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Bill Analysis

SB 1285 requires state-funded construction of energy facilities to implement certain standards in their construction. The measure requires such facilities to achieve a minimum Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency of 95% or greater. Such facilities may not use electric resistance heating unless required for backup or supplemental heating in multi-stage systems. Geothermal heat pumps must achieve a minimum Coefficient of Performance of 3.5 for heating and an Energy Efficiency Ratio of 15 for cooling. Air-source air conditioning shall achieve a minimum Energy Efficiency Ratio of 12.8 or SEER2 rating of 15.5. The measure provides that systems with variable-speed compressors, demand-controlled pumping, and integrated heat recovery for domestic hot water shall receive priority consideration for compliance scoring. Systems with the lowest life cycle energy cost shall be given preference when evaluating multiple compliant HVAC technologies. Preference shall also be given to vendors located in the state. The measure provides that life-cycle cost analysis shall be performed over a 25-year period. Additionally, the measure provides that new construction building shall incorporate a total building HVAC control system. The Office of Management and Enterprise Services shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions of the measure.

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