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Brief Description: Improving the management of electricity supply and demand.

**SB 6174 - DIGEST**

Declares an intent of this act to: (1) Modify the statutory procedures and authorities of the energy facility siting evaluation council for a limited time to encourage generators to operate their facilities to their fullest capacity;

(2) Provide a regulatory incentive for electrical companies to invest in demand-management systems, promote distributive generation technologies, upgrade hydroelectric facilities, increase transmission and distribution efficiencies, and encourage certain renewable resource projects; and

(3) Offer limited tax incentives to encourage: (a) Installation of new air pollution control equipment at existing peaking plants to decrease certain toxic emissions and increase overall generation output; (b) Upgrades of existing hydroelectric facilities to increase efficiency and generation capacity; (c) Development of cogeneration facilities to maximize the efficient use of gas while increasing electricity supply nearer the load; (d) Research, development, and manufacture of innovative energy technologies and demand-management technologies; and (e) Deployment of demand-management systems.