

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 13, 2004

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2924

Introduced by Assembly Member Wiggins

February 20, 2004

An act to add ~~Chapter 8 (commencing with Section 2830) to Part 2 of Division 1 of the Public Utilities Code~~ *Section 25407 to the Public Resources Code*, relating to energy.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2924, as amended, Wiggins. Energy: ~~zero-energy homes photovoltaic generation grant program.~~

The existing Warren-Alquist State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Act establishes the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (Energy Commission) with the policy and intent of promoting all feasible means of energy conservation and all feasible uses of alternative energy supply sources.

This bill would require the Energy Commission to report to the Legislature, on or before July 1, 2005, with recommendations for establishment of a program to provide grants to fund all expenses for the purchase and installation of photovoltaic electrical generating panels on publicly subsidized residential housing units that the Energy Commission deems to be appropriate sites for photovoltaic panels.

~~Under existing law, the Public Utilities Commission has regulatory authority over public utilities, including electrical corporations, and authorizes the commission to establish rules for all public utilities, subject to control by the Legislature. Existing law requires the commission to require an electric or gas corporation to perform home~~

~~weatherization services, as defined, for low-income customers, as determined by the commission.~~

~~This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature, in subsequent legislation, to establish, increase, and modify incentives and to provide financing mechanisms for energy efficiency and photovoltaic capabilities for subsidized and affordable housing, and to establish “zero energy homes” as a goal for low income and first time home buyers.~~

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

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

1 ~~SECTION 1. Chapter 8 (commencing with Section 2830) is~~
2 *SECTION 1. Section 25407 is added to the Public Resources*
3 *Code, to read:*
4 *25407. The commission shall report to the Legislature on or*
5 *before July 1, 2005, with recommendations for establishment of a*
6 *program to provide grants to fund all expenses for the purchase*
7 *and installation of photovoltaic electrical generating panels on*
8 *publicly subsidized residential housing units that the commission*
9 *deems to be appropriate sites for photovoltaic panels.*
10 ~~added to Part 2 of Division 1 of the Public Utilities Code, to read:~~

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12 **CHAPTER 8.—ZERO ENERGY HOMES**
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14 ~~2830. It is the intent of the Legislature, in subsequent~~
15 ~~legislation, to establish policies to establish, increase, and modify~~
16 ~~incentives and to provide financing mechanisms for energy~~
17 ~~efficiency and photovoltaic capabilities for subsidized and~~
18 ~~affordable housing, and to establish “zero energy homes” as a goal~~
19 ~~for low income and first time home buyers.~~

