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An act to amend Section 19825.5 of the Government Code, relating to public utility commissioner compensation.



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

SECTION 1. Section 19825.5 of the Government Code is amended to read:

19825.5. (a) (1) Notwithstanding Sections 11550, 11552, 11554, 11555, and 11556, the department shall set and adjust, as needed, the annual compensation of the officers and employees listed in Sections 11550, 11552, 11554, 11555, and 11556.

(2) On and After July 1, 2019, notwithstanding paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 11553, paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 11553.5, and Section 11565.5, the department shall set and adjust, as needed, the annual compensation of the officers listed in paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 11553 and paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 11553.5, pursuant to this section.

(b) When setting or adjusting the annual compensation of the employees described in subdivision (a), the department shall consider the size and scope of the organization, compensation paid to other similar positions in other public jurisdictions, the scope of responsibility of the position, the need to avoid salary compaction, and other factors appropriate to the determination of compensation necessary to recruit and retain qualified employees in leadership positions for the state. The compensation shall not exceed 125 percent (125%) of the compensation recommended to be paid to the Governor of the State of California by the California Citizens Compensation Commission.

(c) The department shall notify the Legislature of the compensation level implemented for any of the employees described in subdivision (a) within 30 days of the effective date of the proposed compensation adjustment.



LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

Bill No. _____
as introduced, _____
General Subject: Public Utilities Commission: commissioner compensation.

The California Constitution creates the Public Utilities Commission and prescribes its membership, which is appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. The Public Utilities Act requires the commissioners to be civil executive officers and that their salaries be fixed and paid in the same manner as those of other state officers. Existing law prescribes the salaries of the officers of agencies, departments, boards, and commissions. Existing law authorizes the Department of Human Resources to adjust, as needed, the salaries of specified state officers pursuant to certain requirements.

This bill, on and after July 1, 2019, would require the Department of Human Resources to set and adjust, as needed, the annual compensation of the president and members of the Public Utility Commission based on specified factors. The bill would prohibit compensation for the commissioners from exceeding 125% of the compensation recommended to be paid to the Governor by the California Citizens Compensation Commission. The bill would require the department to notify the Legislature of the compensation level implemented within 30 days of its effective date.

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

