

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 20, 1999

SENATE BILL

No. 1253

Introduced by Senator Sher

February 26, 1999

An act to add Chapter 8.5 (commencing with Section 25720) to Division 15 of the Public Resources Code, relating to climate change.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1253, as amended, Sher. Climate change.

Existing law establishes the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission and requires the commission, among other things, to analyze the environmental consequences of trends in the consumption of energy. *Existing law also requires the commission to have conducted a study on or before June 1, 1990, regarding the manner in which global warming trends may affect California's energy supply and demand, economy, environment, agriculture, and water supplies.*

This bill would require the commission, in consultation with the State Air Resources Board, to ~~establish an~~ *update the* inventory of the sources of greenhouse gas emissions from sources located in the state *established pursuant to the law requiring the study*, and to provide state, regional, and local agencies with information regarding cost-effective and technologically feasible methods for reducing the production of greenhouse gases from sources located in the state.

The bill would require the commission ~~on or before January 1, 2000, and every 5 years thereafter~~, to update its inventory

every 5 years and report on the updated inventory to the Governor and the Legislature.

The bill would require the commission to conduct at least one public workshop prior to finalizing each updated inventory. The bill would require the commission to post its report and inventory on the commission's web page on the Internet. The bill would also require the commission to convene an interagency task force consisting of state agencies with jurisdiction over matters affecting climate change to ensure policy coordination for those activities.

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. Chapter 8.5 (commencing with Section
2 25720) is added to Division 15 of the Public Resources
3 Code, to read:

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5 CHAPTER 8.5. CLIMATE CHANGE INVENTORY AND
6 INFORMATION

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8 25720. The commission, in consultation with the State
9 Air Resources Board, shall do all of the following:

10 (a) ~~Establish an~~ Update the inventory of the sources of
11 greenhouse gas emissions from all sources located in the
12 state, including both natural and anthropogenic
13 emissions, ~~established pursuant to Chapter 1506 of the~~
14 ~~Statutes of 1988.~~ The inventory shall include information
15 that compares emissions from comparable sectors in the
16 United States and other states or countries, as
17 appropriate, to the extent that information is available.

18 (b) Provide state, regional, and local agencies with
19 information regarding cost-effective and technologically
20 feasible methods that have been demonstrated in use, for
21 reducing the production of greenhouse gases from
22 sources located in the state.

23 ~~(c) On or before January 1, 2000, and every five years~~
24 ~~thereafter, the commission shall update its inventory~~



1 (c) *Update its inventory every five years* using current
2 scientific methods and, notwithstanding Section 7550.5 of
3 the Government Code, report on the updated inventory
4 to the Governor and the Legislature.

5 (d) ~~The commission shall conduct~~ *Conduct* at least
6 one public workshop prior to finalizing each updated
7 inventory. The commission shall post its report and
8 inventory on the commission's web page on the Internet.

9 ~~(e) The commission shall convene an interagency task~~

10 (e) *Convene an interagency task* force consisting of
11 state agencies with jurisdiction over matters affecting
12 climate change to ensure policy coordination at the state
13 level for those activities.

