
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, UTILITIES AND
COMMUNICATIONS**
Senator Ben Hueso, Chair
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Bill No: AB 1513 **Hearing Date:** 7/2/2019
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Urgency: No **Fiscal:** No
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SUBJECT: Energy: energy efficiency financing: public utility contracting

DIGEST: This bill makes several noncontroversial, technical and clarifying changes to the codes, including updating references to the definition of Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) bonds in various codes, updates references to the California Energy Commission (CEC), and other changes.

ANALYSIS:

Existing law:

- 1) Provides for the financing of energy or water efficiency improvements through the issuance of PACE bonds that are secured by a voluntary contractual assessment on property or a special tax on property. (Government Code § 26054)
- 2) Defines “Energy Commission” to mean the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, commonly known as the CEC, for purposes of that code. (Public Utilities Code §20)

This bill:

- 1) Corrects section number cross-references in the Insurance and Government codes for the PACE program.
- 2) Updates references to the CEC by changing “California Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission” to “Energy Commission” in several sections of the Public Utilities Code.
- 3) Makes several grammatical, clarifying, and technical changes to sections in the Public Utilities Code.

Background

Code clean up. This is a simple and straight-forward code clean-up bill. This bill makes several clarifying and technical changes to various sections of the codes, none of which substantively alter existing policy.

FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: No Local: No

SUPPORT:

None received

OPPOSITION:

None received

ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT: According to the author:

As the practices of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and CEC evolve and the landscape of energy policy quickly shifts, the code needs to remain up-to-date to ensure state agencies can accurately implement the law. This bill makes a number of changes that keep up with those changes and specifically, ensures the Energy Commission is referred to accurately throughout the codes

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