

Assembly Bill No. 1585

CHAPTER 579

An act to add and repeal Section 25305.2 of the Public Resources Code, relating to energy resources.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1585, Blakeslee. Renewable energy resources: State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission: reporting.

Existing law expresses the intent of the Legislature, in establishing the Renewable Energy Resources Program, to increase the amount of renewable electricity generated per year, so that it equals at least 17% of the total electricity generated for consumption in California per year by 2006.

Existing law requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (Energy Commission) to certify eligible renewable energy resources, to design and implement an accounting system to verify compliance with the renewables portfolio standard by retail sellers, and to allocate and award supplemental energy payments to cover above-market costs of renewable energy.

Existing law requires the Energy Commission to prepare an integrated energy policy report every 2 years. Existing law requires the report to contain an overview of major energy trends and issues facing the state, including, but not limited to, supply, demand, pricing, reliability, efficiency, and impacts on public health and safety, the economy, resources, and the environment.

This bill would require the Energy Commission to include in the integrated energy policy report to be adopted November 1, 2007, a review of the feasibility of increasing the target for the amount of electricity to be procured from eligible renewable energy resources to 33% by the year 2020, with the review including specified information.

The bill would provide that it shall only become operative if SB 107 of the 2005–06 Regular Session is also enacted and becomes operative on or before January 1, 2006.

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

SECTION 1. Section 25305.2 is added to the Public Resources Code, to read:

25305.2. (a) In addition to the assessments required by Section 25305, the public interest energy strategies portion of the integrated energy policy

report to be adopted November 1, 2007, shall include a review of the feasibility of increasing the target for electricity to be procured from an eligible renewable energy resource, as defined in Section 399.12 of the Public Utilities Code, to 33 percent by the year 2020. The review shall consider and report on all of the following:

(1) Deliverability of electricity from eligible renewable energy resources to end users and any needed additions or upgrades to the transmission grid system.

(2) Dispatchability of electricity from eligible renewable energy resources and the consequences for the reliability of the electrical system.

(3) Long-term planning requirements identified in the 2006 procurement plans for electrical corporations approved by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Section 454.5 of the Public Utilities Code.

(4) Potential impacts upon the rates of electrical corporations and whether or not a renewable energy public goods charge is necessary to fund the above-market costs of electricity generated from eligible renewable energy resources.

(5) The progress made by electrical corporations toward meeting the goal of procuring 20 percent of the electricity sold to retail customers per year by the year 2010, and the results of electrical corporation bid solicitations pursuant to a renewable energy procurement plan approved by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Section 399.14 of the Public Utilities Code.

(6) The progress made by all load-serving entities other than electrical corporations, including the progress made by local publicly owned electric utilities as defined in subdivision (d) of Section 9604 of the Public Utilities Code, toward meeting the goal of procuring 20 percent of the electricity sold to retail customers per year by the year 2010.

(b) The commission shall use existing resources to comply with this section.

(c) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2008, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2008, deletes or extends that date.

SEC. 2. This act shall become operative only if Senate Bill 107 of the 2005–06 Regular Session is also enacted and becomes operative on or before January 1, 2006.