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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 549**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Longville**  
(Coauthor: Senator Brulte)

February 21, 2001

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An act to add Sections 25402.6 and 25402.7 to the Public Resources Code, relating to energy resources, ~~and making an appropriation therefor.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 549, as amended, Longville. California Energy Commission: building standards.

(1) Existing law requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to prescribe, by regulation, various energy efficiency design standards for residential and nonresidential buildings.

This bill would require the commission to investigate options and develop a plan to decrease wasteful *peakload* energy consumption in existing residential and nonresidential buildings. The bill would require the commission to *use existing funds to investigate those options and*

*develop a plan and to report its findings, on or before January 1, 2003, to the Legislature.*

This bill would require electric and gas utilities to provide support for building standards in consultation with the commission, to the extent that funds are made available to the utilities for that purpose.

~~(2) The bill would appropriate \$500,000 from the General Fund to the General Fund to the commission, to be expended for the purposes of the report required by the bill.~~

Vote:  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority. Appropriation: ~~yes~~ no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 25402.6 is added to the Public  
2 Resources Code, to read:

3 25402.6. The commission shall investigate options and  
4 develop a plan to decrease wasteful ~~peak load~~ *peakload* energy  
5 consumption in existing residential and nonresidential buildings.  
6 On or before January 1, 2003, the commission shall report its  
7 findings to the Legislature, including, but not limited to, any  
8 changes in law necessary to implement the plan to decrease  
9 wasteful ~~peak load~~ *peakload* energy consumption in existing  
10 residential and nonresidential buildings.

11 SEC. 2. Section 25402.7 is added to the Public Resources  
12 Code, to read:

13 25402.7. (a) In consultation with the commission, electric  
14 and gas utilities shall provide support for building standards and  
15 other regulations pursuant to Section 25402 and subdivision (b) of  
16 Section 25553 including appropriate research, development, and  
17 training to implement those standards and other regulations.

18 (b) The electric and gas utilities shall provide support pursuant  
19 to subdivision (a) only to the extent that funds are made available  
20 to the utilities for that purpose.

21 ~~SEC. 3. The sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000)~~  
22 ~~is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the State Energy~~  
23 ~~Resources Conservation and Development Commission, to be~~  
24 ~~expended for the purposes of Section 25402.6 of the Public~~  
25 ~~Resources Code.~~

26 SEC. 3. *The State Energy Resources Conservation and*  
27 *Development Commission shall investigate options, develop a*

1 *plan, and report to the Legislature pursuant to Section 25402.6 of*  
2 *the Public Resources Code, using funds in existence on the*  
3 *effective date of the act adding Section 25402.6 to the Public*  
4 *Resources Code.*

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