

REVISED LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

(7/27/2015, Amended in Committee)

[Initiative Ordinance - Environment Code - Clean Energy Right To Know Act]

Motion ordering submitted to the voters an Ordinance amending the Environment Code to define the terms Clean Energy, Green Energy, and Renewable Greenhouse Gas-free Energy to provide San Francisco residents and businesses accurate information regarding electric power, at an election to be held on November 3, 2015.

Existing Law

N/A

Amendments to Current Law

This motion proposes to place on the November 3, 2015 ballot an initiative ordinance that would define the terms Clean Energy, Green Energy and Renewable Greenhouse Gas-free Energy for use by City programs and City expenditures to be consistent with state law. The initiative ordinance also adopts a policy regarding the use of unbundled renewable energy credits by the Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program, to the extent the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) determines the policy is feasible and consistent with the CCA program. The initiative ordinance would also urge the SFPUC to inform customers of the planned percentage of Clean Energy, Green Energy, or Renewable Greenhouse Gas-free Energy to be used by the CCA program in each communication regarding the CCA program required by state law.

Background Information

There is no uniform standard for what constitutes Clean Energy, Green Energy, or Renewable Greenhouse Gas-free Energy, which can lead to customer confusion, misunderstanding of the definition of renewable energy, and conflicting claims regarding the source or environmental impacts of the electricity provided to San Franciscans. San Francisco residents and businesses deserve to have accurate information regarding the sources and environmental impacts of the energy provided to them