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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, *the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, the Department of Transportation, the State Water Resources Control Board, the California Integrated Waste Management Board, any other state agencies with jurisdiction over matters affecting climate change*, to update the inventory of ~~the sources of~~ greenhouse gas emissions from *all* sources located in the state, *as identified*

in a specified report established pursuant to the law requiring the study, and to provide state report, 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, and to acquire and develop data and information on global climate change issues, and provide state, regional and local agencies, utilities, business, industry, and other energy and economic sectors with information on the costs and technical feasibility of methods of reducing the production of greenhouse gases from in-state sources.

The bill would require the commission 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, *and to establish a climate change advisory committee to advise the commission on strategies for reducing greenhouse gases.*

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, *the Department of Forestry and*
10 *Fire Protection, the Department of Transportation, the*
11 *State Water Resources Control Board, the California*

1 *Integrated Waste Management Board, and other state*
2 *agencies with jurisdiction over matters affecting climate*
3 *change, shall do all of the following:*

4 (a) ~~Update the inventory of the sources of greenhouse~~
5 ~~gas emissions from all sources located in the state,~~
6 ~~including both natural and anthropogenic emissions,~~
7 ~~established pursuant to Chapter 1506 of the Statutes of~~
8 ~~1988~~ *greenhouse gas emissions from all sources located in*
9 *the state, as identified in the commission's 1998 report*
10 *entitled, "Appendix A: Historical and Forecasted*
11 *Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventories for California."*
12 *Information on natural sources of greenhouse gas*
13 *emissions shall be included to the extent that information*
14 *is available. The inventory shall include information that*
15 *compares emissions from comparable sectors in similar*
16 *inventories prepared for the United States and other*
17 *states or countries, as appropriate using the generic*
18 *indicators of CO2 emissions per capita and CO2 emissions*
19 *per gross state and national product, to the extent that*
20 *information is available.*

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

26 (b) *Acquire and develop data and information on*
27 *global climate change issues, and provide state, regional,*
28 *and local agencies, utilities, business, industry, and other*
29 *energy and economic sectors with information on the*
30 *costs and technical feasibility of methods for reducing the*
31 *production of greenhouse gases from in-state sources.*
32 *The commission, in consultation with the State Air*
33 *Resources Board, shall provide a variety of forums for the*
34 *exchange of that information among interested parties,*
35 *and shall advise other state agencies on technologically*
36 *feasible methods that can be used to reduce the emissions*
37 *of greenhouse gases.*

38 (c) *Update its inventory every five years using current*
39 *scientific methods and, notwithstanding Section 7550.5 of*

1 the Government Code, report on the updated inventory
2 to the Governor and the Legislature.

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

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

11 (f) *Establish a climate change advisory committee to*
12 *advise the commission on strategies for reducing*
13 *greenhouse gases. This advisory committee shall make*
14 *recommendations to the commission on the most*
15 *equitable and efficient ways to implement international*
16 *and national climate change requirements, based on cost*
17 *and technical feasibility. The commission shall chair and*
18 *include on the advisory committee members who*
19 *represent business, including major industrial and energy*
20 *sectors, utilities, forestry, agriculture, local government,*
21 *and environmental groups. The meetings of the advisory*
22 *committee shall be open to the public, and shall provide*
23 *an opportunity for the public to be heard on matters*
24 *considered by the advisory committee.*

