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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 1253**

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**Introduced by Senator Sher**

February 26, 1999

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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, *by January 1, 2001*, the inventory of

greenhouse gas emissions from all sources located in the state, as identified in a specified report, 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, *and demonstrated effectiveness* of methods ~~of~~ *for* reducing or mitigating 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, *as provided*, to ~~advise the commission on strategies for reducing greenhouse gases~~ *make recommendations to the commission on the most equitable and efficient ways to implement international and national climate change requirements, as provided.*

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

1 State Water Resources Control Board, the California  
2 Integrated Waste Management Board, and other state  
3 agencies with jurisdiction over matters affecting climate  
4 change, shall do all of the following:

5 (a) ~~Update~~ *On or before January 1, 2001, update* the  
6 inventory of greenhouse gas emissions from all sources  
7 located in the state, as identified in the commission's 1998  
8 report entitled, "Appendix A: Historical and Forecasted  
9 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventories for California."  
10 Information on natural sources of greenhouse gas  
11 emissions shall be included to the extent that information  
12 is available. The inventory shall include information that  
13 compares emissions from similar inventories prepared for  
14 the United States and other states or countries, ~~using the~~  
15 ~~generic indicators of CO2 emissions per capita and CO2~~  
16 ~~emissions per gross state and national product and shall~~  
17 *include information on relevant current and previous*  
18 *energy and air quality policies, activities, and greenhouse*  
19 *gas emissions reductions and trends since 1990, to the*  
20 extent that information is available.

21 (b) Acquire and develop data and information on  
22 global climate change ~~issues~~, and provide state, regional,  
23 and local agencies, utilities, business, industry, and other  
24 energy and economic sectors with information on the  
25 ~~costs and technical feasibility of methods for reducing the~~  
26 ~~costs,~~ *technical feasibility, and demonstrated*  
27 *effectiveness of methods for reducing or mitigating the*  
28 production of greenhouse gases from in-state sources,  
29 *including net reductions through the management of*  
30 *natural forest reservoirs.* The commission, in consultation  
31 with the State Air Resources Board, shall provide a variety  
32 of forums for the exchange of that information among  
33 interested parties, and shall ~~advise other state agencies on~~  
34 *provide other state agencies with information on*  
35 *cost-effective and* technologically feasible methods that  
36 can be used to reduce *or mitigate* the emissions of  
37 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 the extent that the commission~~  
14 ~~determines that it can do so within existing resources.~~  
15 This advisory committee shall make recommendations to  
16 the commission on the most equitable and efficient ways  
17 to implement international and national climate change  
18 requirements, based on cost ~~and technical feasibility.~~ The  
19 ~~commission shall chair and,~~ *technical feasibility, and*  
20 *relevant information on current energy and air quality*  
21 *policies and activities and on greenhouse gas emissions*  
22 *reductions and trends since 1990. The commission shall*  
23 *designate one of its commissioners as chair and shall*  
24 include on the advisory committee members who  
25 represent business, including major industrial and energy  
26 sectors, utilities, forestry, agriculture, local government,  
27 and environmental groups. The meetings of the advisory  
28 committee shall be open to the public, and shall provide  
29 an opportunity for the public to be heard on matters  
30 considered by the advisory committee.

