

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 23

Introduced by Assembly Member DeMaio

December 2, 2024

An act relating to cost of living.

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AB 23, as introduced, DeMaio. The Cost of Living Reduction Act of 2025.

Existing law vests the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) with regulatory authority over public utilities, including electrical corporations and gas corporations, and requires the PUC to develop a definition of energy affordability.

Existing law also establishes the Milton Marks “Little Hoover” Commission on California State Government Organization and Economy (Little Hoover Commission) to promote economy, efficiency, and improved service in the transaction of the public business in the various departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the executive branch of state government.

This bill, the Cost of Living Reduction Act of 2025, would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation to reduce the cost of living in California by undertaking specified activities, including, among other things, by suspending all state taxes and fees on gasoline and electric and gas utilities and by requiring the Little Hoover Commission to provide a report on methods to reduce the cost of living in other areas, as provided.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. This act shall be known, and may be cited, as the
2 Cost of Living Reduction Act of 2025.
3 SEC. 2. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent
4 legislation to reduce the cost of living in California by reforming
5 regulations and suspending all state taxes and fees on gasoline and
6 electric and gas utilities, providing each household with up to two
7 thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) in cost-of-living relief
8 rebates, and requiring the Milton Marks “Little Hoover”
9 Commission on California State Government Organization and
10 Economy to provide a report on methods to reduce the cost of
11 living in other areas, such as homeowners’ insurance, housing,
12 and health care.