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SB-618 Load-serving entities: integrated resource plans. (2017-2018)

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Senate Bill No. 618

CHAPTER 431

An act to add Section 454.54 to the Public Utilities Code, relating to electricity.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 618, Bradford. Load-serving entities: integrated resource plans.

Under existing law, the Public Utilities Commission has regulatory authority over public utilities, including electrical corporations. Existing law requires the commission to adopt a process for each load-serving entity, defined as including electrical corporations, electric service providers, and community choice aggregators, to file an integrated resource plan and a schedule for periodic updates to the plan to ensure that load-serving entities accomplish specified objectives. Existing law requires each load-serving entity to prepare and file an integrated resource plan consistent with those objectives on a time schedule directed by the commission and subject to commission review.

This bill would require that the integrated resource plan filed by a load-serving entity contribute to a diverse and balanced portfolio of resources needed to ensure a reliable electricity supply that provides optimal integration of renewable energy resources in a cost-effective manner, meets specified emissions reduction targets for greenhouse gases, and prevents cost shifting among load-serving entities.

Under existing law, a violation of the Public Utilities Act or any order, decision, rule, direction, demand, or requirement of the commission is a crime.

Because the provisions of this bill would be a part of the act and because a violation of an order or decision of the commission implementing its requirements would be a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program by creating a new crime.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

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

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

SECTION 1. Section 454.54 is added to the Public Utilities Code, to read:

454.54. In addition to the requirements of Section 454.52, the integrated resource plan of each load-serving entity shall contribute to a diverse and balanced portfolio of resources needed to ensure a reliable electricity supply that provides optimal integration of

renewable energy resources in a cost-effective manner, meets the emissions reduction targets for greenhouse gases described in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 454.52, and prevents cost shifting among load-serving entities.

SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution.