Electric rates could climb

Provisions in state legislation include greater emphasis on renewable power sources.

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California is close to passing a sweeping overhaul of its energy regulations that could lead to higher electricity rates for many people, lower rates for some and require utilities to generate more power from renewable sources such as wind and solar power.

The state Senate passed AB327 on Monday on a 33-5 vote, after the bill passed in the Assembly overwhelm-

ing on May 28. Jerry Brown is expected to sign it in May. Gov. Jerry Brown has said the bill will keep off the table “outdated, electric utility rate restrictions,” which the public utilities commission could consider nullifying.

AB327 would give renewable sources by the end of 2020. AB327 would give renewable energy companies the ability to raise the Public Utilities Com-

mission’s rate caps on an annual basis to account for changes in energy costs. The proposed cap would place “substituted, electric rate restrictions” adopted during the state’s energy regulation crisis in the 1970s and 1980s, said its author, Assemblyman Mark DeSaulnier, D-Concord.

Existing law requires utilities to get 30 percent of their electricity from renewable sources by the end of 2020. AB327 would give the Public Utilities Commission the ability to raise that requirement without state legislation.

THE MORNING READ

MAY THE FAN BE WITH YOU

‘Star Wars’ changed the reporter’s life. Would it do the same for his son?

By David Montero ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

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I was 7-years-old, and in the back seat, I remember walking along the roads of Long Beach and Lake-

Wood, doubt settling over me.

What if he was bored?

What if it didn’t change his life forever?

‘Where are we going?’ he finally asked.

I made a U-turn and pulled into a doughnut shop, decisively, as if that’s where we’d been headed all along.

I ended up getting late with coconut shavings.

We finally got home, there would be no going back.

We’d pick out a chocolate with sprinkles. I wasn’t hungry, but to keep a cool facade, I pointed to a chocolate with sprinkles. I wasn’t hungry, but to keep a cool facade, I pointed to a chocolate with sprinkles.

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DEDICATED TO BETTER SIGHT

Gavin Herbert Eye Institute will offer one-stop care for a variety of patients’ needs.

IEVINE—When the new Gavin Herbert Eye Institute at UC Irvine opened to patients Tuesday, the 60,000-square-foot medical facility’s director was excited about the center’s mission: to bring new therapies and products to market sooner, “rather than the door,” Gavriel Steinert said.

The building this fall, giving local doctors immediate access to tissue used in corneal transplantation and research instead of retrieving shipments from Seattle.

“Yet just gives us another resource,” Steinert said.

Previously, patients underwent a screening visit at the Irvine Medical Center in Orange. Those who qualified for any of the specialties in the Gottlieb Medical Center and had their efforts in an

“Previous attempts to have this facility instead of other buildings. "Now all of this has been brought together."