expenses.

(4) Any contracts entered into by the entity or program, the funding sources for those contracts, and the legislative authority under which the commission entered into the contract.

(5) The public process and oversight governing the entity or program's activities.

(b) Entities or programs established by the commission, other than those expressly authorized by statute, under the following sections:

(1) Section 379.6.

(2) Section 399.8.

(3) Section 739.1.

(4) Section 2790.

(5) Section 2851.