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Introduction

This publication is a comprehensive collection of summaries for bills that the Senate Committee on Energy, Utilities and Communication considered during the 2023-2024 Legislative Session, and includes a few bills considered during the two legislative Extraordinary Sessions regarding petroleum. Each bill summary includes the final status of the bills. For your convenience, bills that the Legislature passed and the Governor signed into law are listed along with their chapter number. In general, chaptered legislation will go into effect on January 1, 2025. Bills that contain an urgency clause took effect immediately upon the Governor's signature.

The Senate Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Communications is responsible for overseeing issues related to utilities, energy providers, alternative energy development and conservation, and communications services and technology. The committee has primary oversight of the California Public Utilities Commission and California Energy Commission, and on issues that may involve other state agencies, as well as the role of the California Independent System Operator, a nonprofit public benefit corporation that operates the majority of the state's electric grid. The committee's jurisdiction includes issues related to investor-owned and publicly owned electric and gas utilities, investor-owned water utilities, telecommunications companies and providers, electric vehicle charging infrastructure and alternative fuels, transportation for-hire services, energy procurement entities (including community choice aggregators and electric service providers), energy efficiency resources, transmission and distribution services and operations, and others. In general, these issues largely pertain to those in the Public Utilities Code, including the Public Utilities Act, and segments of the Public Resources Code, including those concerning the California Energy Commission and the Office of Energy Infrastructure and Safety within the Natural Resources Agency.

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Acronyms

CASF – California Advanced Services Fund
CARB – California Air Resources Board
CARE – California Alternate Rates for Energy
CBSC – California Building Standards Commission
CDT – California Department of Technology
CEC – California Energy Commission
CEQA – California Environmental Quality Act
CAISO – California Independent System Operator
CPUC – California Public Utilities Commission
CTA – Core Transport Agent
CTP – Clean Transportation Program
CCA – Community Choice Aggregator
CSD – Department of Community Services and Development
DER – Distributed energy resources
DWR – Department of Water Resources
ESP – Electric Service Provider
ESSRRP – Electricity Supply Strategic Reliability Reserve Program
EV – Electric Vehicle
FERA – Family Electric Rate Assistance
FERC – Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
GHG – Greenhouse gas
GO-Biz – Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development
HVAC – Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning
IRP – Integrated Resource Plan
IEPR – Integrated Energy Policy Report
ISP – Internet Service Provider
IOU – Investor-owned utility
LGBT – Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender
LSE – Load-serving entity
MW – Megawatt
OEIS – Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety
OES – Office of Emergency Services
PG&E – Pacific Gas and Electric
POU – Publicly Owned Utility
RPS – Renewable Portfolio Standard
RA – Resource adequacy
SDG&E – San Diego Gas and Electric
SOMAH - Solar on Multifamily Affordable Housing
SoCal Gas – Southern California Gas
SCE – Southern California Edison
SWRCB – State Water Resources Control Board
WMP – Wildfire Mitigation Plan
ZEV – Zero-emission vehicle

Informational and Oversight Hearings

February 28, 2023 – The California Public Utilities Commission and the Public Advocates Office Annual Update to the Legislature: A Focus on Utility Bill Affordability.

March 7, 2023 – State Broadband Investments: Progress Towards Connecting the Unserved.

August 29, 2023 – Powering Through: Electricity Reliability as California Transitions to a Zero-Carbon Future.

February 13, 2024 – The California Public Utilities Commission and the Public Advocates Office Annual Update to the Legislature: Keeping the Focus on Utility Bill Affordability.

May 7, 2024 – California Energy Commission Update to the Legislature on Implementation SBX1 2 (Chapter 1, Statutes of 2023) Transportation Fuels.

August 6, 2024 – Powering Through: An Update on Electricity Reliability as California Transitions to a Zero-Carbon Future.

Extraordinary Sessions

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February 22, 2023 – First Extraordinary Session Informational Hearing – Petroleum Windfall Profits Penalty: Will Californians Get Relief at the Gas Pump?

March 2, 2023 – First Extraordinary Session Bill Hearing – SBX1-2 (Skinner) Energy: transportation fuels: supply and pricing: maximum gross gasoline refining margin.

Second Extraordinary Session Senate Committee on Fuel Supply and Price Spikes

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Senator Monique Limón
Senator Kelly Seyarto
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October 7, 2024 – Second Extraordinary Session Bill Hearing – ABX2-1 (Hart) Energy: transportation fuels: inventories: turnaround and maintenance.

Alternative Fuel

SB-322 (Becker) - Zero-Emission Vehicle Battery Manufacturing Block Grants Program.

This bill establishes labor preferences that the California Energy Commission (CEC) and any third-party administrator must use when awarding funds for the Zero-Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Battery Manufacturing Block Grants Program.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

SB-493 (Min) - Air pollution: alternative vehicles and electric and hydrogen infrastructure.

This bill requires the CEC to assess the energy resources needed to meet state goals to transition medium- and heavy-duty vehicles to ZEVs, and it requires the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to incorporate the CEC's assessments and a strategic plan for this transition into CARB's existing mobile source strategy.

Status: Senate-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

This bill would expand the scope of several assessments and strategies developed by the CEC and CARB related to ZEV infrastructure.

However, this bill results in costs to the CEC's primary operating fund, which is currently facing an ongoing structural deficit, and thus exacerbates the fund's structural imbalance.

Additionally, many provisions of this bill are currently being incorporated into relevant ZEV infrastructure planning processes at the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), in consultation with both the CEC and CARB. At best, this bill's provisions may duplicate these efforts and, at worst, may complicate this work and lead to misaligned interagency work streams.

We must ensure that the CPUC, CEC and CARB utilize their core competencies and focus their expertise and existing resources on improving ZEV infrastructure planning processes. This bill falls short of accomplishing this goal.

SB-501 (Newman) – Retail hydrogen refueling stations: reliability and service quality plan.

This bill requires the CEC to develop a specified plan for improving hydrogen refueling stations' reliability, establish a process for ranking hydrogen stations by quality and performance, and this bill requires the CARB to use Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) credits to create penalties and bonuses for low and high performing hydrogen stations.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

SB-746 (Eggman) - Energy conservation contracts: alternate energy equipment: green hydrogen: Tri-Valley-San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority.

This bill authorizes the Tri-Valley San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority to enter into contracts related to green electrolytic hydrogen.

Status: Chapter 410, Statutes of 2023

SB-983 (Wahab) - Energy: gasoline stations and alternative fuel infrastructure.

This bill requires the CEC to convene an Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Taskforce, and it requires the task force to submit a report to the Legislature with recommendations for deploying alternative fuels infrastructure at existing gas stations.

Status: Senate-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

This bill would require the CEC to form the Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Task Force to conduct a study with information and recommendations on existing fueling infrastructure and how it might be used in conjunction with alternative fuels infrastructure at retail gasoline fueling stations.

This bill's implementation would result in additional cost pressure on the CEC's primary operating fund. Additionally, many provisions of this bill are duplicative of existing law, which requires the CEC, in consultation with various state entities, to prepare a transportation fuels transition plan.

ABX2-9 (Petrie-Norris) - Transportation fuels: specifications: production enhancement strategies.

This bill would require the CARB to ensure that the multimedia evaluation of gasoline containing up to 15 percent ethanol by volume conducted as part of the provisions related to motor vehicle fuel specification is completed, and ready for review by the California Environmental Policy Council, on or before July 1, 2025. This bill would authorize the state board to adopt a schedule of fees, not to exceed a total amount collected of \$5,000,000 over three years, to cover all or a portion of the state board's reasonable costs associated with the development, implementation, and enforcement of a specification for a blend of gasoline that contains more than 10 percent and up to 15 percent ethanol by volume for use as a transportation fuel, as provided.

Status: Senate-Died

AB-1614 (Gabriel) – Retail gasoline fueling stations: alternative fuels transition: study.

This bill requires the CEC to conduct a study on transitioning gas stations from petroleum to alternative fuels upon appropriation by the Legislature.

Status: Assembly-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

This bill would require the CEC, in consultation with the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz), to conduct a study on the statewide transition of fuel stations from gasoline to alternative fuels.

This bill will result in additional costs to the General Fund and the CEC's primary operating fund, which is currently facing an ongoing structural deficit. This bill exacerbates the CEC's operating funds structural imbalance. Additionally, many provisions of this bill are duplicative of existing law, which requires the CEC, in consultation with various state entities, to prepare a transportation fuels transition plan by December 31, 2024.

In partnership with the Legislature, we enacted a budget that closed a shortfall of more than \$30 billion through balanced solutions that avoided deep program cuts and protected education, health care, climate, public safety, and social service programs that are relied on by millions of Californians. This year, however, the Legislature sent me bills outside of this budget process that, if all enacted, would add nearly \$19 billion of unaccounted costs in the budget, of which \$11 billion would be ongoing.

With our state facing continuing economic risk and revenue uncertainty, it is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications, such as this measure.

Biomass

SB-488 (Alvarado-Gil) - California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program: bioenergy projects: community choice aggregators.

This bill authorizes the cumulative rated generating capacity to be procured from bioenergy projects regardless of when the projects commence operations. This bill also authorizes a community choice aggregator (CCA) to procure, subject to terms of at least five years, any portion of a local publicly owned electric utility's required proportionate share of 125 megawatts (MW) of cumulative rated generating capacity from bioenergy projects that was not procured because of specified statutory exemption. This bill

requires the CPUC to ensure that the costs of any contract procured by a CCA are recoverable, as specified.

Status: Senate-Died - Energy, Utilities and Communications

[SB-1062 \(Dahle\) - Conversion of electrical generation facilities using biomass.](#)

This bill requires the Department of Conservation to develop the Biomass Technology Transition Program to support the conversion of biomass energy generation facilities using traditional combustion technologies to newer advanced bioenergy technology facilities and proposes related requirements and a future grant program.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

[AB-998 \(Connolly\) - Biomass energy facilities: State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission: report.](#)

This bill requires the CEC, by December 31, 2024, to issue a report on the utility-scale biomass combustion facilities still in operation as of January 1, 2024 and include various assessments and recommendations regarding their continued operation.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

[AB-2750 \(Gallagher\) - Electricity: procurement: generation from biomass.](#)

This bill extends a bioenergy procurement requirement on electrical corporations from December 1, 2023 to July 1, 2025 and authorizes an electric utility to contract with a biomass energy facility that is located in an air district that voluntarily opts for a severe or extreme air quality nonattainment status.

Status: Chapter 575, Statutes of 2024

Building Decarbonization

[SB-48 \(Becker\) - Building Energy Savings Act.](#)

This bill requires the CEC, along with other agencies, to develop a state strategy to achieve state goals for energy and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from existing buildings.

Status: Chapter 378, Statutes of 2023

[SB-306 \(Caballero\) - Climate change: Equitable Building Decarbonization Program: Extreme Heat Action Plan.](#)

This bill requires the CEC to annually report to the Legislature regarding the direct install program as part of the Equitable Building Decarbonization Program and codifies the Extreme Heat Action Plan with required reporting.

Status: Chapter 387, Statutes of 2023

[SB-394 \(Gonzalez\) - Master Plan for Healthy, Sustainable, and Climate-Resilient Schools.](#)

This bill requires the CEC, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to convene a group of agencies and stakeholders to develop a master plan for healthy, sustainable, and climate-resilient schools.

Status: Senate-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

This bill would require the CEC, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to convene more than 10 state agencies, departments and commissions, as well as numerous stakeholders, to develop a Master Plan for Healthy, Sustainable, and Climate-Resilient Schools. The Master Plan would be due on or before March 31, 2025, or 15 months after the appropriation is made for this purpose, whichever is later.

While I support the author's goal of making our schools more climate friendly and climate prepared, the development of this Master Plan will cost up to \$10 million that was not considered through the annual budget process. Additionally, the Master Plan would create significant long-term cost pressures that are not accounted for in the state budget plan.

In partnership with the Legislature, we enacted a budget that closed a shortfall of more than \$30 billion through balanced solutions that avoided deep program cuts and protected education, health care, climate, public safety, and social service programs that are relied on by millions of Californians. This year, however, the Legislature approved bills outside of this budget process that, if all enacted, would add nearly \$19 billion of unaccounted costs in the budget, of which \$11 billion would be ongoing. With our state facing continuing economic risk and revenue uncertainty, it is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications, such as this measure.

[SB-527 \(Min\) - Neighborhood Decarbonization Program.](#)

This bill requires the CPUC to develop and supervise the administration of the Neighborhood Decarbonization Program and authorizes 15 pilot projects where gas corporations may cease providing gas utility service in an area within its service territory if the CPUC determines that adequate substitute energy service is reasonably available to support the energy end use of affected gas customers.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

SB-755 (Becker) - Energy efficiency and building decarbonization programs.

This bill requires the CEC to develop and make publicly available an internet website for energy efficiency and building decarbonization programs administered by the agency that are available in the state for residential buildings and residential electricity customers.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

SB-1182 (Gonzalez) - Master Plan for Healthy, Sustainable, and Climate-Resilient Schools.

This bill requires the CEC to convene specified stakeholders to develop a Master Plan for Healthy, Sustainable, and Climate-Resilient Schools by March 1, 2025.

Status: Senate-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

This bill requires the CEC, in consultation with multiple state entities, to develop a specified Master Plan for Healthy, Sustainable, and Climate-Resilient Schools on or before March 31, 2026.

This bill would result in costs in the multiple millions of dollars not accounted for in the 2024 Budget Act. While I support the author's goal of making our schools more climate-friendly and climate-prepared, this proposal should be considered as part of the annual budget process. Notably, last year I vetoed a substantially similar bill based on the same concerns.

In partnership with the Legislature this year, my Administration has enacted a balanced budget that avoids deep program cuts to vital services and protected investments in education, health care, climate, public safety, housing, and social service programs that millions of Californians rely on. It is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications that are not included in the budget, such as this measure.

SB-1221 (Min) - Gas corporations: ceasing service: priority neighborhood decarbonization zones.

This bill authorizes 30 pilot projects where cost-effective decarbonization of priority neighborhoods meeting specified criteria can be implemented, if the CPUC determines adequate substitute energy is available, among other requirements. This bill also requires specified mapping of the natural gas utility distribution system and requires the identification of priority decarbonization neighborhood zones and authorizes gas

corporations to cease providing service within the 30 pilot projects, among other provisions.

Status: Chapter 602, Statutes of 2024

[AB-593 \(Haney\) - Carbon emission reduction strategy: building sector.](#)

This bill requires the CEC, on or before June 1, 2024, to identify an emission reduction strategy, with milestones, for the building sector to support achieving the net-zero GHG emissions by 2045 and requires the CEC to implement the strategy by July 1, 2025.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

[AB-1176 \(Zbur\) - General plans: Local Electrification Planning Act.](#)

This bill requires cities and counties to prepare and adopt an electrification plan, decarbonization plan, community energy plan, or other similar plan, or integrate a plan into the general plan to identify various goals, objectives, policies, and feasible implementation measures regarding electrification and decarbonization of transportation and buildings.

Status: Senate-Died - Energy, Utilities and Communications

California Energy Commission

[SB-319 \(McGuire\) - Electricity: transmission planning and permitting.](#)

This bill requires specified actions related to electric transmission planning, including: requires a review and update to a December 2022 memorandum of understanding and related workplan among California energy agencies and California Independent System Operator (CAISO); the development of an electrical transmission infrastructure guidebook; and a report to the Legislature regarding the status of transmission projects.

Status: Chapter 390, Statutes of 2023

[SB-605 \(Padilla\) – Wave and tidal energy.](#)

This bill requires the CEC to include as part of the 2024 integrated energy policy report, an evaluation of the feasibility, costs, and benefits of using wave energy and tidal energy. This bill also requires the CEC to submit a report on the findings to the Legislature by January 1, 2025.

Status: Chapter 405, Statutes of 2023

[SB-610 \(Laird\) - State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission: chair: report to the Legislature.](#)

This bill requires the chair of the CEC to appear annually before the relevant policy committees of the Legislature to report on the CEC's activities.

Status: The author gutted and amended this bill to a fire prevention issue and Senator Wiener as the new author.

[SB-934 \(Gonzalez\) - Zero-emission freight infrastructure: interagency coordination: report.](#)

This bill requires the California Transportation Commission (CTC) and the CEC to jointly convene the Zero-Emission Freight Central Delivery Team to lead the statewide coordination of zero-emission freight infrastructure planning and implementation.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

[AB-841 \(Berman\) – State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission: Industrial Heat Electrification Roadmap.](#)

This bill requires the CEC to create a roadmap for electrifying industrial processes, including processes requiring heat, as specified.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

[AB-1569 \(Garcia\) - Salton Sea geothermal resource area: Lithium Valley Office of Development.](#)

This bill establishes a Lithium Valley Office of Development at the CEC, subject to legislative appropriation.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

[AB-2054 \(Bauer-Kahan\) - Energy: employment, gifts, and rates.](#)

This bill authorizes the CPUC to allocate between ratepayers and shareholders any costs recorded in a balancing account above an authorized forecast. Additionally requires all proposed IOU wildfire spending to include a cost-benefit analysis with at least one credible alternative. The bill also prohibits leadership at the CPUC, Public Advocates Office (PAO), and CEC from receiving gifts or employment (for at least one year) by any entity subject to regulation by their body.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

California Independent Systems Operator

[SB-319 \(McGuire\) - Electricity: transmission planning and permitting.](#)

This bill requires specified actions related to electric transmission planning, including: requires a review and update to a December 2022 memorandum of understanding and related workplan among California energy agencies and the CAISO; the development of an electrical transmission infrastructure guidebook; and a report to the Legislature regarding the status of transmission projects.

Status: Chapter 390, Statutes of 2023

[SB-1351 \(Padilla\) - Electricity: state policy.](#)

This bill requires the CPUC, the CEC, and CARB, in consultation with all California balancing authorities, by January 1, 2026, to issue a report to the Legislature that contains a clean energy infrastructure development plan setting out the infrastructure and processes necessary for the state to accomplish its clean energy goals.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

[AB-2779 \(Petrie-Norris\) - Independent System Operator: transmission planning.](#)

This bill requires the CAISO, upon approval of the annual transmission plan, to report on any new use of any grid enhancing technology and its associated cost and efficiency savings.

Status: Chapter 741, Statutes of 2024

California Public Utilities Commission

[SB-319 \(McGuire\) - Electricity: transmission planning and permitting.](#)

This bill requires specified actions related to electric transmission planning, including: requires a review and update to a December 2022 memorandum of understanding and related workplan among California energy agencies and the CAISO; the development of an electrical transmission infrastructure guidebook; and a report to the Legislature regarding the status of transmission projects.

Status: Chapter 390, Statutes of 2023

[SB-1474 \(Allen\) - Public utilities: intervenor compensation.](#)

This bill proposes various changes to the intervenor compensation program at the CPUC.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

[SB-1480 \(Allen\) - Low-Income Oversight Board: membership and duties.](#)

This bill expands the duties and membership of the Low-Income Oversight Board at the CPUC and requires the CPUC to modify eligibility requirements and establish a new enrollment process for low-income water, energy, and telecommunications assistance programs.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

AB-551 (Bennett) - Public Utilities Commission.

This bill proposes streamlining of CPUC procedures related to transmission planning.

Status: Chapter 299, Statutes of 2024

AB-1068 (Valencia) - Public Utilities Commission: ex parte communications.

This bill deletes current prohibitions on written ex parte communication in specified proceedings at the CPUC.

Status: Chapter 826, Statutes of 2023

AB-1533 (Committee on Utilities and Energy) - Electricity.

This bill is an omnibus code clean-up measure, which moves the statutory requirements for reports by the CPUC to a more suitable code section, sunsets CPUC reporting requirements on certain programs once the programs have ended, reintroduces provisions chaptered out in 2022, and provides code cleanup in various other sections.

Status: Chapter 353, Statutes of 2024

AB-1826 (Holden) – Digital Infrastructure and Video Competition Act of 2024.

This bill makes various modifications to cable franchise requirements to expand the authority of the CPUC to regulate cable video services. This bill also modifies cable franchise application and renewal processes to require public hearings before the issuance or renewal of a cable franchise and raises local fines for violations of certain customer service requirements.

Status: Senate-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

This bill makes minor changes to the Digital Infrastructure and Video Competition Act (DIVCA).

Two years ago, I signed Senate Bill 28 (2021), which also made minor reforms to DIVCA. In signing that bill I encouraged the Legislature to go further on DIVCA reform. Last year, I vetoed a similar bill, Assembly Bill 41, which also sought to amend DIVCA. At that time, I expressed the need for more substantial reforms that would genuinely increase digital equity in our state.

Unfortunately, this bill, like its predecessor, falls short of addressing the broader challenges we face in closing the Digital Divide.

AB-2054 (Bauer-Kahan) - Energy: employment, gifts, and rates.

This bill authorizes the CPUC to allocate between ratepayers and shareholders any costs recorded in a balancing account above an authorized forecast. Additionally requires all proposed electric IOU wildfire spending to include a cost-benefit analysis with at least one credible alternative. This bill also prohibits leadership at the CPUC, PAO, and CEC from receiving gifts or employment (for at least one year) by any entity subject to regulation by their body.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

AB-3247 (Irwin) - Public Advocate's Office: appointment of the director.

This bill requires the director of the PAO to be appointed on a rotating four-year cycle by the Speaker of the Assembly and the President pro Tempore of the Senate, in lieu of a gubernatorial appointment confirmed by the Senate.

Status: Senate-Died - Energy, Utilities and Communications

Changed Issue Area

SB-233 (Skinner) - Electric vehicles and electric vehicle supply equipment: bidirectional capability.

This bill requires all EVs offered for sale to be capable of bidirectional charging, starting with the 2030 vehicle model year. This bill also requires the CEC to convene a stakeholder workgroup to examine challenges and opportunities associated with bidirectional charging.

Status: The author gutted and amended this bill to a Business and Professions issue.

SB-429 (Bradford) - Natural gas: customer credit.

This bill requires investor-owned natural gas utilities to provide customers with an annual credit (known as the California Climate Credit) to coincide with the highest usage month, on or as close to the February utility billing cycle, as feasible.

Status: The author gutted and amended this bill to a Transportation Network Companies issue.

SB-436 (Dodd) - Wildfire safety: The California Wildfire Mitigation Strategic Planning Act.

This bill, the California Wildfire Mitigation Strategic Planning Act, requires the Office of Emergency Service (OES) to develop a Wildfire Risk Mitigation Planning Framework for state and federal agencies, electric utilities, municipalities, and other organizations to collaboratively plan and implement wildfire risk mitigation actions, a Wildfire Risk

Baseline and Forecast for the State of California, and an annual Wildfire Mitigation Scenarios Report, as specified.

Status: Senate-Withdrawn- Energy, Utilities and Communications- Died- Appropriations

SB-572 (Stern) – Natural gas: prices: report.

This bill requires the CPUC to submit a report to the Legislature, by February 1, 2024, on the status, outcomes, and recommendations of the agency’s investigation into natural gas prices during winter 2022-23.

Status: The author gutted and amended this bill to a state property issue and Senator Smallwood-Cuevas as the new author.

SB-610 (Laird) - State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission: chair: report to the Legislature.

This bill requires the chair of the CEC to appear annually before the relevant policy committees of the Legislature to report on the CEC’s activities.

Status: The author gutted and amended this bill to a fire prevention issue and Senator Wiener as the new author.

Communications – Broadband

SB-424 (Durazo) - The Broadband Infrastructure Grant Account and Federal Funding Account.

This bill requires the CPUC to ensure that recipients of broadband infrastructure grants offer a low-cost broadband service option in their grant project areas; to award up to \$1 billion in broadband infrastructure grants by January 1, 2025; and to align requirements of existing broadband infrastructure grant programs.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

SB-860 (Bradford) - Office of Broadband and Digital Literacy: outreach.

This bill requires the California Department of Technology (CDT) Office of Broadband and Digital Literacy to conduct outreach to increase awareness about broadband subsidy programs and improve broadband adoption.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

SB-1179 (Durazo) - Affordable Internet and Net Equality Act of 2024.

This bill requires the CDT, in coordination with the CPUC and the Department of General Services, to develop and establish the Net Equality Program. The bill requires the state and state agencies to only enter into a procurement contract with an internet

service provider (ISP) doing business in California that offers affordable home internet service to all eligible households, as specified.

Status: Senate-Died - Governmental Organization

SB-1383 (Bradford) - California Advanced Services Fund: Broadband Public Housing Account.

This bill expands eligibility for the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) Broadband Public Housing Account, authorizes the use of Public Housing Account funds for devices that improve existing broadband service, and enables Public Housing Account recipients offering new broadband plans to low-income communities to provide a free or low-cost broadband plan to those communities as a condition of obtaining the grant.

Status: Senate-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

This bill would limit the low-income communities that are eligible for the CASF Broadband Public Housing Account (BPHA) program. Additionally, this bill would allow applicants to provide low-cost broadband service, instead of no-cost broadband service, and authorize the use of program funds for devices that enhance existing broadband services, such as broadband range extenders.

Though most low-income communities have access to broadband service for a fee, many families cannot afford even low-cost service offers. This is why in 2021, I signed Senate Bill 156, which revitalized the BPHA program by expanding eligibility for no-cost broadband service offerings to all low-income communities. This resulted in more investments in low-income communities the following year - and every year since - than the previous five years combined. This program is one of our state's essential tools for supporting digital equity and improving broadband affordability for the state's most disadvantaged communities.

While I support funding services and devices that enhance existing broadband service, modifying the BPHA program's eligibility and authorizing fees for the provision of broadband service to low-income communities receiving a public grant through the program undermines its primary intent and purpose.

SB-1460 (Durazo) - Broadband Labor Standards Act: broadband deployment projects: model contract terms: memorandum of understanding.

This bill requires, by January 1, 2026, the California Workforce Development Board to convene relevant stakeholders and state agencies to develop model contract terms for broadband deployment projects that are awarded state grants.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

AB-41 (Holden) - Telecommunications: The Digital Equity in Video Franchising Act of 2023.

This bill makes various changes to California's cable video franchise regulation laws, including, but not limited to, clarifying the CPUC's cable franchise regulatory authority, extending timelines for the franchise renewal process at the CPUC, prohibiting franchises from denying potential subscribers equal access to services based on the community income of those subscribers, and updating certain maximum fines for customer service violations to reflect inflation rates.

Status: Assembly-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

This bill makes minor changes to the Digital Infrastructure and Video Competition Act (DIVCA). Two years ago, I signed SB 28 (2021), which made minor changes to DIVCA. In signing that bill I encouraged the Legislature to go further on DIVCA reform. Unfortunately, this bill does not go far enough.

While I greatly value and appreciate the efforts made by the author, the changes this bill makes will not meaningfully increase digital equity in California. I am deeply committed to providing access to broadband services to ALL Californians. So much so that in 2021, I worked with the Legislature to pass an historic \$6 billion broadband infrastructure investment to bridge the Digital Divide.

If we are going to close the Digital Divide once and for all, we must build on these efforts and consider strategic reforms to the policy tools at our disposal. To that end, I look forward to partnering with the Legislature to further our broadband access and affordability efforts.

AB-286 (Wood) - Broadband infrastructure: mapping.

This bill expands the types of data included in the CPUC's interactive broadband map to allow users to submit specified self-reported data. This bill requires the CPUC to validate self-reported data before using that data as evidence in a proceeding.

Status: Chapter 645, Statutes of 2023

AB-414 (Reyes) - Communications: Digital Equity Bill of Rights.

This bill defines equal access to broadband service and establishes a state policy of supporting subscribers' equal access to broadband services.

Status: Chapter 436, Statutes of 2023

AB-662 (Boerner) - Federal Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program funds: administration.

This bill establishes requirements for the CPUC administration of federal broadband funds under the Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) program. This bill prohibits the CPUC from taking any actions to administer the BEAD program that are not specified in this bill.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

AB-965 (Juan Carrillo) - Local government: broadband permit applications.

This bill establishes requirements for local governments to process batched permits for broadband infrastructure.

Status: Chapter 553, Statutes of 2023

AB-1065 (Jim Patterson) - Communications: California Advanced Services Fund.

This bill clarifies that otherwise eligible wireless communications providers may receive certain broadband infrastructure grants issued by the CPUC.

Status: Assembly-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

This bill specifies that wireless ISPs are eligible to apply for and receive funding from the CASF last-mile Broadband Infrastructure Account and the Federal Funding Account (FFA).

The COVID-19 pandemic underscored the importance of making broadband service accessible and affordable to ALL Californians. In 2021, I signed into law Senate Bill 156, which invests \$6 billion in broadband infrastructure, of which \$2 billion is allocated to the streamlined last-mile FFA program to connect households and businesses with time-limited federal funds.

The goal of this last-mile grant program, administered by the CPUC, is to expeditiously connect unserved and underserved communities to future-proof broadband service.

Unfortunately, this bill would delay this effort by requiring the CPUC to halt the FFA

program and modify the rules governing this program through a lengthy process. This could jeopardize the CPUC's ability to meet federal funding encumbrance deadlines and it could significantly disrupt the review of project grant applications that were recently submitted.

As I noted last year in my veto message to Assembly Bill 2749 (Quirk-Silva), we simply cannot afford to delay the implementation of the FFA program, as investing in scalable broadband infrastructure is foundational to connecting every Californian to long-lasting economic opportunity and success.

[AB-1588 \(Wilson\) – State and federal lifeline programs: eligible telecommunications carrier designations: expedited process.](#)

This bill makes various changes to law to allow the CPUC to use funds from the California Lifeline program to fund subsidies for broadband service. This bill also expands the CPUC's authority to assess various surcharges by expanding the number of telecommunications lines subject to a surcharge, deleting existing law that sets the basis for applying these surcharges, and authorizes the CPUC to set its own methodology for calculating and collecting these surcharges.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

[AB-2239 \(Bonta\) - Digital discrimination of access: prohibition.](#)

This bill establishes a definition of digital discrimination of access, prohibits ISPs from engaging in this digital discrimination, and requires the CPUC to take certain steps to incorporate the prohibition on digital discrimination of access into various broadband deployment, adoption, and technical assistance programs.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

[AB-2708 \(Jim Patterson\) - Office of Broadband and Digital Literacy: reports.](#)

This bill expands annual reporting requirements for the CDT Middle Mile Broadband Initiative (MMBI) to include specified information about the cost and estimated completion date of the MMBI.

Status: Assembly-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

This bill requires the CDT to annually report new specified information about the cost and estimated completion date of the MMBI.

My Administration values its continued partnership with the Legislature to develop the largest open-access and publicly-owned broadband middle-mile network in the country. Investments in future-proof infrastructure, such as the MMBI, will further enable high-

speed broadband service access to all Californians. The recently adopted 2024-25 Budget augmented funding for the MMBI and codified new and additional oversight and reporting requirements on CDT for the development and operation of the MMBI. This bill is redundant to these efforts and creates an unnecessary ongoing workload for CDT without providing additional accountability or transparency to taxpayers.

Distributed Energy Resources

[SB-355 \(Eggman\) - Multifamily Affordable Housing Solar Roofs Program.](#)

This bill makes changes to the Solar on Multifamily Affordable Housing (SOMAH) Program, including expanding the eligibility for the program in order to increase participation.

Status: Chapter 393, Statutes of 2023

[SB-851\(Stern\) - Self-generation incentive program.](#)

This bill makes changes to the Self-generation incentive program and funding adopted in the 2022 budget to provide incentives for residential solar plus storage energy projects.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

[SB-1118 \(Eggman\) - Solar on Multifamily Affordable Housing Program.](#)

This bill exempts property that is owned by a tribe from the requirement in the existing SOMAH Program that the property must be "deed restricted" affordable housing, under specified conditions.

Status: Senate-Vetoed

[Governor's Veto Message:](#)

This bill would, under specified conditions, exempt property owned by a tribe from the "deed restriction" requirement in the existing SOMAH program.

California has world-leading clean energy policies and dozens of programs advancing the deployment of clean energy technologies. While I support efforts to improve existing programs to deliver their intended outcomes, the SOMAH program continues to be severely underutilized. The lack of interest in this program comes despite numerous modifications in recent years, including an increase in the solar PV project incentive levels and the expansion of program eligibility.

In addition, this program has diverted hundreds of millions of dollars of funding from electric customers that would otherwise be returned to customers as part of the

California Climate Credit - a bill credit that provides cost relief for electric and gas customers throughout most of California.

SB-1148 (Blakespear) - Electrical service: master meters.

This bill authorizes the use of master meters for electrical service by exempting: (1) multifamily sites with specified solar and battery storage; and (2) any building owned or operated by a local government, institution of higher education, private school, or religious institution from the state requirement that every residential unit be individually metered for electrical service.

Status: Senate-Died - Energy, Utilities and Communications

SB-1305 (Stern) - Electricity: virtual power plant procurement.

This bill requires the CPUC, on or before March 1, 2026, to begin a proceeding to determine targets for each electrical corporation to procure generation from cost-effective virtual power plants, and would require the CPUC, on or before October 1, 2026, to finalize its proceeding and issue a decision adopting virtual power plant procurement targets to be achieved by each electrical corporation on or before December 31, 2028, and on or before December 31, 2033. This bill, upon the CPUC adopting virtual power plant procurement targets, requires each electrical corporation, beginning January 30, 2028, and each year thereafter, to file a report with the CPUC on its progress toward complying with the virtual power plant procurement targets.

Status: Senate-Died - Energy, Utilities and Communications

SB-1374 (Becker) - Net energy metering.

This bill makes changes to a November 2023 decision by the CPUC concerning the Net Energy Metering program, including the compensation treatment for electric utility customers of apartment buildings and public schools who install solar and other renewable generating facilities on the customer's side of the meter.

Status: Senate-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

This bill requires the CPUC, by July 1, 2025, to revise electric rate tariffs for customers in multi-unit residential and non-residential buildings and public schools with solar PV [photovoltaic] systems on their property to allow for account-level netting.

California has provided policy and financial support for the customer solar PV market over the last two decades. Support that created the largest customer solar PV market in the country. Given the market's exponential growth and significant cost declines in solar PV systems, it is appropriate and prudent to realign the subsidies provided to customers who choose to install these systems at the expense of customers without solar PV

systems. This is why the CPUC facilitated a robust, public decision-making process over the last several years to revise the applicable electric rate tariffs that provide these rate subsidies to customers with solar PV systems. The revisions adopted by the CPUC from this process focused on aligning these rate subsidies with the measurable value these systems provide to the electric grid and towards furthering the state's GHG emission reduction goals. This endeavor stems from the growing need to address the affordability of electric bills for all customers.

While I support the continued growth of the customer solar PV market, this bill would compound the challenge of electric bill affordability by overturning a key component of a recent CPUC decision adopting these alignment changes. Specifically, this bill would increase the amount that most customers would pay for their own electric service to provide a rate subsidy to certain customers, and public schools, that install solar PV systems on their property.

[AB-1918 \(Wood\) - Solar-ready and photovoltaic and battery storage system requirements: exemption.](#)

This bill exempts from the solar and battery storage requirements, as part of the state's building standards, new residential and commercial construction within the utility service territory of the Trinity Public Utilities District.

Status: Assembly-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

This bill would provide a narrow statutory exemption from the California Building Energy Efficiency Standards (Standards) solar ready and battery storage system installation requirements in the Trinity Public Utilities District (PUD).

While I recognize that Trinity PUD is unique among all utilities in the state in being served by 100 percent clean, large hydroelectric power, this bill is unnecessary. The CEC has approved Trinity PUD's applications for administrative exemptions from the solar ready and battery storage system requirements over multiple Standards cycles.

Further, the CEC recently adopted an administrative pathway, as part of the 2025 Standards, to lower the burden of Trinity PUD's re-application process when triennial updates to the Standards occur. The CEC's adopted pathway is more broadly applicable than this legislation, achieves the same outcome for Trinity PUD, and thoughtfully balances the objectives of the Standards - lowering consumer energy costs, reducing energy consumption, and avoiding GHG emissions.

AB-2787 (Joe Patterson) - Energy: building standards: photovoltaic requirements.

This bill exempts, until January 1, 2028, from the Solar Mandate, as part of the state's building standards, residential construction to repair or replace a residential building destroyed or damaged as a result of a disaster, where the Governor has declared a state of emergency, and instead requires residential construction to comply with the state's requirement for PV systems that were in effect at the time the building was originally constructed.

Status: Assembly-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

This bill would adopt an exemption, until January 1, 2028, from the California Building Energy Efficiency Standards solar ready and battery storage system installation requirements for residential buildings damaged or destroyed as a result of a disaster.

The solar ready requirement is an innovative and forward-leaning policy that requires new residential buildings to install a minimum amount of cost-effective solar PV capacity to reduce homeowner energy costs, improve energy resiliency and reduce GHG emissions.

Extending this exemption would nullify these positive outcomes and instead would increase homeowner energy costs. This exemption also undermines the energy resiliency of homes, especially those in high-fire risk areas, and increases GHG emissions. Further, this exemption is overly broad and would not assist those disaster victims who are the most disadvantaged.

AB-3111 (Calderon) - Distributed energy resources and aggregated distributed energy resources: reporting.

This bill requires as part of an application submitted for a permit to install or interconnect a distributed energy resources (DER) or an aggregated DER, notice to the CEC that contains specified information.

Status: Senate-Died – Appropriations

AB-3121 (Petrie-Norris) - Public utilities: incentive programs.

This bill proposes to require the CPUC to return specified funds to electric utility ratepayers from three existing utility ratepayer-funded programs.

Status: Senate-Died - Energy, Utilities and Communications

Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure

SB-59 (Skinner) - Battery electric vehicles: bidirectional capability.

This bill authorizes the CEC to require any class of BEV to be capable of bidirectional charging. This bill establishes various definitions regarding bidirectional charging and authorizes the CARB to modify those definitions as needed.

Status: Chapter 765, Statutes of 2024

Governor's Signing Message:

I am signing Senate Bill 59, which would authorize the CEC, in consultation with the CPUC and the CARB, to require any weight class of BEV to be bidirectional-capable if it determines there is a sufficiently compelling beneficial bidirectional-capable use case to the BEV operator and electric grid.

Bidirectional capabilities in BEVs have the potential to improve customer energy reliability, resiliency and demand management during electric grid stress events, while supporting our state's transition to zero-emission transportation. Achieving these outcomes requires close technical alignment between the BEV and bidirectional charging equipment that must also factor in vehicle standards generally, as well as electric rates and potential electric grid effects.

Given the technical complexities of bidirectional charging with BEVs, and the relationship between such standards and vehicle standards already set by CARB, I am directing the CEC to lean on the experience of the CPUC and CARB should it promulgate regulations pursuant to this bill to advance bidirectional-capable BEVs.

SB-233 (Skinner) - Electric vehicles and electric vehicle supply equipment: bidirectional capability.

This bill requires all EVs offered for sale to be capable of bidirectional charging, starting with the 2030 vehicle model year. This bill also requires the CEC to convene a stakeholder workgroup to examine challenges and opportunities associated with bidirectional charging.

Status: The author gutted and amended this bill to a Business and Professions issue.

SB-493 (Min) - Air pollution: alternative vehicles and electric and hydrogen infrastructure.

This bill requires the CEC to assess the energy resources needed to meet state goals to transition medium- and heavy-duty vehicles to ZEVs, and it requires the CARB to incorporate the CEC's assessments and a strategic plan for this transition into CARB's existing mobile source strategy.

Status: Senate-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message (see page 16)

SB-507 (Gonzalez) - Electric vehicle charging station infrastructure: assessments.

This bill expands the scope of information the CEC must consider when assessing the state's need for EV charging infrastructure.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

SB-529 (Gonzalez) - Electric vehicle sharing services: affordable housing facilities.

This bill requires the CEC to establish a program to fund EV car share sites at affordable housing facilities.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

SB-823 (Smallwood-Cuevas) - Discounted electric vehicle charging payment card competitive grant programs.

This bill requires the CEC to establish a program to provide specified low-to-moderate income EV drivers with discounted EV charging rates.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

SB-934 (Gonzalez) - Zero-emission freight infrastructure: interagency coordination: report.

This bill requires the CTC and the CEC to jointly convene the Zero-Emission Freight Central Delivery Team to lead the statewide coordination of zero-emission freight infrastructure planning and implementation.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

SB-1206 (Becker) - GO-Biz: next generation batteries.

This bill authorizes the GO-Biz to establish a battery manufacturing hub to research and develop specified battery technologies. This bill specifies that the hub will use existing federal funds, including federal production tax credits to provide in-state financing for battery development projects that comply with certain labor requirements, including the use of project labor agreements.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

AB-591 (Gabriel) - Electric vehicle service equipment: connectors and public accessibility.

This bill requires any installed or substantially retrofitted EV vehicle service equipment to be publicly accessible and include universal connectors.

Status: Senate-Died - Transportation

[AB-1349 \(Irwin\) - Electric vehicle charging station networks: data fields.](#)

This bill requires EV charger owners and operators that accept state grant funds to provide certain data about their chargers and charging network to third-party software developers for free, as specified.

Status: Senate-Died - Energy, Utilities and Communications

[AB-2427 \(McCarty\) - Electric vehicle charging stations: permitting: curbside charging.](#)

This bill requires a city or county to take specified actions regarding the permitting of EV charging stations in the public right-of-way.

Status: Chapter 567, Statutes of 2024

[AB-2697 \(Irwin\) - Transportation electrification: electric vehicle charging stations: network roaming standards.](#)

This bill clarifies the authority of the CEC to adopt roaming standards for EV charging networks for the purpose of enforcing the Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Open Access Act. This bill specifies that any roaming standards adopted by the CEC shall only apply to major EV charging network operators, and the standards must enable network managers to choose between different mechanisms to establish roaming agreements.

Status: Chapter 735, Statutes of 2024

[AB-2815 \(Petrie-Norris\) - Clean Transportation Program: electric vehicle chargers.](#)

This bill makes EV charger repairs or replacements eligible for funding from the Clean Transportation Program, subject to specified requirements.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

Energy Efficiency

[SB-394 \(Gonzalez\) - Master Plan for Healthy, Sustainable, and Climate-Resilient Schools.](#)

This bill requires the CEC, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to convene a group of agencies and stakeholders to develop a master plan for healthy, sustainable, and climate-resilient schools.

Status: Senate-Vetoed

[Governor's Veto Message \(see page 20\)](#)

[SB-755 \(Becker\) - Energy efficiency and building decarbonization programs.](#)

This bill requires the CEC to develop and make publicly available an internet website for energy efficiency and building decarbonization programs administered by the agency that are available in the state for residential buildings and residential electricity customers.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

[SB-795 \(Stern\) - Energy: building energy efficiency: heating, ventilation, and air conditioning equipment sale registry and compliance tracking system: electronic statewide compliance documentation data repository.](#)

This bill requires the CEC to establish online systems to track sales of HVAC equipment and track compliance documents required for HVAC and lighting control building standards.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

[SB-837 \(Archuleta\) - Energy: building energy standards: sealed and unvented attics.](#)

This bill requires the CEC to consider adopting building energy efficiency standards for unvented and sealed attics as part of the next cycle of building code development.

Status: Chapter 509, Statutes of 2023

[SB-1182 \(Gonzalez\) - Master Plan for Healthy, Sustainable, and Climate-Resilient Schools.](#)

This bill requires the CEC to convene specified stakeholders to develop a Master Plan for Healthy, Sustainable, and Climate-Resilient Schools by March 1, 2025.

Status: Senate-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message (see page 21)

[AB-691 \(Ting\) - Inefficient heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems at schools: report.](#)

This bill requires the CEC to submit a report to the Legislature by January 1, 2026, on impacts from schools' inefficient HVAC systems.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

[AB-3121 \(Petrie-Norris\) - Public utilities: incentive programs.](#)

This bill proposes to require the CPUC to return specified funds to utility ratepayers from three existing utility ratepayer-funded programs.

Status: Senate-Died - Energy, Utilities and Communications

Energy Storage

[SB-38 \(Laird\) - Battery energy storage facilities: emergency response and emergency action plans.](#)

This bill requires each battery energy storage facility located in the state, and subject to specified safety requirements, to have an emergency response plan and emergency action plan that covers the premises of the battery energy storage facility.

Status: Chapter 377, Statutes of 2023

[SB-851 \(Stern\) - Self-generation incentive program.](#)

This bill makes changes to the Self-generation incentive program and funding adopted in last year's budget to provide incentives for residential solar plus storage energy projects.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

[SB-1206 \(Becker\) - GO-Biz: next generation batteries.](#)

This bill authorizes the GO-Biz to establish a battery manufacturing hub to research and develop specified battery technologies. This bill specifies that the hub will use existing federal funds, including federal production tax credits to provide in-state financing for battery development projects that comply with certain labor requirements, including the use of project labor agreements.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

[SB-1508 \(Stern\) - Electricity: integrated resource plans: energy storage systems: modeling.](#)

This bill requires the CPUC to ensure that diverse energy storage duration classes are modeled, including long-duration energy storage and multiday energy storage.

Status: Assembly-Died – Appropriations

[AB-3121 \(Petrie-Norris\) - Public utilities: incentive programs.](#)

This bill proposes to require the CPUC to return specified funds to utility ratepayers from three existing utility ratepayer-funded programs.

Status: Senate-Died - Energy, Utilities and Communications

Hydrogen

[SB-493 \(Min\) - Air pollution: alternative vehicles and electric and hydrogen infrastructure.](#)

This bill requires the CEC to assess the energy resources needed to meet state goals to transition medium- and heavy-duty vehicles to ZEVs, and it requires the CARB to incorporate the CEC's assessments and a strategic plan for this transition into CARB's existing mobile source strategy.

Status: Senate-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message (see page 16)

[SB-501 \(Newman\) – Retail hydrogen refueling stations: reliability and service quality plan.](#)

This bill requires the CEC to develop a specified plan for improving hydrogen refueling stations' reliability, establish a process for ranking hydrogen stations by quality and performance, and this bill requires the CARB to use LCFS credits to create penalties and bonuses for low and high performing hydrogen stations.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

[SB-663 \(Archuleta\) - California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program: renewable hydrogen.](#)

This bill defines renewable hydrogen and adds renewable hydrogen as a renewable energy resource under the Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS). This bill also establishes criteria for renewable hydrogen acquired from a dedicated or on-site pipeline to meet RPS standards.

Status: Senate-Died

[SB-746 \(Eggman\) - Energy conservation contracts: alternate energy equipment: green hydrogen: Tri-Valley-San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority.](#)

This bill authorizes the Tri-Valley San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority to enter into contracts related to green electrolytic hydrogen.

Status: Chapter 410, Statutes of 2023

[SB-993 \(Becker\) - Clean energy development incentive rate tariff.](#)

This bill requires the CPUC to establish a tariff to encourage new, time-responsive electricity consumption to produce hydrogen and electrify high-heat industrial processes.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

SB-1018 (Becker) - Electricity.

This bill exempts certain entities selling solar and wind electrical generation from the definition of an “electrical corporation” if those entities provide electric generation solely over private lines exclusively for electrolytic hydrogen production and electrifying industrial heat processes.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

SB-1420 (Caballero) – Hydrogen production facilities: certification and environmental review.

This bill adds hydrogen production facilities and onsite storage and processing facilities, as specified, to the types of facilities that existing law makes eligible for centralized permitting and expedited review under the CEQA.

Status: Chapter 608, Statutes of 2024

Industrial Decarbonization

AB-2083 (Berman) - Industrial facilities’ heat application equipment and process emissions.

This bill requires the CEC to assess the potential for achieving an 85 percent reduction below 1990 levels in emissions from industrial heat application processes by January 1, 2045. This bill specifies evaluations that must be included in the CEC’s assessment and requires the CEC to submit its assessment to the Legislature by January 1, 2027.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

AB-2109 (Juan Carrillo) - Electricity: surcharge exemption: industrial process heat recovery.

The bill prohibits some non-bypassable or departing load surcharges on electricity utility bills from applying to a reduction in electricity usage due to an industrial customer’s application of industrial heat recovery technology meeting specified requirements.

Status: Chapter 700, Statutes of 2024

Integrated Resource Plan

SB-1508 (Stern) - Electricity: integrated resource plans: energy storage systems: modeling.

This bill requires the CPUC to ensure that diverse energy storage duration classes are modeled, including long-duration energy storage and multiday energy storage.

AB-2368 (Petrie-Norris) - System reliability and outages.

This bill makes changes to the RA program and IRP process at the CPUC in order to address challenges with electricity supply reliability.

Status: Chapter 713, Statutes of 2024

Miscellaneous

SB-506 (Laird) - Public Utilities Commission: railroads: colored pavements marking project.

This bill requires the CPUC to develop and implement a colored pavement markings project at one or more at-grade highway-railroad crossings, if authorized by federal law or regulation.

Status: Chapter 288, Statutes of 2023

SB-705 (Ashby) - Utility workers: harassment: public campaign.

This bill requires the CPUC to develop a public awareness campaign to discourage assault and harassment of utility workers.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

SB-1251 (Stern) - Mosquito abatement inspections.

This bill requires electric utilities to enter into an agreement with a mosquito abatement or vector control district within 180 days of receiving a request to allow the district to inspect utility vaults for mosquito and other pest infestations and issues.

Status: Chapter 464, Statutes of 2024

SB-1309 (Padilla) - Lithium Battery Production Council.

This bill requires the CEC to establish a Lithium Battery Production Council to analyze economic and infrastructure needs for lithium battery production.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

SB-1413 (Niello) - Year-round standard time: State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission: report.

This bill requires the CEC, on or before February 1, 2027, and upon appropriation by the Legislature, to prepare and submit a report to the Legislature assessing the near-term and long-term impacts of observing year-round standard time on energy demand and supply.

Status: Assembly-Died - Rules

[AB-1198 \(Grayson\) - GO-Biz: Energy Unit: equity.](#)

This bill requires the Energy Unit within the GO-Biz to identify non-ratepayer-funded energy resources, work with specified agencies to identify workforce development programs in California, provide recommendations on addressing barriers to access the energy industry resources, and write an annual report on its findings.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

[AB-1533 \(Committee on Utilities and Energy\) - Electricity.](#)

This bill is a code clean-up measure, which moves the statutory requirements for reports by the CPUC to a more suitable code section, sunsets CPUC reporting requirements on certain programs once the programs have ended, reintroduces provisions chaptered out in 2022, and provides code cleanup in various other sections.

Status: Chapter 353, Statutes of 2024

[AB-1569 \(Garcia\) - Salton Sea geothermal resource area: Lithium Valley Office of Development.](#)

This bill establishes a Lithium Valley Office of Development at the CEC, subject to legislative appropriation.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

Natural Gas

[SB-57 \(Gonzalez\) - Utilities: disconnection of residential service.](#)

This bill requires electric, gas, and water utilities to postpone the disconnection of a customer's residential service for nonpayment of a delinquent account when the temperature will be 32 degrees Fahrenheit or cooler, or 95 degrees Fahrenheit or warmer, within the utility's service area during the 24 hours after that service disconnection would occur.

Status: Senate-Died - Energy, Utilities and Communications

[SB-305 \(Stern\) - Aliso Canyon Recovery Account.](#)

This bill authorizes monies from the Aliso Canyon Recovery Account to be allocated to include mitigating impacts on public health in vulnerable communities.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

[SB-429 \(Bradford\) - Natural gas: customer credit.](#)

This bill requires investor-owned natural gas utilities to provide customers with an annual credit (known as the California Climate Credit) to coincide with the highest usage month, on or as close to the February utility billing cycle, as feasible.

Status: The author gutted and amended this bill to a Transportation Network Companies issue.

[SB-572 \(Stern\) – Natural gas: prices: report.](#)

This bill requires the CPUC to submit a report to the Legislature, by February 1, 2024, on the status, outcomes, and recommendations of the agency’s investigation into natural gas prices during winter 2022-23.

Status: The author gutted and amended this bill to a state property issue and Senator Smallwood-Cuevas as the new author.

[SB-720 \(Durazo\) - Gas corporations: applications and proceedings: employee organization participation.](#)

This bill requires specified treatment of employee organizations representing natural gas corporations within proceedings at the CPUC.

Status: Assembly-Died

[SB-781 \(Stern\) - Methane emissions: natural gas producing low methane emissions.](#)

This bill requires the CARB to establish a certification for low-methane emissions and encourage natural gas procurement on behalf of the state to shift to certified natural gas producing low methane emissions. It would also require CARB to collect specified information about limiting emissions from the natural gas supply chain and incorporate that data into existing analyses of GHG emissions from the natural gas supply system.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

[SB-1054 \(Rubio\) - Natural gas: customer credit.](#)

This bill requires the CPUC to require natural gas corporations to annually distribute GHG allowance revenues to residential customers, known as the Climate Credit

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

[SB-1210 \(Skinner\) - New housing construction: electrical, gas, sewer, and water service: service connection information.](#)

This bill requires electrical, gas, sewer, and water service utilities, with exceptions, to post estimated fees and timeframes for new service connections needed to connect new housing construction projects.

Status: Chapter 787, Statutes of 2024

[SB-1221 \(Min\) - Gas corporations: ceasing service: priority neighborhood decarbonization zones.](#)

This bill authorizes 30 pilot projects where cost-effective decarbonization of priority neighborhoods meeting specified criteria can be implemented, if the CPUC determines adequate substitute energy is available, among other requirements. The bill also requires specified mapping of the natural gas utility distribution system and requires the identification of priority decarbonization neighborhood zones, authorizes gas corporations to cease providing service within the 30 pilot projects, among other provisions.

Status: Chapter 602, Statutes of 2024

[SB-1237 \(Stern\) - Methane.](#)

This bill replaces references to “natural gas” in existing law with the word “methane.”

Status: Senate-Died - Energy, Utilities and Communications

[SB-1301 \(Stern\) - Natural gas: hydraulic models and hydraulic feasibility analyses.](#)

This bill requires natural gas utilities to make available to the CPUC all data required by the CPUC to develop hydraulic models and hydraulic feasibility analyses.

Status: Assembly-Died

[AB-678 \(Alvarez\) - Biomethane procurement targets or goals: core transport agents.](#)

This bill extends the authority of the CPUC to establish biomethane procurement targets on gas corporations to also include core transport agents – third-party natural gas providers.

Status: Chapter 339, Statutes of 2023

[AB-2666 \(Boerner\) - Public utilities: rate of return.](#)

This bill makes explicit the need for the CPUC to improve its frequency and review of forecasted costs by electric and gas utilities to better protect customers from increasing utility bills.

Status: Chapter 413, Statutes of 2024

[AB-3264 \(Petrie-Norris\) - Energy: cost framework: residential rates: demand-side management programs report: electrical transmission grid study.](#)

This bill includes a suite of proposals to help address energy costs. These include: requiring the CPUC to develop a framework to address energy costs from electricity, natural gas, gasoline, and propane; and requiring the CPUC to submit a study to the

Legislature on options to reduce costs on ratepayers of expanding the electrical transmission system.

Status: Chapter 762, Statutes of 2024

Net-Energy Metering

[SB-1374 \(Becker\) - Net energy metering.](#)

This bill makes changes to a November 2023 decision by the CPUC concerning the Net Energy Metering program, including the compensation treatment of electric utility customers of apartment buildings and public schools who install solar and other renewable generating facilities on the customer's side of the meter.

Status: Senate-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message ([see page 33](#))

Nuclear Power

[AB-1172 \(Calderon\) - Integrated energy policy report: fusion energy.](#)

This bill requires the CEC as part of its 2027 IEPR to include an assessment of the potential for fusion energy to contribute to California's power supply.

Status: Chapter 360, Statutes of 2023

[AJR-18 \(Davies\) - Spent nuclear fuel: storage.](#)

This resolution urges the U.S. Congress to prioritize fulfilling the federal government's legal and contractual obligation to provide a home for spent nuclear fuel currently stored at sites in California and 33 other states. Furthermore, this measure urges the U.S. Congress and the United States Department of Energy to take action to permit the relocation of the spent nuclear fuel in California and elsewhere to consolidated interim storage and ultimately a permanent repository.

Status: Chapter 179, Statutes of 2024

Offshore Wind

[SB-286 \(McGuire\) - Offshore wind energy projects.](#)

This bill establishes the California Offshore Wind Energy Fisheries Working Group to address offshore wind energy project impacts to certain fisheries and related interests, including the development of a statewide strategy to minimize impacts to ocean fisheries and providing for reasonable compensation to those affected, and requires the California Coastal Commission to process a consolidated coastal development permit

for new development associated with offshore wind energy projects and related transmission facilities, among other things.

Status: Chapter 386, Statutes of 2023

AB-3 (Zbur) - Offshore wind energy: reports.

This bill requires the CEC to: (1) develop a second-phase plan and strategy for seaport readiness, by December 31, 2026, that builds upon the recommendations and alternatives in the strategic plan for OSW energy developments that is due to the Legislature by June 30, 2023; and (2) conduct a study, by December 31, 2027, in consultation with the California Workforce Development Board, on the feasibility of achieving specified in-state assembly and manufacturing and federally specified domestic content thresholds for OSW energy.

Status: Chapter 314, Statutes of 2023

AB-2537 (Addis) - Energy: Voluntary Offshore Wind and Coastal Resources Protection Program: community capacity funding activities and grants.

This bill establishes the Offshore Wind Community Capacity Funding Grant Account for the purpose of building capacity within local communities and tribal communities to support engagement in the process of OSW energy development in California, and continuously appropriates the funding.

Status: Assembly-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

This bill would create the Offshore Wind Community Capacity Funding Grant Account for the purpose of building capacity within local and tribal communities to support engagement on OSW energy projects.

While I share the author's desire to ensure communities hosting OSW projects are resourced to constructively engage in their planning and development, this bill falls short of providing a viable funding stream to accomplish this very objective. I encourage the author and the OSW developers to collaborate further with communities to identify an approach that not only fosters capacity for engagement but considers community benefits from the development of these projects.

AB-3006 (Zbur) - Energy: offshore wind generation.

This bill amends the definition of "infrastructure" for purposes of the Governor's annual infrastructure plan to include port infrastructure for OSW energy development.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

Permitting and Environmental Review

SB-1165 (Padilla) - State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission: certification of facilities: electrical transmission facilities or projects.

This bill authorizes an electrical corporation that applies to the CPUC to authorize construction of a high voltage electrical transmission line, rated at 138 kV or greater, to apply to the CEC for certification of the facility pursuant to the CEQA, instead of the CPUC conducting the CEQA review. This bill provides that the CEC certification authorizes the project to be eligible for the CEQA judicial streamlining afforded to Environmental Leadership Development Projects and the CEC's "Opt-in" permitting process.

Status: Senate-Died – Appropriations

SB-1298 (Cortese) - Certification of thermal powerplants: data centers.

This bill authorizes the CEC to exempt a thermal powerplant with generation capacity up to 150 MW from the CEC's powerplant siting review if that powerplant is solely used as emergency backup power for a data center and certain conditions are met.

Status: Assembly-Died - Rules

AB-914 (Friedman) - Electrical infrastructure: California Environmental Quality Act: review time period.

This bill requires a two-year time period for a lead state agency to complete CEQA environmental review and approve or deny an application for an electrical infrastructure project.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

AB-3238 (Garcia) - California Environmental Quality Act: electrical infrastructure projects.

This bill, by January 1, 2030, exempts from the CEQA projects for the expansion of an existing public right-of-way across state owned land to accommodate the for specified electrical infrastructure projects. Exempts projects that expand existing public right-of-way across state-owned land to accommodate the construction, expansion, modification, or update of electrical infrastructure from CEQA until January 1, 2035. This bill would also designate the CPUC as the lead agency for purposes of CEQA for electrical infrastructure projects.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

AB-3246 (Garcia) - Electricity: permit to construct: advanced reconductoring: exemption.

This bill requires the CPUC, on or before January 1, 2026, to update a general order to provide specified exemption from the permit to construct process for advanced reconductoring transmission projects.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

Petroleum

SBX1-2 (Skinner) - Energy: transportation fuels: supply and pricing: maximum gross gasoline refining margin.

This bill proposes several policies to address gasoline supply and pricing, including authorizing the CEC to establish a maximum gross gasoline refining margin and penalty on gasoline sold by refiners in the state.

Status: Chapter 1, Statutes of 2023

SB-15 (Grove) - Oil imports: air quality emissions data.

This bill expresses the intent of the Legislature that the CEC monitor countries that export oil to California and identify human rights abuses and lower environmental standards for oil production than California. This bill requires the CARB to report GHG emissions data associated with oil transported in California and the Geologic Energy Management Division to make available air quality emissions data associated with the transportation of imported oil.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

SB-842 (Bradford) - Energy: petroleum refinery turnaround and maintenance.

This bill modifies and makes clarifying changes to the requirements on the CEC adopted as part of the First Extraordinary Session related to petroleum refinery turnarounds and scheduling of maintenance to protect the health and safety of employees and the public. ****Gut and Amend end of 2023 Session****

Status: Senate-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

This bill amends provisions of SB X1-2 (Skinner), enacted during the 2022-2023 Special Session on high gasoline prices, related to the CEC's development of regulations governing oil and gasoline refinery turnaround and maintenance. This bill would require the CEC to consult with the Department of Industrial Relations in addition to other entities already required by SB X1-2, and to consider the existing statutory process

safety management standards when evaluating ways to manage refinery maintenance.

I support the bill's intent to avoid any adverse impacts to the safety of employees and surrounding communities in the development of regulations. This is why SB X1-2 already provides several safeguards to that effect, including a requirement to consult with the State Labor and Workforce Development Agency and labor and industry stakeholders. It would be imprudent to sign this bill so soon after the effective date of SB X1-2 and before the CEC has fully contemplated implementation of the refinery maintenance portions of that law.

This has become more relevant than ever with the recent and somewhat sudden price increases of gasoline observed and shared publicly by our new Division of Petroleum Market Oversight created with the new authorities provided by SB X1-2. This bill could create a barrier to the CEC's ability to protect consumers from unnecessary gasoline price spikes caused by interruptions in petroleum supply.

[SB-950 \(Skinner\) - Energy: transportation fuels: inventories: turnaround and maintenance.](#)

This bill repeals the Independent Consumer Fuels Advisory Committee and instead would establish a six-member Expert Advisory Committee to advise the CEC and division, as provided. This bill requires four of the members of the committee to be appointed by the Governor, one member to be appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly, and one member to be appointed by the Senate Rules Committee. This bill, among other things, requires all members of the committee to either hold an academic appointment in, or demonstrate expertise of, economics or business operations of the transportation fuels market, and would prohibit all members of the committee from having been employed by, contracted with, or received direct compensation from, a company that produces, refines, distributes, trades in, markets, or sells any petroleum product in the preceding 12 months.

Status: Assembly-Died - Rules

[SB-983 \(Wahab\) - Energy: gasoline stations and alternative fuel infrastructure.](#)

This bill requires the CEC to convene an Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Taskforce, and it requires the task force to submit a report to the Legislature with recommendations for deploying alternative fuels infrastructure at existing gas stations.

Status: Senate-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message (see page 17)

SB-1087 (Grove) - Oil imports: air quality emissions data.

This bill requires the CARB to conduct specified annual assessments about the GHG emissions associated with the transportation of oil in California.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

ABX2-1 (Hart) - Energy: transportation fuels: inventories: turnaround and maintenance.

This bill proposes changes to SB X1-2 (Skinner, Chapter 1, First Extraordinary Session) including authorizing the CEC, by regulation, to develop and impose requirements for refiners operating in the state to maintain minimum levels of inventories of refined transportation fuels meeting California specifications, including any feedstocks and blending components, as specified. The bill would prohibit the CEC from applying a minimum inventory requirement to a refiner in a manner that would be met only by the construction of additional storage infrastructure. The bill would repeal these provisions on January 1, 2033.

Status: Chapter 1, Statutes of 2024

Governor's Signing Message:

I am signing Assembly Bill 1 of the Second Extraordinary Session, which addresses the problem of gas price spikes in California by giving the CEC tools to require that gasoline refiners responsibly plan ahead for maintenance by backfilling supplies and maintain a minimum inventory of gasoline and fuel components to be prepared for unexpected shortages.

I applaud the members of the Senate and Assembly who studied this proposal thoroughly during a special legislative session. Amendments to the bill, which were developed in partnership between my Administration and the Legislature, emphasize the need for any regulations adopted by the CEC to protect the health and safety of employees, local communities, and the public. They preserve existing standards and rules that protect refinery workers, including rules granting them the authority to provide emergency refinery shutdowns and maintenance when needed for safety.

Underscoring the importance of these workforce protections, I am directing the CEC to include in any regulations adopted under this bill a provision that expressly provides an emergency-circumstances exception, such that new requirements developed under this bill would not interfere with emergency shutdowns or subsequent maintenance or turnaround work needed to ensure public and worker safety.

Additionally, I am signing this bill because the state's experts and independent experts agree that providing for a more stable gasoline supply in California will prevent price

spikes and benefit consumers overall. I am directing the CEC to ensure that consumer benefit and worker safety are also priorities with respect to the transition to any new regulations adopted under this bill, and that implementation timelines are properly calibrated to avoid unintended consequences.

[ABX2-9 \(Petrie-Norris\) - Transportation fuels: specifications: production enhancement strategies.](#)

This bill requires the CARB to ensure that the multimedia evaluation of gasoline containing up to 15 percent ethanol by volume conducted as part of the provisions related to motor vehicle fuel specification is completed, and ready for review by the California Environmental Policy Council, on or before July 1, 2025. This bill authorizes the state board to adopt a schedule of fees, not to exceed a total amount collected of \$5,000,000 over three years, to cover all or a portion of the state board's reasonable costs associated with the development, implementation, and enforcement of a specification for a blend of gasoline that contains more than 10 percent and up to 15 percent ethanol by volume for use as a transportation fuel, as provided.

Status: Senate-Died

[AB-1614 \(Gabriel\) – Retail gasoline fueling stations: alternative fuels transition: study.](#)

This bill requires the CEC to conduct a study on transitioning gas stations from petroleum to alternative fuels upon appropriation by the Legislature.

Status: Assembly-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message (see page 18)

[AB-3264 \(Petrie-Norris\) - Energy: cost framework: residential rates: demand-side management programs report: electrical transmission grid study.](#)

This bill includes a suite of proposals to help address energy costs. These include: requiring the CPUC to develop a framework to address energy costs from electricity, natural gas, gasoline, and propane; and requiring the CPUC to submit a study to the Legislature on options to reduce costs on ratepayers of expanding the electrical transmission system.

Status: Chapter 762, Statutes of 2024

Rates and Low-income Assistance

[SB-3 \(Dodd\) - Discontinuation of residential water service: covered water system.](#)

This bill eliminates the exemption for water systems that serve less than 200 service connections (but at least 15 service connections) from statutes and policies related to the water service shutoffs due to nonpayment.

Status: Chapter 855, Statutes of 2023

[SB-57 \(Gonzalez\) - Utilities: disconnection of residential service.](#)

This bill requires electric, gas, and water utilities to postpone the disconnection of a customer's residential service for nonpayment of a delinquent account when the temperature will be 32 degrees Fahrenheit or cooler, or 95 degrees Fahrenheit or warmer, within the utility's service area during the 24 hours after that service disconnection would occur.

Status: Senate-Died - Energy, Utilities and Communications

[SB-355 \(Eggman\) - Multifamily Affordable Housing Solar Roofs Program.](#)

This bill makes changes to the SOMAH Program, including expanding the eligibility for the program in order to increase participation.

Status: Chapter 393, Statutes of 2023

[SB-754 \(Alvarado-Gil\) - Communications: California High-Cost Fund-A Administrative Committee Fund program.](#)

This bill clarifies rate-making requirements for small independent telephone corporations to prohibit the CPUC from incorporating broadband revenues in calculations for telephone corporation rates.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

[SB-823 \(Smallwood-Cuevas\) - Discounted electric vehicle charging payment card competitive grant programs.](#)

This bill requires the CEC to establish a program to provide specified low-to-moderate income EV drivers with discounted EV charging rates.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

[SB-938 \(Min\) - Electrical and gas corporations: rate recovery: political activities and advertising.](#)

This bill expands the types of activities an electrical or gas corporation is prohibited from recovering in rates by expanding the definitions of political activities and advertising,

and requires specified reporting of related activities. This bill also requires the CPUC to assess specified civil penalties for any violations of the proposed prohibition and require $\frac{3}{4}$ of the monies to be deposited in a new Zero-Emission Equity Fund within the State Treasury.

Status: Senate-Died - Energy, Utilities and Communications

[SB-993 \(Becker\) - Clean energy development incentive rate tariff.](#)

This bill requires the CPUC to establish a tariff to encourage new, time-responsive electricity consumption to produce hydrogen and electrify high-heat industrial processes.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

[SB-1003 \(Dodd\) - Electricity: wildfire mitigation.](#)

This bill requires electrical corporations to take into account the amount of wildfire risk reduction for both the cost-effectiveness and time value of the proposed mitigation measure within the utility's wildfire mitigation plan.

Status: Assembly-Died

[SB-1054 \(Rubio\) - Natural gas: customer credit.](#)

This bill requires the CPUC to require natural gas corporations to annually distribute GHG allowance revenues to residential customers, known as the Climate Credit

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

[SB-1118 \(Eggman\) - Solar on Multifamily Affordable Housing Program.](#)

This bill exempts property that is owned by a tribe from the requirement in the existing SOMAH Program that the property must be "deed restricted" affordable housing, under specified conditions.

Status: Senate-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message ([see page 32](#))

[SB-1130 \(Bradford\) - Electricity: Family Electric Rate Assistance program.](#)

This bill expands eligibility for an existing electric utility bill discount program to households with fewer than three members and requires specified reporting by electrical corporations about enrollment in the program.

Status: Chapter 457, Statutes of 2024

[SB-1142 \(Menjivar\) - Electrical and gas corporations: restoration and termination of services.](#)

This bill proposes policies related to disconnection of electric and gas utility service, including requiring the CPUC, on or before July 1, 2025, to determine whether to direct

electrical and gas corporations to take into account a customer's ability to pay before terminating or reconnecting services.

Status: Chapter 600, Statutes of 2024

SB-1148 (Blakespear) - Electrical service: master meters.

This bill authorizes the use of master meters for electrical service by exempting: (1) multifamily sites with specified solar and battery storage; and (2) any building owned or operated by a local government, institution of higher education, private school, or religious institution from the state requirement that every residential unit be individually metered for electrical service.

Status: Senate-Died - Energy, Utilities and Communications

SB-1210 (Skinner) - New housing construction: electrical, gas, sewer, and water service: service connection information.

This bill requires electrical, gas, sewer, and water service utilities, with exceptions, to post estimated fees and timeframes for new service connections needed to connect new housing construction projects.

Status: Chapter 787, Statutes of 2024

SB-1292 (Bradford) - Electricity: fixed charges: report.

This bill requires the CPUC, by January 1, 2028, but no sooner than two years after the adoption of the income-graduated fixed charge for default residential rates for electricity by electrical corporations, to submit a report to the relevant policy committees of both houses of the Legislature. This bill also prohibits the CPUC from authorizing a second phase income-graduated fixed charge until 30 days after the report has been provided to the Legislature.

Status: Senate-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

This bill requires the CPUC to evaluate the implementation and impact of the recently adopted income-graduated fixed charge (IGFC) for residential electricity rates. The bill requires the CPUC to submit a detailed report to the Legislature by January 1, 2028, with the earliest submission date being May 2026, and prohibits the CPUC from authorizing any new residential fixed charges until 30 days after the report has been provided to the Legislature.

In 2022, the Legislature passed Assembly Bill 205, directing the CPUC to, following certain guidelines, develop an IGFC as part of the default residential rate tariff in private electric utility territories by July 1, 2024. The IGFC was carefully designed to allocate the costs of developing and maintaining electric infrastructure that benefits all

customers more equitably, while lowering the volumetric rate for electricity. This is a rate design feature common in many California publicly-owned utility territories throughout the state and for many electric utilities throughout the country. Once fully implemented, the IGFC will improve electric bill affordability and encourage further electrification of the state's building and transportation sectors, which are increasingly powered by clean electricity.

While I support this bill's requirement for the CPUC to evaluate the impact of the IGFC, I am concerned about placing unwarranted limitations on the CPUC's authority to adjust it once fully enacted. In addition, the CPUC already established a process for the evaluation of the IGFC as part of its May 2024 Decision.

[SB-1312 \(Nguyen\) - Electricity: fixed charges.](#)

This bill repeals provisions relating to fixed charges and rate increases adopted by AB 205 (Committee on Budget, Chapter 61, Statutes of 2022).

Status: Senate-Died - Energy, Utilities and Communications

[SB-1314 \(Nguyen\) - Electricity: fixed charges.](#)

This bill repeals provisions relating to fixed charges and rate increases adopted by AB 205 (Committee on Budget, Chapter 61, Statutes of 2022).

Status: Senate-Died - Energy, Utilities and Communications

[SB-1326 \(Jones\) - Electricity: fixed charges.](#)

This bill repeals the provisions adopted in AB 205 (Committee on Budget, Chapter 61, Statutes of 2022) which requires the CPUC to implement an income-graduated fixed charge for electric IOU rates, and replaces with the language that existed prior to the passage of AB 205, which authorized and capped fixed charges.

Status: Senate-Died - Energy, Utilities and Communications

[SB-1480 \(Allen\) - Low-Income Oversight Board: membership and duties.](#)

This bill expands the duties and membership of the Low-Income Oversight Board at the CPUC and requires the CPUC to modify eligibility requirements and establish a new enrollment process for low-income water, energy, and telecommunications assistance programs.

Status: Senate-Died – Appropriations

[AB-604 \(Lee\) - Mobilehome parks: water utility charges.](#)

This bill proposes to clarify the charges and fees that can be assessed by management of mobilehome parks that elect to provide submetered water service to tenants, and

clarifies they are subject to a requirement that they charge proportional rates, under the limitations of the Mobilehome Residency Law.

Status: Chapter 807, Statutes of 2023

[AB-2054 \(Bauer-Kahan\) - Energy: employment, gifts, and rates.](#)

This bill authorizes the CPUC to allocate between ratepayers and shareholders any costs recorded in a balancing account above an authorized forecast. Additionally requires all proposed IOU wildfire spending to include a cost-benefit analysis with at least one credible alternative. The bill also prohibits leadership at the CPUC, PAO, and CEC from receiving gifts or employment (for at least one year) by any entity subject to regulation by their body.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

[AB-2109 \(Juan Carrillo\) - Electricity: surcharge exemption: industrial process heat recovery.](#)

The bill prohibits some non-bypassable or departing load surcharges on electricity utility bills from applying to a reduction in electricity usage due to an industrial customer's application of industrial heat recovery technology meeting specified requirements.

Status: Chapter 700, Statutes of 2024

[AB-2462 \(Calderon\) - Public Utilities Commission: written reports: energy.](#)

This bill requires additional information in an existing annual report regarding costs of electricity utility bills, including requiring the CPUC to identify how current rate trends affect households across their energy uses.

Status: Chapter 569, Statutes of 2024

[AB-2666 \(Boerner\) - Public utilities: rate of return.](#)

This bill makes explicit the need for the CPUC to improve its frequency and review of forecasted costs by electric and gas utilities to better protect customers from increasing utility bills.

Status: Chapter 413, Statutes of 2024

[AB-2672 \(Petrie-Norris\) - California Alternate Rates for Energy program: public housing authority owned or administered Homekey housing facilities.](#)

This bill requires the CPUC to extend a low-income energy utility rate assistance program to include public housing authority owned or administered Homekey housing facilities.

Status: Chapter 732, Statutes of 2024

AB-2847 (Addis) - Electrical and gas corporations: capital expenditures: request for authorization or recovery.

This bill requires electrical and gas corporations in their request for capital expenditures to provide their best estimation of the impact of the proposed expenditures on the utility's authorized revenue for each year of the life of the capital asset.

Status: Chapter 578, Statutes of 2024

AB-3121 (Petrie-Norris) - Public utilities: incentive programs.

This bill proposes to require the CPUC to return specified funds to utility ratepayers from three existing utility ratepayer-funded programs.

Status: Senate-Died - Energy, Utilities and Communications

AB-3256 (Irwin) - Memorandum and balancing accounts: audits: reports to the Legislature.

This bill requires the CPUC to conduct a comprehensive audit, with specified criteria, of each wildfire- or emergency-related memorandum accounts and balancing accounts of each electrical corporation on or before July 1, 2025, or, on or before January 1, 2027, if the CPUC is unable to review all those accounts by July 1, 2025, as provided.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

AB-3263 (Calderon) - Electrical corporations: financing orders.

This bill explicitly authorizes electrical corporations to finance categories of costs that would be recovered through a fixed charge on customers' electric utility bills, including costs for vegetation management and other operational and maintenance expenses related to wildfire mitigation, and costs stemming from a state or federal emergency declaration. This bill also authorizes an application for vegetation management submitted by a large electrical corporation for recovery bonds to include costs that have already been recovered from customers.

Status: Assembly-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

This bill pre-authorizes private electric utilities to finance and securitize categories of costs that would be recovered through a volumetric charge on customers' electric utility bills, including costs for vegetation management and other operational and maintenance expenses related to wildfire mitigation, and costs stemming from a state or federal emergency declaration. This bill also pre-authorizes a private electric utility to issue recovery bonds for vegetation management expenses.

I share the author's concern about the pace of increasing electric costs and its impact on customer electric rates and bills. Managing these costs and ensuring affordable

electric bills for all customers is essential for electrifying our economy with clean energy resources and meeting the everyday energy needs of Californians. This is why I am deeply committed to advancing efforts both administratively and in partnership with the Legislature over the next several years.

While the premise of this bill aligns with efforts to ensure electric bill affordability, I am concerned that this bill attempts to circumvent the CPUC's existing authority to review and authorize the financing and securitization of certain electric cost categories. In addition, allowing the pre-authorization of bonds to finance private utility yearly expenses, including but not limited to vegetation management expenses, may reduce electric rates and bills marginally in the near-term, but could ultimately lead to higher electric rates and bills for ratepayers in the medium-term, unless the financing costs are offset through other means.

[AB-3264 \(Petrie-Norris\) - Energy: cost framework: residential rates: demand-side management programs report: electrical transmission grid study.](#)

This bill includes a suite of proposals to help address energy costs. These include: requiring the CPUC to develop a framework to address energy costs from electricity, natural gas, gasoline, and propane; and requiring the CPUC to submit a study to the Legislature on options to reduce costs on ratepayers of expanding the electrical transmission system.

Status: Chapter 762, Statutes of 2024

Related Bills Not Referred to SEUC

[SB-59 \(Skinner\) - Battery electric vehicles: bidirectional capability.](#)

This bill authorizes the CEC to require any class of BEV to be capable of bidirectional charging. This bill establishes various definitions regarding bidirectional charging and authorizes the CARB to modify those definitions as needed.

Status: Chapter 765, Statutes of 2024

Governor's Signing Message (see page 36):

[SB-424 \(Durazo\) - The Broadband Infrastructure Grant Account and Federal Funding Account.](#)

This bill requires the CPUC to ensure that recipients of broadband infrastructure grants offer a low-cost broadband service option in their grant project areas; to award up to \$1 billion in broadband infrastructure grants by January 1, 2025; and to align requirements of existing broadband infrastructure grant programs.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

[SB-842 \(Bradford\) - Energy: petroleum refinery turnaround and maintenance.](#)

This bill modifies and makes clarifying changes to the requirements on the CEC adopted as part of the extraordinary session related to petroleum refinery turnarounds and scheduling of maintenance to protect the health and safety of employees and the public. **Gut and Amend end of 2023 Session**

Status: Senate-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message (see page 50)

[SB-950 \(Skinner\) - Energy: transportation fuels: inventories: turnaround and maintenance.](#)

This bill repeals the Independent Consumer Fuels Advisory Committee and instead would establish a six-member Expert Advisory Committee to advise the CEC and division, as provided. This bill requires four of the members of the committee to be appointed by the Governor, one member to be appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly, and one member to be appointed by the Senate Rules Committee. This bill would, among other things, requires all members of the committee to either hold an academic appointment in, or demonstrate expertise of, economics or business operations of the transportation fuels market, and would prohibit all members of the committee from having been employed by, contracted with, or received direct compensation from, a company that produces, refines, distributes, trades in, markets, or sells any petroleum product in the preceding 12 months.

Status: Assembly-Died - Rules

[AB-2427 \(McCarty\) - Electric vehicle charging stations: permitting: curbside charging.](#)

This bill requires a city or county to take specified actions regarding the permitting of EV charging stations in the public right-of-way.

Status: Chapter 567, Statutes of 2024

Reliability and Resource Adequacy

[SB-664 \(Stern\) - Energy: reliability planning assessment: integrated energy policy report.](#)

This bill requires the CEC to include extreme weather events within the existing energy demand forecasts and, as part of an existing assessment with the CPUC, include

specified reporting on the status of electric infrastructure projects and the contracting of fossil fuel resources as part of a statewide program for electricity supply reliability.

Status: Senate-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

This bill would require the CEC and the CPUC to include in their quarterly Joint Reliability Planning Assessment status updates on transmission projects, energy infrastructure projects, and the use of fossil fuels as part of the Strategic Reliability Reserve, and to post this information online.

While I support the author's attempt to daylight the development and use of specific energy infrastructure, this bill is redundant of existing efforts and duplicates requirements in other bills that I recently signed. To achieve our clean energy and climate goals, we must ensure that the relevant agencies' planning and reporting efforts are coordinated and aligned. Unfortunately, this bill does not achieve that objective.

[SB-1311 \(Stern\) - Energy: reliability planning assessment: integrated energy policy report.](#)

This bill requires the CEC to include extreme weather events within the existing energy demand forecasts and, as part of an existing assessment with the CPUC, include specified reporting on the status of electric infrastructure projects and the contracting of fossil fuel resources as part of a statewide program for electricity supply reliability.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

[AB-1061 \(Rendon\) - Electricity Supply Strategic Reliability Reserve Program.](#)

This bill requires, expressly, facilities constructed by DWR or under a contract with the DWR for purposes of the Electric Supply Strategic Reliability Reserve Program (ESSRRP) to comply with regulations regarding mandatory reporting of GHG emissions and compliance with the cap-and-trade program to reduce GHGs.

Status: Chapter 558, Statutes of 2023

[AB-1834 \(Garcia\) - Resource adequacy: Electricity Supply Strategic Reliability Reserve Program.](#)

This bill adjusts the requirements on local electric publicly owned utilities (POUs) and load-serving entities (LSEs) in meeting their capacity payments to the ESSRRP and makes other changes to AB 1373 (E. Garcia, Chapter 367, Statutes of 2023).

Status: Assembly-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

This bill would modify the capacity payment mechanism used to reimburse the ESSRRP by local electric POU and LSEs if they fall short in meeting their capacity procurement obligations. In addition, this bill would change POU payments for voluntary participation in the Department of Water Resources Central Procurement Function.

Last year, my Administration sponsored Assembly Bill 1373 (Garcia, 2023), which, among other things, created the capacity payment mechanism for the Strategic Reserve and Central Procurement Function. This mechanism is intended to prevent POU and LSE dependence on the ESSRRP when they fall short of meeting their capacity obligations. In addition, the Central Procurement Function was purposefully and precisely designed to provide a back-stop option for needed, long-lead time, diverse clean energy resources to achieve California's 100 percent clean electricity goal.

While I appreciate the author's intent to adjust the requirements to address additional feedback from POU, I am concerned that the changes proposed in this bill are not only premature, but are counter to the objective of the capacity payment mechanism and its use in maintaining electric supply reliability. I am also cautious to make any changes to the Central Procurement Function, considering that the CPUC only recently initiated the use of this function. Any changes to its governing statute should be carefully considered and evaluated before they advance.

[AB-2368 \(Petrie-Norris\) - System reliability and outages.](#)

This bill makes changes to the RA program and IRP process at the CPUC in order to address challenges with electricity supply reliability.

Status: Chapter 713, Statutes of 2024

Renewable Energy and Zero-Carbon Resources

[SB-286 \(McGuire\) - Offshore wind energy projects.](#)

This bill establishes the California Offshore Wind Energy Fisheries Working Group to address offshore wind energy project impacts to certain fisheries and related interests, including the development of a statewide strategy to minimize impacts to ocean fisheries and providing for reasonable compensation to those affected, and requires the California Coastal Commission to process a consolidated coastal development permit for new development associated with offshore wind energy projects and related transmission facilities, among other things.

Status: Chapter 386, Statutes of 2023

[SB-488 \(Alvarado-Gil\) - California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program: bioenergy projects: community choice aggregators.](#)

This bill authorizes the cumulative rated generating capacity to be procured from bioenergy projects regardless of when the projects commence operations. This bill also authorizes a CCA to procure, subject to terms of at least five years, any portion of a local publicly owned electric utility's required proportionate share of 125 MW of cumulative rated generating capacity from bioenergy projects that was not procured because of the exemption described above. This bill requires the CPUC to ensure that the costs of any contract procured by a CCA are recoverable, as specified.

Status: Senate-Died - Energy, Utilities and Communications

[SB-663 \(Archuleta\) - California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program: renewable hydrogen.](#)

This bill defines renewable hydrogen and adds renewable hydrogen as a renewable energy resource under the RPS. This bill also establishes criteria for renewable hydrogen acquired from a dedicated or on-site pipeline to meet RPS standards.

Status: Senate-Died

[SB-664 \(Stern\) - Energy: reliability planning assessment: integrated energy policy report.](#)

This bill requires the CEC to include extreme weather events within the existing energy demand forecasts and, as part of an existing assessment with the CPUC, include specified reporting on the status of electric infrastructure projects and the contracting of fossil fuel resources as part of a statewide program for electricity supply reliability.

Status: Senate-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message (see page 61)

[SB-688 \(Padilla\) - Agrivoltaic systems: grant funding.](#)

This bill requires the CEC, upon appropriation, to award grants for agrivoltaic systems – solar energy systems on agricultural land – as specified.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

[SB-993 \(Becker\) - Clean energy development incentive rate tariff.](#)

This bill requires the CPUC to establish a tariff to encourage new, time-responsive electricity consumption to produce hydrogen and electrify high-heat industrial processes.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

SB-1018 (Becker) - Electricity.

This bill exempts certain entities selling solar and wind electrical generation from the definition of an “electrical corporation” if those entities provide electric generation solely over private lines exclusively for electrolytic hydrogen production and electrifying industrial heat processes.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

SB-1305 (Stern) - Electricity: virtual power plant procurement.

This bill requires the CPUC, on or before March 1, 2026, to begin a proceeding to determine targets for each electrical corporation to procure generation from cost-effective virtual power plants, and would require the CPUC, on or before October 1, 2026, to finalize its proceeding and issue a decision adopting virtual power plant procurement targets to be achieved by each electrical corporation on or before December 31, 2028, and on or before December 31, 2033. This bill, upon the CPUC adopting virtual power plant procurement targets, require each electrical corporation, beginning January 30, 2028, and each year thereafter, to file a report with the CPUC on its progress toward complying with the virtual power plant procurement targets.

Status: Senate-Died - Energy, Utilities and Communications

SB-1351 (Padilla) - Electricity: state policy.

This bill requires the CPUC, the CEC, and CARB, in consultation with all California balancing authorities, by January 1, 2026, to issue a report to the Legislature that contains a clean energy infrastructure development plan setting out the infrastructure and processes necessary for the state to accomplish its clean energy goals.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

AB-3 (Zbur) - Offshore wind energy: reports.

This bill requires the CEC to: (1) develop a second-phase plan and strategy for seaport readiness, by December 31, 2026, that builds upon the recommendations and alternatives in the strategic plan for OSW energy developments that is due to the Legislature by June 30, 2023 (but has not been issued); and (2) conduct a study, by December 31, 2027, in consultation with the California Workforce Development Board, on the feasibility of achieving specified in-state assembly and manufacturing and federally specified domestic content thresholds for OSW energy.

Status: Chapter 314, Statutes of 2023

AB-1373 (Garcia) - Energy.

This bill makes numerous changes to electricity policy, most notably, authorizes the DWR to serve as a central procurement entity to procure energy resources in order to help the state meet its renewable and zero-carbon energy resources and reliability

goals should the CPUC identify a specific procurement need and make a request of DWR. This bill also includes numerous related and additional provisions.

Status: Chapter 367, Statutes of 2023

[AB-1921 \(Papan\) - Energy: renewable electrical generation facilities: definition.](#)

This bill adds linear generators using renewable fuels to the definition of “renewable electrical generation facility.”

Status: Chapter 556, Statutes of 2024

[AB-2537 \(Addis\) - Energy: Voluntary Offshore Wind and Coastal Resources Protection Program: community capacity funding activities and grants.](#)

This bill establishes the Offshore Wind Community Capacity Funding Grant Account for the purpose of building capacity within local communities and tribal communities to support engagement in the process of OSW energy development in California, and continuously appropriates the funding.

Status: Assembly-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message (see page 48)

[AB-2661 \(Soria\) - Electricity: Westlands Water District.](#)

This bill allows the Westlands Water District (Westlands) to generate solar PV electricity and construct necessary facilities, including transmission lines and energy storage.

Status: Chapter 573, Statutes of 2024

[AB-2750 \(Gallagher\) - Electricity: procurement: generation from biomass.](#)

This bill extends bioenergy procurement requirement from December 1, 2023 to July 1, 2025 and authorizes an electric utility to contract with a biomass energy facility that is located in an air district that voluntarily opts for a severe or extreme air quality nonattainment status.

Status: Chapter 575, Statutes of 2024

Research & Mandated Studies

[SB-572 \(Stern\) – Natural gas: prices: report.](#)

This bill requires the CPUC to submit a report to the Legislature, by February 1, 2024, on the status, outcomes, and recommendations of the agency’s investigation into natural gas prices during winter 2022-23.

Status: The author gutted and amended this bill to a state property issue and Senator Smallwood-Cuevas as the new author.

[SB-664 \(Stern\) - Energy: reliability planning assessment: integrated energy policy report.](#)

This bill requires the CEC to include extreme weather events within the existing energy demand forecasts and, as part of an existing assessment with the CPUC, include specified reporting on the status of electric infrastructure projects and the contracting of fossil fuel resources as part of a statewide program for electricity supply reliability.

Status: Senate-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message (see page 61)

[SB-688 \(Padilla\) - Agrivoltaic systems: grant funding.](#)

This bill requires the CEC, upon appropriation, to award grants for agrivoltaic systems – solar energy systems on agricultural land – as specified.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

[SB-1413 \(Niello\) - Year-round standard time: State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission: report.](#)

This bill requires the CEC, on or before February 1, 2027, and upon appropriation by the Legislature, to prepare and submit a report to the Legislature assessing the near-term and long-term impacts of observing year-round standard time on energy demand and supply.

Status: Assembly-Died - Rules

[AB-1912 \(Pacheco\) – Electricity and natural gas: legislation imposing mandated programs and requirements: third-party review.](#)

This bill authorizes a third-party review of pending legislation, upon request, that could affect electric utility rates. This bill requires collection of funds from the shareholders of electric IOUs to pay for the assessments, thereby creating a tax.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

[AB-2462 \(Calderon\) - Public Utilities Commission: written reports: energy.](#)

This bill requires additional information in an existing annual report regarding costs of electricity utility bills, including requiring the CPUC to identify how current rate trends affect households across their energy uses.

Status: Chapter 569, Statutes of 2024

[AB-3264 \(Petrie-Norris\) - Energy: cost framework: residential rates: demand-side management programs report: electrical transmission grid study.](#)

This bill includes a suite of proposals to help address energy costs. These include: requiring the CPUC to develop a framework to address energy costs from electricity, natural gas, gasoline, and propane; and requiring the CPUC to submit a study to the Legislature on options to reduce costs on ratepayers of expanding the electrical transmission system.

Status: Chapter 762, Statutes of 2024

Safety

[SB-705 \(Ashby\) - Utility workers: harassment: public campaign.](#)

This bill requires the CPUC to develop a public awareness campaign to discourage assault and harassment of utility workers.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

[AB-3062 \(Bauer-Kahan\) - Fire protection districts: electrical corporations and local publicly owned electric utilities: prescribed or controlled burns: notice requirements.](#)

This bill authorizes a fire protection district to require electric utilities to notify the district at least 24 hours before performing a prescribed or controlled burn.

Status: Chapter 753, Statutes of 2024

Supplier Diversity

[SB-1177 \(Bradford\) - Public utilities: women, minority, disabled veteran, and LGBT business enterprises.](#)

This bill requires utilities with California gross annual revenues exceeding \$25 million to file diversity, equity and inclusion employment plans and adds specified information that must be included in annual reports regarding diverse supplier expenditures.

Status: Chapter 784, Statutes of 2024

Telecommunications

[SB-754 \(Alvarado-Gil\) - Communications: California High-Cost Fund-A Administrative Committee Fund program.](#)

This bill clarifies rate-making requirements for small independent telephone corporations to prohibit the CPUC from incorporating broadband revenues in calculations for telephone corporation rates.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

[AB-1588 \(Wilson\) – State and federal lifeline programs: eligible telecommunications carrier designations: expedited process.](#)

This bill makes various changes to law to allow the CPUC to use funds from the California Lifeline program to fund subsidies for broadband service. This bill also expands the CPUC's authority to assess various surcharges by expanding the number of telecommunications lines subject to a surcharge, deleting existing law that sets the basis for applying these surcharges, and authorizes the CPUC to set its own methodology for calculating and collecting these surcharges.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

[AB-1826 \(Holden\) – Digital Infrastructure and Video Competition Act of 2024.](#)

This bill makes various modifications to cable franchise requirements to expand the authority of the CPUC to regulate cable video services. This bill also modifies cable franchise application and renewal processes to require public hearings before the issuance or renewal of a cable franchise and raises local fines for violations of certain customer service requirements.

Status: Senate-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message (see page 25):

[AB-2765 \(Pellerin\) - Public Utilities Commission: reports: telecommunications service: backup electricity.](#)

This bill requires the CPUC to annually report to the Governor and Legislature on audits and inspections of telecommunications providers' compliance with CPUC backup power requirements.

Status: Chapter 740, Statutes of 2024

[AB-2797 \(McKinnor\) - Telephone corporations: carriers of last resort: tariffs.](#)

This bill specifies the conditions under which an existing telecommunications Carrier of Last Resort can terminate its obligations to provide basic telephone service in certain parts of the state.

Status: Senate-Died - Energy, Utilities and Communications

[AB-2905 \(Low\) - Telecommunications: automatic dialing-announcing devices: artificial voices.](#)

This bill requires autodialing devices to notify consumers if a pre-recorded message uses an artificial voice.

Status: Chapter 316, Statutes of 2024

Telecommunications Facilities and Infrastructure

[AB-965 \(Juan Carrillo\) - Local government: broadband permit applications.](#)

This bill establishes requirements for local governments to process batched permits for broadband infrastructure.

Status: Chapter 553, Statutes of 2023

[AB-2765 \(Pellerin\) - Public Utilities Commission: reports: telecommunications service: backup electricity.](#)

This bill requires the CPUC to annually report to the Governor and Legislature on audits and inspections of telecommunications providers' compliance with CPUC backup power requirements.

Status: Chapter 740, Statutes of 2024

Telecommunications Universal Service Programs

[SB-860 \(Bradford\) - Office of Broadband and Digital Literacy: outreach.](#)

This bill requires the CDT Office of Broadband and Digital Literacy to conduct outreach to increase awareness about broadband subsidy programs and improve broadband adoption.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

[SB-1179 \(Durazo\) - Affordable Internet and Net Equality Act of 2024.](#)

This bill requires the CDT, in coordination with the CPUC and the Department of General Services, to develop and establish the Net Equality Program. This bill requires the state and state agencies to only enter into a procurement contract with an ISP doing business in California that offers affordable home internet service to all eligible households, as specified.

Status: Senate-Died - Governmental Organization

SB-1383 (Bradford) - California Advanced Services Fund: Broadband Public Housing Account.

This bill expands eligibility for the CASF Broadband Public Housing Account, authorizes the use of Public Housing Account funds for devices that improve existing broadband service, and enables Public Housing Account recipients offering new broadband plans to low-income communities to provide a free or low-cost broadband plan to those communities as a condition of obtaining the grant.

Status: Senate-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message (see page 28)

AB-1588 (Wilson) – State and federal lifeline programs: eligible telecommunications carrier designations: expedited process.

This bill makes various changes to law to allow the CPUC to use funds from the California Lifeline program to fund subsidies for broadband service. This bill also expands the CPUC's authority to assess various surcharges by expanding the number of telecommunications lines subject to a surcharge, deleting existing law that sets the basis for applying these surcharges, and authorizes the CPUC to set its own methodology for calculating and collecting these surcharges.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

Transmission and Distribution Infrastructure

SB-83 (Wiener) - Public utilities: electrical distribution grid: energization.

This bill requires electrical corporations to interconnect development projects to the electrical distribution system within eight weeks for projects defined as interconnection ready. Additionally, this bill requires electrical corporations to compensate development projects for failing to meet the deadline.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

SB-319 (McGuire) - Electricity: transmission planning and permitting.

This bill requires specified actions related to electric transmission planning, including: requires a review and update to a December 2022 memorandum of understanding and related workplan among California energy agencies and CAISO; the development of an electrical transmission infrastructure guidebook; and a report to the Legislature regarding the status of transmission projects.

Status: Chapter 390, Statutes of 2023

SB-410 (Becker) - Powering Up Californians Act.

This bill requires the CPUC to establish by September 30, 2024, reasonable average and maximum target energization time periods in order to connect new customers and upgrade the service of existing customers to the electrical grid. This bill also requires reporting by electrical corporations and authorizes specified annual cost-recovery, subject to a cap.

Status: Chapter 394, Statutes of 2023

Governor's Signing Message:

I am signing Senate Bill 410, which addresses recent delays in grid connections and the energization of electric IOU customers - including new facilities, housing developments and other projects. It is imperative that we accurately plan, prepare, and prioritize the connection and energization of customers. Especially as we electrify our economy to combat the climate crisis.

I share the author's desire to ensure the timely grid connection and energization of customers. I am signing this bill because many of its provisions address this acute and critical issue with accountability metrics and a new, one-time revenue stream, with sensible customer protections. However, as general practice, matters relating to the revenue of our electric IOUs should be addressed by the CPUC to ensure that we effectively balance utility investments with the affordability of customer electric bills.

SB-420 (Becker) - Electricity: electrical transmission facility projects.

This bill, among its provisions, exempts construction of a new electrical transmission facility, or other modification, including lines and substations, by an electrical corporation from the requirement to obtain discretionary permit from the CPUC, if the electrical transmission facility meets certain requirements.

Status: Senate-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

This bill would revise the CPUC environmental permitting authority over specific types of electric transmission projects, which would largely reassign this responsibility to local agencies.

While I agree with the author's intent to accelerate the development of new and needed electric transmission projects to move electricity from clean energy resources to consumers, this bill compounds existing permitting complexity for these projects by devolving permitting authority of mid-sized electric transmission projects from a single state agency to local agencies.

Building out the electric transmission system is critical for delivering clean electricity to customers from our growing portfolio of zero-carbon resources. I welcome further partnership with the Legislature to develop targeted policies that would accelerate the development of this needed electric infrastructure. Last year and this year, I signed a number of bills that advance our electric infrastructure needs, helping us progress towards our decarbonization goals. We should build on these efforts thoughtfully. To that end, I'm directing my Administration to work through the infrastructure Strike Team established by Executive Order N-8-23 to do just this.

I look forward to advancing these efforts through the Strike Team to avoid any unintended consequences that will further complicate statewide electric transmission planning and delay permitting for these projects.

[SB-604 \(Wilk\) - Electricity: transmission and distribution infrastructure: assessment.](#)

This bill requires the CEC, working with the CARB and the CPUC, to prepare a statewide assessment of the supply needs for transmission and distribution infrastructure and equipment that is necessary to achieve carbon neutrality by 2045, as specified. This bill requires the CEC to update the assessment at least once every three years, and to submit the assessment to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2025, and on or before January 1st every three years thereafter.

Status: Senate-Died - Energy, Utilities and Communications

[SB-619 \(Padilla\) - State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission: certification of facilities: electrical transmission projects.](#)

This bill authorizes an electrical corporation that applies to the CPUC to authorize a construction of a high voltage electrical transmission line, rated at 138 kV or greater, to apply to the CEC for certification of the facility pursuant to the CEQA, instead of the CPUC conducting the CEQA review. This bill provides that the CEC certification authorizes the project to be eligible for the CEQA judicial streamlining afforded to Environmental Leadership Development Projects and the CEC's "Opt-in" permitting process.

Status: Senate-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

This bill would allow an electric IOU that applies to the CPUC for a certificate or a permit authorizing the new construction of any electrical transmission project to separately apply to the CEC for environmental review under the CEQA.

Building out the electric transmission system is critical for delivering clean electricity to

customers from our growing portfolio of zero-carbon resources. While I share the author's goal to improve electric transmission permitting to expedite needed project development, decentralizing permitting between two agencies creates new coordination challenges, requires duplicative staffing, disrupts the sequencing of permitting workstreams and impedes the ability of either agency to consider the full scope of an electric transmission project. Ensuring that a single agency can account for and mitigate both significant costs to electric ratepayers and environmental impacts can lead to better results for Californians.

I welcome further partnership with the Legislature to develop targeted policies that would accelerate the development of needed electric infrastructure. Last year and this year, I signed a number of bills that advance our electric infrastructure needs, helping us progress towards our decarbonization goals. We should build on these efforts thoughtfully. To that end, I'm directing my Administration to work through the infrastructure Strike Team established by Executive Order N-8-23 to do just this.

[SB-1006 \(Padilla\) - Electricity: transmission capacity: reconductoring and grid-enhancing technologies.](#)

This bill requires electrical transmission utilities, by January 1, 2026, to develop a strategic plan for grid-enhancing technologies to cost-effectively increase transmission capacity and to complete an evaluation to identify which of its transmission and distribution lines can be recondored with advanced reconductors. Requires these plans and evaluations are submitted to the CPUC and made publicly available.

Status: Chapter 597, Statutes of 2024

[SB-1148 \(Blakespear\) - Electrical service: master meters.](#)

This bill authorizes the use of master meters for electrical service by exempting: (1) multifamily sites with specified solar and battery storage; and (2) any building owned or operated by a local government, institution of higher education, private school, or religious institution from the state requirement that every residential unit be individually metered for electrical service.

Status: Senate-Died - Energy, Utilities and Communications

[SB-1165 \(Padilla\) - State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission: certification of facilities: electrical transmission facilities or projects.](#)

This bill authorizes an electrical corporation that applies to the CPUC to authorize construction of a high voltage electrical transmission line, rated at 138 kV or greater, to apply to the CEC for certification of the facility pursuant to the CEQA, instead of the CPUC conducting the CEQA review. This bill provides that the CEC certification

authorizes the project to be eligible for the CEQA judicial streamlining afforded to Environmental Leadership Development Projects and the CEC's "Opt-in" permitting process.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

[SB-1311 \(Stern\) - Energy: reliability planning assessment: integrated energy policy report.](#)

This bill requires the CEC to include extreme weather events within the existing energy demand forecasts and, as part of an existing assessment with the CPUC, include specified reporting on the status of electric infrastructure projects and the contracting of fossil fuel resources as part of a statewide program for electricity supply reliability.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

[SB-1351 \(Padilla\) - Electricity: state policy.](#)

This bill requires the CPUC, the CEC, and CARB, in consultation with all California balancing authorities, by January 1, 2026, to issue a report to the Legislature that contains a clean energy infrastructure development plan setting out the infrastructure and processes necessary for the state to accomplish its clean energy goals.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

[AB-50 \(Wood\) - Public utilities: timely service: customer energization.](#)

This bill requires the CPUC, by July 1, 2025, to determine the criteria for customers to receive timely electricity service when requesting new service connections or upgraded service, known as "energization." This bill proposes several policies to address delays in connecting customers to the electrical grid, including improved information sharing with local governments, reporting by electric IOUs, and other measures.

Status: Chapter 317, Statutes of 2023

[AB-551 \(Bennett\) - Public Utilities Commission.](#)

This bill proposes streamlining of CPUC procedures related to transmission planning.

Status: Chapter 299, Statutes of 2024

[AB-914 \(Friedman\) - Electrical infrastructure: California Environmental Quality Act: review time period.](#)

This bill requires a two-year time period for a lead state agency to complete CEQA environmental review and approve or deny an application for an electrical infrastructure project.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

AB-1293 (Irwin) - Interconnection: prioritization.

This bill requires the CPUC, no later than January 1, 2025, to provide guidance to electrical corporations for the prioritization of projects in each electrical corporation's distribution interconnection queue and for the prioritization of customer service connections.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

AB-2292 (Petrie-Norris) - Electrical transmission facilities: certificates of public convenience and necessity.

This bill repeals the requirement that the CPUC consider alternatives to prospective transmission projects before issuing a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity approval.

Status: Chapter 709, Statutes of 2024

AB-2661 (Soria) - Electricity: Westlands Water District.

This bill allows the Westlands Water District to generate solar photovoltaic electricity and construct necessary facilities, including transmission lines and energy storage.

Status: Chapter 573, Statutes of 2024

AB-2779 (Petrie-Norris) - Independent System Operator: transmission planning.

This bill requires the CAISO, upon approval of the annual transmission plan, to report on any new use of any grid enhancing technology and its associated cost and efficiency savings.

Status: Chapter 741, Statutes of 2024

AB-2847 (Addis) - Electrical and gas corporations: capital expenditures: request for authorization or recovery.

This bill requires electrical and gas corporations in their request for capital expenditures to provide their best estimation of the impact of the proposed expenditures on the utility's authorized revenue for each year of the life of the capital asset.

Status: Chapter 578, Statutes of 2024

AB-3238 (Garcia) - California Environmental Quality Act: electrical infrastructure projects.

This bill, by January 1, 2030, exempts from the CEQA projects for the expansion of an existing public right-of-way across state owned land to accommodate the for specified electrical infrastructure projects. Exempts projects that expand existing public right-of-way across state-owned land to accommodate the construction, expansion, modification, or update of electrical infrastructure from CEQA until January 1, 2035. This

bill would also designate the CPUC as the lead agency for purposes of CEQA for electrical infrastructure projects.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

[AB-3246 \(Garcia\) - Electricity: permit to construct: advanced reconductoring: exemption.](#)

This bill requires the CPUC, on or before January 1, 2026, to update a general order to provide specified exemption from the permit to construct process for advanced reconductoring transmission projects.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

[AB-3264 \(Petrie-Norris\) - Energy: cost framework: residential rates: demand-side management programs report: electrical transmission grid study.](#)

This bill includes a suite of proposals to help address energy costs. These include: requiring the CPUC to develop a framework to address energy costs from electricity, natural gas, gasoline, and propane; and requiring the CPUC to submit a study to the Legislature on options to reduce costs on ratepayers of expanding the electrical transmission system.

Status: Chapter 762, Statutes of 2024

Transportation For-Hire

[SB-429 \(Bradford\) - Transportation network companies: participating drivers: vehicle inspections.](#)

This bill requires a transportation network company (TNC) to require a vehicle to satisfy the vehicle inspection requirements established by the CPUC before allowing a participating driver to operate the vehicle as part of its service, as specified. This bill requires a TNC to compensate a participating driver who completes their first 10 trips in the inspected vehicle within 28 days of receiving the vehicle inspection for reasonable time spent completing the vehicle inspection at a rate of no less than 150 percent of the state-mandated minimum wage for all industries. Because a violation of these requirements under the act would be a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

Status: Senate-Vetoed

[Governor's Veto Message:](#)

This bill codifies vehicle inspection requirements for TNCs and requires TNCs to compensate certain drivers for their time spent completing a vehicle inspection. The bill

also specifically authorizes TNC vehicle inspections to be completed remotely or virtually.

While I appreciate the intent of the author to make it easier for drivers to comply with the existing vehicle inspection requirements, this bill may weaken these requirements, which are purposefully designed to protect public, driver and passenger safety.

Last year I vetoed legislation that would have authorized similar provisions. At that time, I encouraged the author of that bill to work with the CPUC to clearly identify and address any issues or safety improvements. I continue to believe that is the most appropriate approach for addressing these types of safety matters.

[SB-757 \(Archuleta\) - Railroads: contract crew transportation vehicles.](#)

This bill clarifies licensing requirements for rail crew transportation providers, prohibits certain subcontracting for these services, and increases minimum insurance requirements for rail crew transportation operators.

Status: Chapter 411, Statutes of 2023

[AB-2780 \(McKinnor\) - Carrier of Passengers Act of 2024.](#)

This bill creates the Carriers of Passengers Act of 2024 to establish protections for passengers arriving in the United States seeking emergency shelter.

Status: Chapter 742, Statutes of 2024

[AB-3061 \(Haney\) - Vehicles: autonomous vehicle incident reporting.](#)

This bill requires, commencing July 31, 2025, a manufacturer of autonomous vehicles to report to the DMV a vehicle collision, traffic citation, or disengagement, as defined, that occurs when a manufacturer's vehicle is operating in autonomous mode in California. It also requires quarterly reports on vehicle miles traveled, vehicle immobilizations, and traffic citations, as specified, and allows DMV to establish additional reporting requirements via regulation and assess fees for implementation costs.

Status: Senate- Withdrawn- Energy, Utilities and Communications- Assembly-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

Beginning July 31, 2025, this bill would require autonomous vehicle manufacturers to report specific data related to collisions and disengagements to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). Additionally, manufacturers would need to submit quarterly summaries on vehicle miles traveled, vehicle immobilizations, and traffic citations. The bill also mandates that the DMV publish these reports online within 90 days of receipt.

While I support the intent of this bill to enhance the safety and transparency of autonomous vehicle operations, the timeline it imposes is infeasible for the DMV to implement these new requirements and address the associated operational challenges involved. The DMV recently released a new set of draft regulations, which are open for public input until October 14, 2024, to address many of the concerns raised in this bill. Stakeholders will be able to provide input and contribute to the rulemaking process informally and through the notice and comment processes outlined in the Administrative Procedures Act.

My Administration remains open to working with the Legislature on future legislation that complements and builds upon existing and proposed regulatory requirements. It is essential that such proposals are practical, enhance clarity, and do not duplicate existing efforts, which will ultimately further compliance and public safety. For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Water

[SB-3 \(Dodd\) - Discontinuation of residential water service: covered water system.](#)

This bill eliminates the exemption for water systems that serve less than 200 service connections (but at least 15 service connections) from statutes and policies related to the water service shutoffs due to nonpayment.

Status: Chapter 855, Statutes of 2023

[SB-57 \(Gonzalez\) - Utilities: disconnection of residential service.](#)

This bill requires electric, gas, and water utilities to postpone the disconnection of a customer's residential service for nonpayment of a delinquent account when the temperature will be 32 degrees Fahrenheit or cooler, or 95 degrees Fahrenheit or warmer, within the utility's service area during the 24 hours after that service disconnection would occur.

Status: Senate-Died - Energy, Utilities and Communications

[SB-1210 \(Skinner\) - New housing construction: electrical, gas, sewer, and water service: service connection information.](#)

This bill requires electrical, gas, sewer, and water service utilities, with exceptions, to post estimated fees and timeframes for new service connections needed to connect new housing construction projects.

Status: Chapter 787, Statutes of 2024

[AB-604 \(Lee\) - Mobilehome parks: water utility charges.](#)

This bill proposes to clarify the charges and fees that can be assessed by management of mobilehome parks that elect to provide submetered water service to tenants, and clarifies they are subject to a requirement that they charge proportional rates, under the limitations of the Mobilehome Residency Law.

Status: Chapter 807, Statutes of 2023

Wildfires

[SB-436 \(Dodd\) - Wildfire safety: The California Wildfire Mitigation Strategic Planning Act.](#)

This bill, the California Wildfire Mitigation Strategic Planning Act, requires OES to develop a Wildfire Risk Mitigation Planning Framework for state and federal agencies, electric utilities, municipalities, and other organizations to collaboratively plan and implement wildfire risk mitigation actions, a Wildfire Risk Baseline and Forecast for the State of California, and an annual Wildfire Mitigation Scenarios Report, as specified.

Status: Senate-Withdrawn- Energy, Utilities and Communications- Died- Appropriations

[SB-1003 \(Dodd\) - Electricity: wildfire mitigation.](#)

This bill requires electrical corporations to take into account both the amount of wildfire risk reduction for the cost-effectiveness and time value of the proposed mitigation measure within the utility's wildfire mitigation plan.

Status: Assembly-Died

[AB-3062 \(Bauer-Kahan\) - Fire protection districts: electrical corporations and local publicly owned electric utilities: prescribed or controlled burns: notice requirements.](#)

This bill authorizes a fire protection district to require electric utilities to notify the district at least 24 hours before performing a prescribed or controlled burn.

Status: Chapter 753, Statutes of 2024

[AB-3256 \(Irwin\) - Memorandum and balancing accounts: audits: reports to the Legislature.](#)

This bill requires the CPUC to conduct a comprehensive audit, with specified criteria, of each wildfire- or emergency-related memorandum accounts and balancing accounts of each electrical corporation on or before July 1, 2025, or, on or before January 1, 2027, if the CPUC is unable to review all those accounts by July 1, 2025, as provided.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

AB-3263 (Calderon) - Electrical corporations: financing orders.

This bill explicitly authorizes electrical corporations to finance categories of costs that would be recovered through a fixed charge on customers' electric utility bills, including costs for vegetation management and other operational and maintenance expenses related to wildfire mitigation, and costs stemming from a state or federal emergency declaration. This bill also authorizes an application for vegetation management submitted by a large electrical corporation for recovery bonds to include costs that have already been recovered from customers.

Status: Assembly-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message (see page 59)