



California Public Utilities Commission

Legislative Update – Office of Governmental Affairs

*Bills of Interest to the Low-income Oversight
Board*
Meeting – March 6th, 2019*

1. Assembly Bill 157 (Voepel): Electricity: rates

This bill would require the CPUC to require San Diego Gas and Electric, upon application by a customer who is 65 years of age or older and resides in a residence that is 2,000 square feet or less, to exempt the customer from above-described charge for usage in excess of 130% of the baseline quantity. This bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for San Diego Gas and Electric.

2. Assembly Bill 386 (E. Garcia): Agricultural Working Poor Energy Efficient Housing Program

This bill would require the department to develop and administer the Agricultural Working Poor Energy Efficient Housing Program and to expend moneys appropriated by the Legislature for the purposes of the program to improve energy efficiency in farmworker-owned housing. The bill would require the department to report to the Legislature on the program with respect to balances and expenditures, households reached, demographics of the households reached, measures funded, and energy savings. This bill would require the department, in developing the Agricultural Working Poor Energy Efficient Housing Program, to consult with the CPUC and the Energy Commission in order to ensure compatibility with the state's energy policies and goals and to avoid duplication of the energy efficiency programs supervised by those commissions.

3. Assembly Bill 961 (Reyes): Energy programs and projects: nonenergy benefits.

This bill would require the CPUC to (1) establish common definitions of nonenergy benefits and attempt to determine consistent values for use in all energy programs, (2) meaningfully consider and prioritize producing nonenergy benefits in clean energy programs and projects, (3) give preference to producing nonenergy benefits in clean energy programs and projects in low-income and disadvantaged communities, as defined, and (4) track and the nonenergy benefits produced in energy programs and report those benefits during program evaluations.

**This list only includes introduced bills that may be of direct interest of the Low-Income Oversight Board. Many introduced bills are still in "spot" form (i.e. placeholder) but the Office of Governmental Affairs is aware that substantive amendments are forthcoming. A more comprehensive list of legislation will be available by the next Board meeting.*