

ASSEMBLY NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
REPUBLICAN ANALYSIS

AB 446 (Sher) -- ENERGY COMMISSION

Version: 7/7/93

Analyzed: 8/29/93

Recommendation: Support

Lead Republican: Doris Allen

Vote: Majority

SUMMARY: Makes technical changes and repeals obsolete provisions of the Public Resources Code, relating to certain duties and responsibilities of the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission. **SENATE AMENDMENTS:** Technical. **FISCAL EFFECT:** No state costs. According to the Ways and Means Committee, no state savings indicated either.

TAX OR FEE INCREASE: None

POTENTIAL EFFECTS: Would make technical nonsubstantive changes and repeal obsolete provisions to the Public Resources Code governing the functions of the Energy Commission.

SUPPORT: Unknown.

OPPOSITION: Unknown.

GOVERNOR'S POSITION: Unknown.

COMMENTS:

- o Purpose of bill. Bill cleans up and repeals old statutes. Nothing more. It does absolutely nothing substantive, which is a shame, since something substantive should be done, as was suggested by Peace in the original version of AB 783, which would have abolished the Energy Commission.
- o Bill doesn't delete the right statutes, but only the technically obsolete ones. Unfortunately, this bill still leaves in lots of unnecessary functions for the Energy Commission.

Assembly Republican Floor vote -- 6/10/93

(48-26) Ayes: Morrow, Statham

Noes: All Republicans except

Abs./N.V.: Goldsmith, Johnson, Rainey

Senate Republican Floor vote -- 8/29/94

(32-0) -- VOTE BREAKDOWN NOT AVAILABLE

Consultant: Tony Gonzalez

THIRD READING

SENATE RULES COMMITTEE Office of Senate Floor Analyses 1020 N Street, Suite 524 445-6614	Bill No.	AB 446
	Author:	Sher (D)
	Amended:	7/1/94 in Senate
	Vote Required:	21
	Committee Votes:	Senate Floor Vote:

COMMITTEE: ENERGY/PUB. UTIL.		
BILL NO.:	AB 446	
DATE OF HEARING:	6-28-94	
SENATORS:	AYE	NO
Rosenthal (Ch)	✓	
Russell (VC)	✓	
Alquist	✓	
Greene	✓	
Hart	✓	
Hayden	✓	
Hughes	✓	
Johannessen	✓	
Peace	✓	
Torres		
Wyman	✓	
TOTAL:	10	0

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Assembly Floor Vote: 48-26, p. 2548, 6/10/93

SUBJECT: Energy resources: California Energy Commission

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This bill repeals obsolete provisions of the Warren-Alquist State Energy Conservation and Development Act.

ANALYSIS: Twenty years ago, the Warren-Alquist Act created the California Energy Commission (CEC) and vested it with various energy program responsibilities.

This bill repeals a number of sections of the Warren-Alquist Act that have either sunsetted or have otherwise become obsolete involving:

- biomass projects
- solar energy
- motor vehicle fuels
- energy surveys
- energy facility siting
- energy forecasts
- clean coal technologies
- telecommunications
- building standards
- gas stations
- indoor air pollution
- pipelines
- nuclear power plants
- coal gasification
- home energy ratings.

Related Legislation

SB 789 (Rosenthal), Chapter 983 of 1993 (Senate vote was 37-0), consolidated a number of CEC energy R&D programs within a single program with uniform criteria and procedures for awarding loans, grants and research contracts.

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SB 1922 (Lewis) (Senate vote was 38-0), pending in the Assembly, would streamline a number of CEC loan programs by using a uniform system for setting interest rates, and would authorize a repayment requirement for CEC awards where the energy project is economically successful.

AB 2468 (Conroy), defeated in the Assembly, would have eliminated obsolete CEC programs and transferred the remaining programs to a new Department of Energy and Conservation.

Comments

This bill was originally intended to be used to make various changes to the Warren-Alquist Act as part of the joint efforts of the Legislature and Governor to reorganize state energy programs. Those deliberations faltered this year following the defeat of AB 2468 (Conroy), cited above, which was sponsored by the Administration.

The bill now eliminates obsolete CEC programs identified by both the Administration and the Legislature during their deliberations.

FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: No Fiscal Committee: Yes Local: No

SUPPORT: (Verified 8/9/94)

California Service Station and Automotive Repair Association

ASSEMBLY FLOOR VOTE:

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 446 (Sher)—An act to amend Sections 25356, 25402.2, 25402.8, 25501, 25517, 25518, 25524.1, 25524.2, 25605.5, 25608, 25687.7, and 25902 of, to repeal Sections 25137, 25216.4, 25309.5, 25406, 25501.3, 25501.5, 25502.5, 25524.25, 25524.3, 25536, 25606, 25607, 25940, and 25941 of, to repeal Chapter 4.7 (commencing with Section 25370) of Division 15 of, to repeal Chapter 5.5 (commencing with Section 25450) of Division 15 of, to repeal Chapter 7.1 (commencing with Section 25620) of Division 15 of, to repeal Chapter 7.3 (commencing with Section 25630) of Division 15 of, to repeal Chapter 7.5 (commencing with Section 25650) of, and to repeal Chapter 7.6 (commencing with Section 25675) of Division 15 of, the Public Resources Code, relating to energy resources.

Bill read third time, and passed by the following vote:

AYES—48

Alpert	Campbell	Hannigan	Napolitano
Archie-Hudson	Cannella	Hauser	Peace
Areias	Connolly	Isenberg	Polanco
Baca	Cortese	Karnette	Sher
Bates	Costa	Katz	Snyder
Bornstein	Eastin	Klehs	Solis
Bowen	Epple	Lee	Speter
Bronshvag	Escutia	Margolin	Statham
Brown, Valerie	Farr	Martinez	Tucker
Burton	Friedman, Barbara	Moore	Umberg
Bustamante	Friedman, Terry	Morrow	Vasconcellos
Caldera	Gotch	Murray	Mr. Speaker

NOES—28

Aguilar	Ferguson	Jones	Richter
Allen	Frazee	Knight	Seastrand
Andal	Harvey	Knowles	Takasugi
Boland	Haynes	Mountjoy	Weggeland
Bowler	Hoge	Nolan	Woodruff
Brulte	Honeycutt	Pringle	
Conroy	Horcher	Quackenbush	