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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2543

Introduced by Assembly Member Gordon

February 19, 2016

An act to amend Sections 15814.22 and 15814.28 of the Government Code, relating to state buildings.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

AB 2543, as amended, Gordon. State buildings: ~~efficiency~~. *efficiency and conservation*.

Existing law requires the Department of General Services, in consultation with other state entities that include the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, to develop a plan to exploit cost-effective energy efficiency measures in state facilities. Existing law requires the department to update the plan biennially, coordinate implementation efforts, and make recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature to achieve energy goals for state facilities. Existing law requires the department to make these recommendations no later than March 1, 2009, and biennially thereafter. Existing law also requires the department to report on projects under its jurisdiction, as specified.

This bill would instead require the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, in consultation with the department, to develop a plan to exploit cost-effective energy efficiency and water conservation measures in state facilities. This bill would require the department, in consultation with the commission, to submit recommendations on energy efficiency and water conservation goals to the Governor and the Legislature. This bill would require the

department, in consultation with the commission, to make these recommendations no later than January 1, 2018.

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. (a) In enacting this act, the Legislature recognizes
2 the following:

3 (1) The significant energy savings and greenhouse gas emission
4 reductions inherent in the state's existing state-owned building
5 stock.

6 (2) It is the policy of the state to promote conservation and
7 efficient use of water.

8 (3) The need to establish a comprehensive energy efficiency
9 and conservation program to capture these reductions.

10 (b) The Legislature further recognizes that state government
11 should lead by example and demonstrate to the public the cost and
12 environmental benefits of implementing energy efficient
13 technology into daily life.

14 SEC. 2. Section 15814.22 of the Government Code is amended
15 to read:

16 15814.22. (a) The State Energy Resources Conservation and
17 Development Commission, in consultation with the Department
18 of General Services and other state agencies and departments, shall
19 develop a multiyear plan, to be updated biennially, with the goal
20 of exploiting all practicable and cost-effective energy efficiency
21 and water conservation measures in state facilities. The commission
22 shall solicit input from both public and private entities. The
23 department shall coordinate plan implementation efforts, and make
24 recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature to achieve
25 energy efficiency and water conservation goals for state facilities.

26 (b) The plan shall not prohibit, limit, or supersede more stringent
27 green building requirements for state facilities.

28 (c) For the purposes of this section, "state facility" means any
29 public building, as defined in Section 15802, but does not include
30 any building leased by the state, unless that building is financed
31 through the issuance of lease-revenue bonds.

32 SEC. 3. Section 15814.28 of the Government Code is amended
33 to read:

1 15814.28. The Department of General Services, in consultation
2 with the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development
3 Commission, shall, no later than January 1, 2018, and biennially
4 thereafter, make the recommendations required in Section
5 15814.22, and report on all of the following for projects under its
6 jurisdiction:

7 (a) The progress made toward implementing energy efficiency
8 *and water conservation* measures in state facilities.

9 (b) The most common energy efficiency *and water conservation*
10 measures being implemented.

11 (c) The obstacles preventing further implementation of energy
12 efficiency *and water conservation* measures.

13 (d) How current efforts and ideas can be incorporated into the
14 Governor's five-year infrastructure plan described in Section
15 13102.