

Assembly Bill No. 2098

CHAPTER 963

An act relating to fuel supplies.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2098, Migden. State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission.

Existing law requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to develop contingency plans to deal with possible shortages of electrical energy or fuel supplies to protect public health, safety, and welfare.

This bill would require the commission to study the feasibility of financing, constructing, and maintaining a new pipeline or expanding the capacity of existing pipelines to transport motor vehicle fuel and its components from the Gulf Coast to California. The bill would require the study to be submitted to the Legislature and the Attorney General by January 31, 2002.

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

SECTION 1. The State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, in consultation with the State Fire Marshal, shall study the feasibility of financing, constructing, and maintaining a new pipeline, or utilizing or expanding the capacity of existing pipelines, to transport motor vehicle fuel or its components from the Gulf Coast to California. The study shall assess the viability of pipeline transportation to directly or indirectly increase California's supply of gasoline that complies with California's fuel specification regulations and the potential impact on gasoline prices, the environment, and other issues identified by the commission. The study shall include a discussion of the ways in which the state may facilitate the use of a pipeline to transport motor vehicle fuel or its components into California, including any federal or state funds or tax credits that could be used to assist in constructing the new pipeline or expanding the capacity of existing pipelines. The study shall be conducted in conjunction with any other studies required by acts enacted during the 2000 portion of the 1999–2000 Regular Session dealing with gasoline prices, and shall be submitted to the Legislature and the Attorney General by January 31, 2002.

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