

**Introduced by Senator Murray**February 24, 2006

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An act to add Section 2851 to the Public Utilities Code, relating to solar energy systems.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1700, as introduced, Murray. Solar energy systems.

Under existing law, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) has regulatory authority over public utilities, including electrical corporations. Existing law required the PUC, on or before March 7, 2001, and in consultation with the Independent System Operator, to take certain actions, including, in consultation with the Energy Commission, adopting energy conservation demand-side management and other initiatives in order to reduce demand for electricity and reduce load during peak demand periods, including differential incentives for renewable or super clean distributed generation resources. Pursuant to this requirement, the PUC has developed a self-generation incentive program to encourage customers of electrical corporations to install distributed generation that operates on renewable fuel or contributes to system reliability. Existing law requires the PUC, in consultation with the Energy Commission, to administer, until January 1, 2008, a self-generation incentive program for distributed generation resources in the same form that existed on January 1, 2004, subject to certain air emissions and efficiency standards. In a PUC decision, the PUC adopted the California Solar Initiative, which modified the self-generation incentive program for distributed generation resources and provides incentives to customer-side photovoltaics and solar thermal electric projects under 1 megawatt.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to establish policies to codify and make changes to the California Solar Initiative program.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 2851 is added to Chapter 9 of Part 2 of
- 2 Division 1 of the Public Utilities Code, to read:
- 3 2851. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to
- 4 codify and make changes to the California Solar Initiative
- 5 adopted by the commission in Decision 06-01-024.