

(Without Reference to File)

SENATE THIRD READING

SB 111 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review)

As Amended July 5, 2019

Majority vote Budget Bill Appropriation Takes Effect Immediately

SUMMARY:

SB 111 is the trailer bill on energy infrastructure safety. This bill does the following:

- 1) Creates the California Catastrophe Response Council, composed of nine members, to oversee the California Earthquake Authority and the Wildfire Fund Administrator.
- 2) Requires the California Catastrophe Response Council to appoint the Wildfire Fund Administrator and oversee the administrator's operations, management, and administration of the Wildfire Fund.
- 3) Specifies that the California Earthquake Authority shall exercise the powers of the administrator until an administrator is appointed.
- 4) Creates the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety within the Natural Resources Agency.
- 5) Specifies the annual salary of the Director of the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety.
- 6) Specifies that the Office of Energy Infrastructure and Safety, effective July 1, 2021, is the successor to and is vested with all of the duties, powers, and responsibilities of the Wildfire Safety Division, including but not limited to, the power to compel information and conduct investigations.
- 7) Specifies that the Public Utilities Commission and the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety shall enter into a memorandum of understanding to develop consistent approaches and share data related to electric infrastructure safety.
- 8) Establishes the California Wildfire Safety Advisory Board.
- 9) Appropriates \$47,600,000 from the Public Utilities Commission Utilities Reimbursement Account and \$2,500,000 from the Public Utilities Commission Public Advocate's Office Account to the Public Utilities Commission for the purposes of fulfilling its duties in this bill.
- 10) Makes a number of declarations and findings.

Major Provisions:

COMMENTS:

This bill creates the California Catastrophe Response Council and the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety, a new entity under the Natural Resources Agency, in order to ensure energy infrastructure safety in California.

According to the Author:

Arguments in Support:

None on file.

Arguments in Opposition:

None on file.

FISCAL COMMENTS:

VOTES:

SENATE FLOOR: 27-9-2

YES: Allen, Archuleta, Atkins, Beall, Bradford, Caballero, Dodd, Durazo, Galgiani, Glazer, Hertzberg, Hill, Hueso, Hurtado, Leyva, McGuire, Mitchell, Monning, Pan, Portantino, Roth, Rubio, Skinner, Stern, Umberg, Wieckowski, Wiener

NO: Bates, Chang, Grove, Jones, Moorlach, Morrell, Nielsen, Stone, Wilk

ABS, ABST OR NV: Borgeas, Jackson

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