



Staff Report Item 14

TO: East Bay Community Energy Board of Directors
FROM: Alec Ward, Principal Legislative Manager
SUBJECT: Update on EBCE's State Legislative Process (Informational)
DATE: October 18, 2023

Recommendation

Receive an informational update on state bills EBCE has been tracking and taking positions on this legislative session.

Background and Discussion

The intent of this staff report is to provide an update on the eight state bills EBCE has taken a position on this legislative session, as well as give an overview of other bills that are relevant to EBCE. The final day for California lawmakers to pass bills this year was September 14th, and the Governor will veto or sign bills until October 14th.

Fiscal Impact

For the state bills that passed with EBCE positions:

- AB 1373 may increase costs for EBCE customers as energy costs and resource adequacy penalties potentially increase.
- AB 50 may result in lower cost for EBCE projects as delays are avoided.
- SB 410 may result in lower cost for EBCE projects as delays are avoided.
- AB 557 is unlikely to have a fiscal impact on EBCE.

Attachments:

- A. Presentation

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Legislative Update



Key Deadlines for the 2023 Legislative Year

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- 1/4: Legislature reconvened
- 1/10: Governor submitted budget
- 2/17: Bill introduction deadline
- 4/28: Policy cmtes to move fiscal bills to fiscal cmtes (1st house)
- 5/5: Policy cmtes to move nonfiscal bills to floor (1st house)
- 5/19: Fiscal cmtes must move bills to floor (1st house)
- 6/2: Last day for bills to be passed out of 1st house
- 6/15: Budget bill must be passed
- 7/14: Policy cmtes to meet and report bills (2nd house)
- 9/1: Fiscal cmtes to move bills to floor (2nd house)
- 9/14: Last day for each house to pass bills
- 10/14: Last day for Governor to sign/veto bills

State Bill Tracker - EBCE Positions

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Bill #	Author	Description	Sponsor(s)	Status	EBCE Position
CENTRAL PROCUREMENT					
AB 1373	Garcia	Establishes a Central Procurement Entity for long-lead time resources, penalizes LSEs for missing RA targets, and expands CPUC control over CCA resource mix		Signed	NEUTRAL
ENERGIZATION					
AB 50	Wood	Requires CPUC to create an IOU shot-clock on interconnection for new and upgraded load , as well as increased reporting and transparency		Signed	SUPPORT
SB 410	Becker	Requires CPUC to create an IOU shot-clock on interconnection for new and upgraded load , consider remedial actions for misses, increase reporting, and ensure adequate staffing	International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers	Signed	SUPPORT
AB 643	Berman	Requires CPUC to create an IOU shot-clock on interconnection for distributed energy resources , consider penalties, reduce administrative burden, and increase reporting and transparency	California Solar and Storage Association (CalSSA)	2-year	SUPPORT
SB 83	Weiner	Requires CPUC to create an IOU shot-clock on new development , issue penalties for missed deadlines, and increase reporting	Housing Action Coalition	2-year	SUPPORT

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BROWN ACT					
AB 557	Hart	Permits local agencies, like EBCE's board, to indefinitely continue the teleconference flexibilities given during a declared state of emergency	CA Special Districts Assoc., League of CA Cities, CA State Assoc. of Counties	Signed	SUPPORT
ELECTRIC VEHICLES					
SB 529	Gonzalez	Requires CEC to create a grant program to facilitate EV sharing services at affordable, multifamily housing properties	Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator	2-year	SUPPORT
BUILDING DECARBONIZATION					
SB 527	Min	Establishes a Neighborhood Zonal Decarbonization Program for 15 communities and authorizes gas corporations to cease service if the CPUC determines an area is better suited for electrification	Building Decarbonization Coalition	2-year	SUPPORT

State Bill Tracker - Watch

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INTERCONNECTION				
SB 149	Caballero	Streamlines the preparation of the CEQA record and expedites the CEQA cases to 270 days	Signed	WATCH
CLIMATE BOND				
AB 1567	Garcia	\$2 billion bond for clean energy including transmission + distribution, EV charging, and fed matching	2-year	WATCH
SB 867	Allen	\$2 billion bond for clean energy including transmission + distribution, EV charging, fed matching, and long-duration storage	2-year	WATCH
REGIONALIZATION				
AB 538	Holden	Authorizes the formation of a western regional transmission organization (RTO)	2-year	WATCH
ELECTRIC VEHICLES				
SB 233	Skinner	Convenes a workgroup to examine challenges and opportunities of bidirectional capabilities; CARB can require all new vehicles be bidirectional capable	2-year	WATCH
BROWN ACT				
SB 537	Becker	Permits local agencies, like EBCE's board, to continue teleconference flexibilities given during the COVID state of emergency, but only if they are located 40 miles away.	2-year	WATCH