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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 515

Introduced by Assembly Member Richman
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Levine)
(Coauthors: Assembly Members ~~Bogh and Canciamilla~~ Berg,
***Bogh, Canciamilla, Leno, and Nation*)**

February 16, 2005

An act to add Section 139 to the Water Code, relating to the State Water Project.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 515, as amended, Richman. State Water Project: solar photovoltaic panels and systems.

Under existing law, the Department of Water Resources operates the State Water Project.

This bill would ~~require~~ *authorize* the department to establish a program to authorize private entities to lease space above appropriate conveyance facilities of the State Water Project for the purposes of installing solar photovoltaic panels and related systems for the generation and transfer of electricity. The bill would require the department to evaluate proposals for installing solar photovoltaic panels and related systems. The bill would require a proposal submitted to the department for evaluation to include an engineering study of the proposed solar photovoltaic panels and related systems. The bill would require the costs of the engineering study and the

department's evaluation to be paid by the person or entity making the request. The bill would authorize the department to negotiate compensation for an agreement for the installation of solar photovoltaic panels and related systems for the transfer of electricity, that is equal to or exceeds the cost to the department of meeting its obligations under the agreement.

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 that it is in
2 the interest of the state to conserve resources and to promote
3 projects that further that interest.

4 SEC. 2. Section 139 is added to the Water Code, to read:

5 139. (a) The department ~~shall~~ *may* establish a program to
6 authorize private entities to lease space above appropriate
7 conveyance facilities of the State Water Project for the purpose
8 of installing solar photovoltaic panels and systems for generating
9 electricity from those panels and transferring electricity through
10 the related systems. Upon request, the department shall evaluate
11 proposals for installing solar photovoltaic panels and related
12 systems for the generation and transfer of electricity. A proposal
13 submitted to the department for evaluation shall include, but ~~is~~
14 ~~not need not be~~ limited to, an engineering study of the proposed
15 solar photovoltaic panels and related systems. The costs of the
16 engineering study and the department's evaluation shall be paid
17 by the person or entity making the request.

18 (b) For the purposes of carrying out subdivision (a), the
19 department may negotiate any level of compensation for an
20 agreement for the installation of solar photovoltaic panels and
21 related systems that is equal to, or greater than, the cost to the
22 department of meeting its obligations under the agreement.