



California Public Utilities Commission

*Bills of Interest to the Low-Income Oversight Board: Legislative Subcommittee
Meeting – Tuesday, August 19th, 2025*

The deadline for the Senate and Assembly appropriations committees to hear and report on bills introduced is upcoming. Several bills of interest to the Low-Income Oversight Board (LIOB) are active and summarized below:

1. Senate Bill 647 (Hurtado) - Energy: Equitable Building Decarbonization Program: Low-Income Oversight Board: membership: performance metrics

This bill would expand the Equitable Building Decarbonization Program to include provisions specific to the Low-Income Oversight Board (LIOB), adding membership criteria and performance metrics to evaluate program success. It aims to ensure equitable access to building decarbonization incentives for low-income communities while enhancing oversight and transparency.

Status: Pending in Senate Appropriations Committee.

2. Senate Bill 254 (Becker) - Electricity: wildfire mitigation: rate assistance: Policy-Oriented and Wildfire Electric Reimbursement (POWER) Program

This bill would create the POWER Program to provide rate assistance and reimbursements to customers affected by wildfire mitigation power shutoffs. It seeks to balance safety measures with affordable electricity access.

Status: In Senate Energy, Utilities, and Communications Committee.

3. Assembly Bill 825 (Petrie-Norris) - Energy: electricity

This bill would implement various changes to electricity market operations, reliability standards, and resource adequacy requirements, with a focus on enhancing grid resilience and consumer protection.

Status: In Assembly Appropriations Committee.

4. Senate Bill 332 (Wahab) - Investor-Owned Utilities Accountability Act

This bill would increase accountability measures for investor-owned utilities, requiring greater transparency in spending, safety compliance, and service reliability reporting.

Status: In Senate Appropriations Committee.

5. Assembly Bill 745 (Irwin) & Assembly Bill 942 (Calderon) - Electricity: climate credits

These bills would modify the structure and distribution schedule of California's electricity climate credits, ensuring more frequent disbursements to consumers and improved outreach to eligible households.

Status: Both bills in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

6. Senate Bill 453 (Stern) - Microgrid incentive program

This bill would expand funding and eligibility for the state's microgrid incentive program, prioritizing projects that serve critical facilities in disadvantaged and high fire-risk areas.

Status: In Senate Energy, Utilities, and Communications Committee.