Introduced by Committee on Energy, Utilities and Communications (Senators Bowen (Chair), Alarcon, Baca, Brulte, Hughes, Kelley, Mountjoy, Peace, Solis, Speier, and Vasconcellos)

March 1, 1999

An act to amend Sections 25421 and 25449.4 of the Public Resources Code, and to repeal Section 9502 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to public — utilities resources, and making an appropriation therefor.

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SB 1299, as amended, Committee on Energy, Utilities and Communications. <u>Low-income</u> <u>Energy</u> <u>resources</u> <u>conservation: low-income</u> weatherization report.

Existing

(1) Existing law requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to administer Energy Conservation Assistance Account. continuously appropriated account, in the General Fund until January 1, 2001, to provide grants and loans to local governments and public institutions to maximize energy use savings. All loans outstanding as of that date are required to continue to be repaid as specified until paid in full, and all unexpended funds in the account on and after that date, except as specified, are required to revert to the General Fund.

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This bill would extend the operation of those provisions to January 1, 2011, and would thereby make an appropriation by extending the time during which the funds in a continuously appropriated account are made available.

(2) Existing law, until January 1, 2002, requires the commission to enter into agreements with the Regents of the University of California, the Trustees of the California State the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, and the State Department of Education to expend specified funds for certain purposes relating to conservation. Existing law creates Jurisdiction Energy Assistance Account in the General Fund for the purposes of these provisions and requires the funds in the account to be disbursed by the Controller as authorized by the commission. All loans outstanding as of January 1, 2002, are required to continue to be repaid as specified until paid in full, and all unexpended funds in the account on and after that date, except as specified, are required to be deposited in the Federal Trust Fund and expended for the purposes for which federal oil overcharge funds are available.

This bill would extend the operation of those provisions to January 1, 2011, and would thereby make an appropriation by extending the time during which the specified funds are available for disbursement.

(3) Existing law requires each publicly owned electric and gas utility, on a biennial basis, to submit a prescribed low-income weatherization report to the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission commission.

This bill would repeal that provision.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: $\frac{2}{3}$. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 25421 of the Public Resources
- 2 *Code is amended to read:*
- 3 25421. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), this
- 4 chapter shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2001
- 5 2011, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted

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statute, which is enacted before January 1, -2001 2011, deletes or extends that date.

- (b) All loans outstanding as of January 1, 2001 2011, shall continue to be repaid on a semiannual basis, as specified in Section 25415, until paid in full. All 5 unexpended funds in the State Energy Conservation Assistance Account on January 1, 2001 2011. thereafter, except to the extent those funds encumbered pursuant to Section 25417.5, shall revert to the General Fund. 10
- SEC. 2. Section 25449.4 of the Public Resources Code 11 12 is amended to read:

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- 25449.4. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), 14 this chapter shall remain in effect until January 1, 2002 2011, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted 16 statute which is enacted before January 1, -2002 2011, 17 deletes or extends that date.
- (b) All loans outstanding as of January 1, 2002 2011, 18 19 shall continue to be repaid in accordance with a schedule 20 established by the commission pursuant to Section 21 25442.7, until paid in full. All unexpended funds in the 22 Local Jurisdiction Energy Assistance Account on January 23 1, 2002 2011, and thereafter, except to the extent that 24 those funds are encumbered pursuant to Section 25443.5, shall be deposited in the Federal Trust Fund and be for available the purposes for which federal oil overcharge funds available are pursuant to court judgment or federal agency order.
- SEC. 3. Section 9502 of the Public Utilities Code is 30 repealed.