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Bill Analysis

SB 710 creates the Property Assessed Clean Energy Act. The measure authorizes any county to create one or more energy and resilience assessment districts. The governing body of the county in which the district is located shall be the governing body of the district. The county must hold a public hearing for public comment on the district's creation and provide notice at least ten days prior to the meeting. Following the meeting, the county may create the district by resolution. The resolution must contain provisions related a finding that the creation of the district is needed, a contract form, a finding the county will utilize third-party capital providers, an application process, fees, and verification procedures.

Upon creation of the district, the county may enter into a contract with a qualifying commercial property and with a third-party lender to finance an energy water or resiliency project on the qualifying property. The contract must contain provisions related to the verifying costs, ensuring the project stays within the budget, an agreement with the property owner, a statement of assessment obligations. Any annual assessments must be included in the assessment contract. Delinquent assessments will constitute as a lien against the property. The county must verify that the landowner meets the qualifications outlined in the measure.

Counties are authorized to sell bonds to fund the project. The bonds are only authorized to be backed by annual assessments on owners and shall not exceed \$10 million without a majority county election. Bonds of one series issued may be secured on a parity with bonds of another series issued by the county.

Counties are required by the measure to prepare an annual report on the number and condition of districts within the county.

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