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AB-1651 Public Utilities Commission: contracts. (2015-2016)

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Assembly Bill No. 1651

CHAPTER 815

An act to add Sections 324.7 and 324.8 to the Public Utilities Code, relating to the Public Utilities Commission.

[Approved by Governor September 29, 2016. Filed with Secretary of State September 29, 2016.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1651, Obernolte. Public Utilities Commission: contracts.

Existing law generally authorizes state agencies, including the Public Utilities Commission, to enter into contracts, and requires those contracts to be awarded by competitive bidding pursuant to procedures set forth in the Public Contract Code, subject to certain exceptions.

This bill would require the commission to make available on its Internet Web site free of charge information about each contract that it enters into, including specified information about the contract and contracting parties. The bill would require this information to be published no less frequently than once a year. The bill would also require the commission to make available on its Internet Web site audits conducted by the Department of General Services of the commission's contracting practices.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known, and may be cited, as the Public Utilities Commission Contracting Transparency Act of 2016.

SEC. 2. Section 324.7 is added to the Public Utilities Code, to read:

324.7. No less frequently than once a year, the commission shall make the following information about each contract that the commission enters into available free of charge on its Internet Web site:

- (a) The names, addresses, and points of contact of the parties to the contract.
- (b) The goods and services requested, as applicable.
- (c) The contract value.

SEC. 3. Section 324.8 is added to the Public Utilities Code, to read:

324.8. The commission shall make available on its Internet Web site audits conducted by the Department of General Services of the commission's contracting practices.

