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## **California Senator Monning's SB 968 was passed 7-0 by the Fiscal Committee 05 27 16**

California Senator Monning's SB 968 was passed 7-0 by the Fiscal Committee of the California Senate on 27 May 2016. The current bill text and updated status information is attached. I believe that SB 968 is significant as it mandates that the substantial economic and environmental harms of closing down Diablo Canyon Power Plant (DCPP) be acknowledged and publicized well in advance of the 2024 and 2025 NRC license renewal deadlines for the two units. The problems caused the abrupt closure of SONGS in January, 2012 are acknowledged in the SB 968 bill text. I hope that SB 968 provides strong motivation to the governmental oversight and regulatory bodies - and to PG&E - to endorse DCPP NRC license renewal.

Furthermore, I believe that the cost of the proposed study is negligible in the context of the current California state budget. (The total 2015-2016 California State expenditures are projected to be \$115.369 billion.)

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*Additional submitted attachment is included below.*

AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 31, 2016

AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 14, 2016

**SENATE BILL**

**No. 968**

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**Introduced by Senator Monning**  
**(Coauthor: Senator Jackson)**  
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Achadjian)

February 8, 2016

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An act to add Section 712.5 to the Public Utilities Code, relating to electricity.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 968, as amended, Monning. Diablo Canyon Units 1 and 2 powerplant.

Under existing law, the Public Utilities Commission has regulatory authority over public utilities, including electrical corporations. The Diablo Canyon nuclear powerplant, composed of reactor Units 1 and 2, is operated by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company in the County of San Luis Obispo. Existing law requires the commission to convene, or continue, until August 26, 2025, an independent peer review panel to conduct an independent review of enhanced seismic studies and surveys of the Diablo Canyon Units 1 and 2 powerplant, including the surrounding areas of the facility and areas of nuclear waste storage.

This bill would direct the commission to require the Pacific Gas and Electric Company to submit an assessment, no later than July 1, 2018, conducted by an independent 3rd party, selected as specified, of the adverse *and beneficial* economic ~~impact~~ *impacts, and net economic effects*, that could occur, and of potential ways *for the state and local jurisdictions* to mitigate ~~that the~~ adverse economic impact, if the Diablo Canyon Units 1 and 2 powerplant were to temporarily or permanently

shut down before the powerplant's current operating licenses expire or if the Pacific Gas and Electric Company were to decide not to pursue license renewal. The bill would require the commission to consider any further assessments or reviews needed that could assist local efforts to prepare for a closure of the Diablo Canyon Units 1 and 2 powerplant.

This bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for the Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 712.5 is added to the Public Utilities  
2 Code, to read:

3 712.5. (a) (1) The commission shall require the Pacific Gas  
4 and Electric Company to submit an assessment, no later than July  
5 1, 2018, of the adverse *and beneficial* economic ~~impact~~ *impacts*  
6 for the region surrounding the County of San Luis ~~Obispo~~ *Obispo*,  
7 *and the net economic effects on that region*, that could occur if the  
8 Diablo Canyon Units 1 and 2 powerplant were to temporarily or  
9 permanently shut down before the powerplant's current operating  
10 licenses from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission expire or if the  
11 Pacific Gas and Electric Company were to decide not to pursue  
12 license renewal. The assessment shall include a review, as  
13 described in paragraph (4) of subdivision (b), of potential actions  
14 for the state and local jurisdictions to consider in order to mitigate  
15 the adverse economic impact of a shutdown.

16 (2) The assessment shall be conducted by an independent third  
17 party, selected in accordance with paragraph (1) of subdivision  
18 (c).

19 (b) The assessment shall consist of, but not be limited to, all of  
20 the following:

21 (1) Estimates of any decreases in local tax revenues, decreases  
22 in workforce populations, losses in indirect or induced economies,  
23 and potential impacts to ratepayers from an early shutdown.

24 (2) A review of the economic impacts that affected the region  
25 surrounding the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station after it  
26 was decommissioned by the Southern California Edison Company  
27 and of the relevant decommissioning plans of the San Onofre  
28 Nuclear Generating Station.

1 (3) A review of regions in the United States similar to the region  
2 surrounding the County of San Luis Obispo that have experienced  
3 the decommissioning of a nuclear powerplant and of the resulting  
4 adverse economic impacts of the decommissioning on those  
5 regions.

6 (4) Identification of any contingency plans that could mitigate  
7 the adverse economic impact of a shutdown to state and local  
8 jurisdictions, the local workforce, and entities receiving enhanced  
9 tax revenue.

10 (c) (1) The commission shall require the Pacific Gas and  
11 Electric Company to issue a request for proposal for the  
12 independent third party that will ensure that the selected party is  
13 able to make an independent review and analysis of the data  
14 described in subdivision (b). The commission shall make the final  
15 selection of the independent third party from the list of qualified  
16 bidders.

17 (2) The independent third party shall consult with the Board of  
18 Supervisors of the County of San Luis Obispo, the governing board  
19 of the San Luis Coastal Unified School District, and other relevant  
20 governmental entities to assist in an accurate assessment of  
21 decreases in local tax revenues.

22 (d) The commission shall make the assessment publicly available  
23 on its Internet Web site and place it as an item on the agenda at  
24 the next commission meeting after the assessment is made publicly  
25 available for purposes of collecting and recording public comment,  
26 and hold any subsequent public meetings as necessary.

27 (e) The commission shall consider any further assessments or  
28 reviews needed that could assist local efforts in the region  
29 surrounding the County of San Luis Obispo to prepare for a closure  
30 of the Diablo Canyon Units 1 and 2 powerplant and make those  
31 considerations and findings publicly available.

32 SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that a special law  
33 is necessary and that a general law cannot be made applicable  
34 within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California  
35 Constitution because, currently, the Diablo Canyon Units 1 and 2  
36 powerplant, owned and operated by the Pacific Gas and Electric  
37 Company, is the last operating nuclear powerplant in California  
38 and its continued operation is uncertain as Diablo Canyon Units  
39 1 and 2 are only authorized to operate until 2024 and 2025,  
40 respectively. Local communities were ill-prepared and given no

1 notice after the sudden closure of the San Onofre Nuclear  
2 Generating Station was announced on June 7, 2013, and the state  
3 is still responding, at significant cost, to the sudden, permanent,  
4 and unexpected loss of baseline electricity. Therefore, an  
5 assessment is needed from the Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
6 on the ~~adverse~~ economic impact specific to a shutdown of the  
7 Diablo Canyon Units 1 and 2 powerplant to provide the state, and  
8 local communities, with valuable and necessary information to  
9 plan and prepare for that circumstance, if needed.

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MEASURE : S.B. No. 968  
AUTHOR(S) : Monning (Coauthor: Senator Jackson) (Coauthor: Assembly Member Achadjian).  
TOPIC : Diablo Canyon Units 1 and 2 powerplant.  
HOUSE LOCATION : SEN  
+LAST AMENDED DATE : 03/31/2016

TYPE OF BILL :  
Active  
Non-Urgency  
Non-Appropriations  
Majority Vote Required  
Non-State-Mandated Local Program  
Fiscal  
Non-Tax Levy

LAST HIST. ACT. DATE: 05/27/2016  
LAST HIST. ACTION : From committee: Do pass as amended. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.)  
(May 27).  
FILE : SEN SECOND READING  
FILE DATE : 05/31/2016  
ITEM : 16

COMM. LOCATION : SEN APPROPRIATIONS

TITLE : An act to add Section 712.5 to the Public Utilities Code, relating to electricity.

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UNOFFICIAL BALLOT  
MEASURE: SB 968  
AUTHOR: Monning  
TOPIC: Diablo Canyon Units 1 and 2 powerplant.  
DATE: 05/27/2016  
LOCATION: SEN. APPR.  
MOTION: Do pass as amended.  
(AYES 7. NOES 0.) (PASS)

AYES  
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NOES  
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NO VOTE RECORDED  
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