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- California State Assembly Bill 523
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Prepared by: Brent Jalipa

Date: March 30, 2017

Prepared by: _____

Date: _____

1 [Supporting California State Assembly Bill 523 (Reyes) - Electric Program Investments
2 Charge: Allocation-Equity in Clean Energy Investments]

3 **Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill 523, Electric Program**
4 **Investments Charge: Allocation—Equity in Clean Energy Investments, authored by**
5 **Assembly Member Reyes, dedicating a minimum of 25% of the available funds**
6 **administered by the California Energy Commission in the Electric Program Investment**
7 **Charge for clean energy projects located within and benefiting individuals living in**
8 **designated disadvantaged communities and an additional 10% of the funds to low**
9 **income communities.**

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11 WHEREAS, The California Public Utilities Commission created the Electric Program
12 Investment Charge (EPIC) in December of 2011, authorizing investor owned utilities to collect
13 funds for innovative investments in clean energy; and

14 WHEREAS, A report released in December 2017 by the CEC found that individuals
15 living in disadvantaged communities and low income communities face significant barriers to
16 fully participate in the State’s clean energy programs like EPIC; and

17 WHEREAS, In 2015, EPIC funded 12 projects out of 81 research and deployment
18 projects in disadvantaged communities and by this measure only 14% of EPIC’s programs are
19 reaching disadvantage communities even though DAC constitute 25% of the state,
20 demonstrating a need for more clear targeted investment; and

21 WHEREAS, Disadvantaged communities and low-income households below eighty
22 percent of the statewide median income pay triple of what higher income households pay for
23 all their utility services; and

1 WHEREAS, Renewable energy spending, research and programs are not reaching
2 disadvantaged and low income who are the most impacted by negative fossil fuel energy
3 production; and

4 WHEREAS, It is critical that as the green economy develops, communities who are
5 most impacted by pollution are included on economic impacts of the renewable industry; and

6 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 523, known as the Electric Program Investment Charge:
7 Allocation-Equity in Clean Energy Investment, is currently being considered by the California
8 State Legislature, and would require the CEC to allocate at least 25% of the EPIC funds to
9 disadvantaged communities and an additional 10% of the EPIC funds to low-income
10 communities; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the California State
12 Legislature to pass AB 523, such that the California Energy Commission ensures that clean
13 energy projects funded by the EPIC program benefit disadvantaged and low-income
14 communities; and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is hereby directed
16 to forward this resolution to the office of Assembly Member Eloise Gomez-Reyes, Chair of the
17 Assembly Utilities and Energy Committee, Speaker of the Assembly and President Pro Tem
18 of the Senate of the California State Legislature.

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 523

Introduced by Assembly Member Reyes
(Principal coauthor: Senator Lara)

February 13, 2017

An act to add Section 25711.6 to the Public Resources Code, relating to energy.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 523, as introduced, Reyes. Electric Program Investment Charge: allocation.

The California Constitution establishes the Public Utilities Commission (PUC), with jurisdiction over all public utilities, as defined. Existing decisions of the PUC institute an Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) to fund renewable energy and research, development, and demonstration programs.

Existing law creates in the State Treasury the Electric Program Investment Charge Fund to be administered by the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (Energy Commission) and requires the PUC to forward to the Energy Commission at least quarterly moneys for those EPIC programs the PUC has determined should be administered by the Energy Commission for deposit in the fund.

Existing law requires the Energy Commission, in administering moneys in the fund for research, development, and demonstration programs, to develop and implement the EPIC program for the purpose of awarding funds to projects that may lead to technological advancement and breakthroughs to overcome barriers that prevent the achievement of the state's statutory energy goals and that may result

n a portfolio of projects that are strategically focused and sufficiently narrow to make advancement on the most significant technological challenges.

This bill would require the Energy Commission to allocate at least 25% of the moneys in the fund for technology demonstration and deployment at sites located in disadvantaged communities, as defined. The bill would require the Energy Commission to allocate at least 10% of the moneys in the fund for technology demonstration and deployment at sites located in, or benefiting, low-income communities, as defined. The bill would require the Energy Commission to give preference for funding to clean energy projects under the EPIC program that benefit residents of low-income or disadvantaged communities.

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. Section 25711.6 is added to the Public Resources
2 Code, to read:

3 25711.6. (a) The commission shall give preference for funding
4 pursuant to this chapter to clean energy projects that benefit
5 residents of low-income or disadvantaged communities.

6 (b) The commission shall expend at least 25 percent of the
7 moneys appropriated from the fund for technology demonstration
8 and deployment at sites located in disadvantaged communities.

9 (c) The commission shall expend at least 10 percent of the
10 moneys appropriated from the fund for technology demonstration
11 and deployment at sites located in, or benefiting, low-income
12 communities located in the state.

13 (d) For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

14 (1) "Disadvantaged communities" means communities identified
15 pursuant to Section 39711 of the Health and Safety Code.

16 (2) "Low-income communities" means communities within
17 census tracts with median household incomes at or below either
18 of the following levels:

19 (A) Eighty percent of the statewide median income.

20 (B) The applicable low-income threshold listed in the State
21 Income Limits updated by the Department of Housing and
22 Community Development and filed with the Office of

- 1 Administrative Law pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 50093
- 2 of the Health and Safety Code.

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By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor

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Sponsor(s):

Ronen

Subject:

Supporting California Assembly Bill 523 (Reyes) Electric Program Investments Charge: Allocation-Equity in Clean Energy Investments

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Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: *Hilly Ronen*

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