

Assembly Bill No. 549

CHAPTER 905

An act to add Sections 25402.6 and 25402.7 to the Public Resources Code, relating to energy resources.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

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

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, 2004, 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.

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

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

25402.6. The commission shall investigate options and develop a plan to decrease wasteful peakload energy consumption in existing residential and nonresidential buildings. On or before January 1, 2004, the commission shall report its findings to the Legislature, including, but not limited to, any changes in law necessary to implement the plan to decrease wasteful peakload energy consumption in existing residential and nonresidential buildings.

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

25402.7. (a) In consultation with the commission, electric and gas utilities shall provide support for building standards and other regulations pursuant to Section 25402 and subdivision (b) of Section

25553 including appropriate research, development, and training to implement those standards and other regulations.

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

SEC. 3. The State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission shall investigate options, develop a plan, and report to the Legislature pursuant to Section 25402.6 of the Public Resources Code, using funds in existence on the effective date of the act adding Section 25402.6 to the Public Resources Code.

