



**Consent Item 13
CAC Item C7**

TO: Ava Community Energy Board of Directors

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SUBJECT: Update on State Bills Ava is Tracking (Informational Item)

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Recommendation

This is an informational update on state bills Ava has been tracking during the 2024 legislative session.

Background and Discussion

The intent of this staff report is to provide an update on the 24 state bills that Ava is tracking during this legislative session.

The deadline for California bill introductions was February 16, 2024. The final day for California lawmakers to pass bills this year is on August 31, 2024. The Governor must sign or veto bills by September 30, 2024.

Numerous bills are currently being amended. Due to the changing nature of these bills, staff will bring forward a legislative action item at a later regular Board meeting where they will present bills with requests that the Board take certain positions. Ava has not adopted a position on any bills yet, including the ones listed in the presentation.

Attachments

- A. Legislative Update Presentation

Ava Legislative Update

March 20, 2024



Key Deadlines 2024 Legislative Year

- **January 3:** Legislature reconvenes
- **January 10:** Governor submitted budget
- **February 16:** Bill introduction deadline
- **April 26:** Policy cmtes to move fiscal bills to fiscal cmtes (1st house)
- **May 3:** Policy cmtes to move nonfiscal bills to floor (1st house)
- **May 17:** Fiscal cmtes must move bills to floor (1st house)
- **May 24:** Last day for bills to be passed out of 1st house
- **June 15:** Budget bill must be passed
- **July 3:** Policy cmtes to meet and report bills (2nd house)
- **August 16:** Fiscal cmtes to move bills to floor (2nd house)
- **August 31:** Last day for each house to pass bills
- **September 30:** Last day for Governor to sign/veto bills



State Bills Ava is Tracking

Bill # (Author)	Description
AFFORDABILITY	
AB 1999 (Irwin)	Repeals AB 205, which established the income-graduated fixed charge (IGFC) for residential electric customers, caps fixed charges for residential bills at: \$5 for CARE/FERA customers and \$10 for non-CARE/non-FERA customers
AB 2805 (Essayli)	Repeals AB 205
SB 1130 (Bradford)	Expands FERA program eligibility by eliminating the requirement that a household consist of 3 or more persons. Orders IOUs to report on FERA enrollment.
SB 1292 (Bradford)	Orders PUC to report on the IGFC adoption by July 1, 2027
SB 1312 (Nguyen)	Repeals AB 205
SB 1326 (Jones)	Repeals AB 205. Caps fixed charges for residential bills at: \$10/ resident, \$5/ CARE/FERA resident
BROWN ACT	
AB 817 (Pacheco)	Adds non-emergency provisions to allow a member of the subsidiary body (i.e. CAC) to call in remotely if quorum is met in a physical location until 2026. Allows remote members to not disclose their locations



State Bills Cont.

Bill # (Author)	Description
BONDS	
AB 1567 (Garcia)	(Held) Authorizes \$2 billion in funding for clean energy projects
SB 867 (Allen)	(Held) Authorizes \$2 billion in funding for clean energy projects
BUILDING DECARBONIZATION/ HOUSING	
SB 1054 (Rubio)	Establishes the Climate Pollution Reduction in Homes Initiative to award providers (non-profit, local gov) financial assistance to low-income households for the purchase of zero-emitting household appliances
SB 1095 (Becker)	Streamlines transition from gas to zero-emitting appliances in mobile and manufactured homes, and updates state housing standards to allow such installations
SB 1210 (Skinner)	Caps the utility connection charge for new housing. Prioritizes housing in interconnection queue
EVs	
AB 2427 (McCarty)	Orders GO-Biz to create checklists and best practices to help local government permit curbside charging stations
AB 2453 (Villapudua)	Authorizes the use of an instrument measuring electricity transferred from an EV
SB 233 (Skinner)	Amended to require CEC, CARB, and the PUC to convene a working group to deploy vehicles that have bidirectional capabilities



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Bill # (Author)	Description
RENEWABLES	
AB 2256 (Friedman)	Orders PUC to develop a new NEM tariff starting 2026 that ensures enough solar to hit state goals
AB 2619 (Connolly)	Orders PUC to develop a new NEM tariff starting 2026 that ensures enough solar to hit state goals
SB 1305 (Stern)	Requires PUC to order procurement (including for CCAs) of virtual power plants and meet resource adequacy requirements. Capacity and timeline requirements range from 2.5% - 15% beginning in 2028
TRANSMISSION	
AB 2940 (Muratsuchi)	Defines new transmission projects as “environmental leadership development projects,” allowing for a streamlined CA environmental review process
SB 1006 (Padilla)	Requires the PUC ensure that the state is on track to deliver specified transmission capacity goals by certain dates
SB 1311 (Stern)	Orders PUC and CEC to report on process timelines for transmission and grid infrastructure capacity including expected completion dates. Requires CEC demand forecasts incorporate weather variability



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Bill # (Author)	Description
UTILITY-SPECIFIC	
AB 2054 (Bauer-Kahan)	Forbids members of the PUC or CEC from being employed by an entity subject to regulation by the commission (including IOUs and CCAs) for a period of 10 years after ceasing to be a member of the commission.
SB 938 (Min)	Prohibit political lobbying by IOUs that can be charged to ratepayers, define “political influence activity”
SB 993 (Becker)	PUC must evaluate and if reasonable, established a clean energy development incentive rate for IOUs for new commercial and industrial electrical load by 2026

