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TITLE 2. GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA [8000 - 22980] (Title 2 enacted by Stats. 1943, Ch. 134.)

DIVISION 3. EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT [11000 - 15990.3] (Division 3 added by Stats. 1945, Ch. 111.)

PART 8.5. LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY [15550 - 15563.6] (Part 8.5 added by Stats. 2002, Ch. 859, Sec. 8.)

CHAPTER 3. Deputy Secretary for Climate [15563 - 15563.6] (Chapter 3 added by Stats. 2022, Ch. 348, Sec. 2.)

15563. For purposes of this chapter, the following definitions apply:

- (a) "Agency" means the Labor and Workforce Development Agency.
- (b) "Clean energy" means renewable energy resources and zero-carbon resources as described by Section 454.53 of the Public Utilities Code.
- (c) "Deputy secretary" means the Deputy Secretary for Climate appointed pursuant to Section 15563.2.
- (d) "Energy Commission" means the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission.

(Added by Stats. 2022, Ch. 348, Sec. 2. (AB 2204) Effective January 1, 2023. Conditionally operative pursuant to Sec. 15563.6. Repealed as of January 1, 2046, pursuant to Sec. 15563.6.)

15563.2. Upon appropriation by the Legislature, the position of Deputy Secretary for Climate is hereby established within the Labor and Workforce Development Agency for the purpose of assisting in the oversight of California's workforce transition to a sustainable and equitable carbon neutral economy. The deputy secretary shall be appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate.

(Added by Stats. 2022, Ch. 348, Sec. 2. (AB 2204) Effective January 1, 2023. Conditionally operative pursuant to Sec. 15563.6. Repealed as of January 1, 2046, pursuant to Sec. 15563.6.)

15563.4. The deputy secretary shall do all of the following:

(a) Coordinate with relevant state agencies, including, but not limited to, the Labor and Workforce Development Agency, the Energy Commission, the Office of Planning and Research, the California Environmental Protection Agency, the Natural Resources Agency, the State Lands Commission, the California Geological Survey, the Public Utilities Commission, and the State Air Resources Board, to track the progress of the state moving toward 100 percent clean energy, including by doing all of the following:

- (1) To the extent possible, identifying the timing and location of fossil fuel facility closures and short-term and long-term workforce transition needs, including projected impacts on workers, businesses, and communities related to workforce development, training, job loss, and job creation.
- (2) In coordination with the relevant state agencies, establishing recommended strategies and timelines for workers to transition from fossil fuel-based jobs to clean energy jobs and jobs in related fields.
- (3) Tracking clean energy jobs and the transition of workers from fossil fuel-based jobs to clean energy jobs and jobs in related fields to increase access to training and employment opportunities.

(b) Create or coordinate programs with other state agencies to retrain and upskill workers for clean energy jobs and jobs in related fields, including, but not limited to, by doing all of the following:

- (1) Identifying training needs and gaps in current state programs.
- (2) Determining what skills will likely be needed in the state's clean energy workforce over the next 25 years.

(3) Prioritizing workforce development funding and programming in communities experiencing growing income disparities due to the transition to a carbon neutral economy.

(c) On or before January 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, submit a report to the Legislature on key findings and recommendations regarding the development and implementation of the workforce transition to a sustainable and equitable clean energy economy, including challenges, achievements, and measurable progress toward creating clean energy jobs. The deputy secretary shall submit the report to the Legislature required by this subdivision in compliance with Section 9795.

(Added by Stats. 2022, Ch. 348, Sec. 2. (AB 2204) Effective January 1, 2023. Conditionally operative pursuant to Sec. 15563.6. Repealed as of January 1, 2046, pursuant to Sec. 15563.6.)

15563.6. (a) This chapter shall become operative only upon an appropriation by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act or another statute for the purposes of implementing this chapter.

(b) This chapter shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2046, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute that is enacted before January 1, 2046, deletes or extends that date.

(Added by Stats. 2022, Ch. 348, Sec. 2. (AB 2204) Effective January 1, 2023. Repealed as of January 1, 2046, by its own provisions. Note: Repeal affects Ch. 3, commencing with Sec. 15563.)