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SB-972 Methane emissions: organic waste: landfills. (2023-2024)

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2023–2024 REGULAR SESSION

SENATE BILL

NO. 972

Introduced by Senator Min

January 25, 2024

An act to add Section 42655.1 to the Public Resources Code, relating to methane emissions.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 972, Min. Methane emissions: organic waste: landfills.

Existing law requires the State Air Resources Board to approve and begin implementing a comprehensive strategy to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants in the state and to achieve a reduction in specified emissions, including methane, as provided. Existing law requires the methane reduction goals to include a 75% reduction target from the 2014 level by 2025. Existing law requires the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, in consultation with the state board, to adopt regulations, as provided, that achieve the goals for reducing organic waste in landfills.

This bill would require the department to develop procedures for local jurisdictions to request technical assistance from the department regarding organic waste and methane reduction requirements from the department, to post those procedures on its internet website, and to provide that technical assistance, as specified.

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

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

SECTION 1. Section 42655.1 is added to the Public Resources Code, to read:

42655.1. (a) The department shall develop procedures for local jurisdictions to request technical assistance from the department regarding the requirements of this chapter, including any regulations adopted by the department pursuant to Section 42652.5. The department shall post the procedures on its internet website.

(b) The department shall provide technical assistance to support local jurisdictions. The department shall consider providing technical assistance before exercising its enforcement authority if a local jurisdiction has submitted a technical assistance request. The technical assistance may include data reporting, education programming, local program development, procurement target clarification support, and coordination of state policy goals that affect organic waste.

(c) The department may offer technical assistance at a regional scale to multiple local jurisdictions to build capacity, coordinate and streamline resources, and support overall compliance under Section 42652.5, and to help achieve the reductions specified in Section 39730.6 of the Health and Safety Code.