

## OGA Update; LIOB Meeting September 11, 2025

The legislature is in its final week of session and has until September 12<sup>th</sup> to pass bills. Bills that are passed by the legislature must be signed by the Governor by October 12. Several bills of interest to the Low-Income Oversight Board (LIOB) are summarized below (all updates are accurate as of 9/5):

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

This bill would expand the Low-Income Oversight Board (LIOB) from 11 to 12 members. It aims to ensure equitable access to building decarbonization incentives for low-income communities while enhancing oversight and transparency.

OGA Update: SB 647 was amended on 9/2 to remove the requirement that the CPUC, in consultation with the LIOB, develop statewide performance metrics for certain efficiency and decarbonization programs. The provision expanding the LIOB's membership remains in the bill.

Status: On the Assembly Floor.

### **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.

OGA Update: SB 254 has yet to be formally amended. As discussed in our previous subcommittee meeting, we anticipate changes to be forthcoming and understand that conversations are occurring amongst stakeholders, particularly in relation to the provisions related to public financing and securitization of IOU capital expenditures.

Status: On the Assembly Floor.

### **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.

OGA Update: AB 825 has yet to be formally amended. Similar to SB 254, we anticipate changes to be forthcoming and understand that conversations are occurring amongst stakeholders.

Status: On the Assembly Floor.

#### **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.

OGA Update: This bill was held in committee in Assembly Appropriations.

Status: Dead.

#### **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.

OGA Update: We anticipate the climate credit to be landed within the broader cap and invest (formerly cap and trade) reauthorization proposal, which is still forthcoming. We continue to see benefits in a flexible credit structure that allows the CPUC to be responsive and maximize affordability benefits for ratepayers.

Status: AB 745 is on the Senate Floor. AB 842 was re-referred to Senate Rules.

#### **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.

OGA Update: SB 453 was moved to the Assembly Floor without amendments. We remain concerned that the proposed provisions could be disruptive of ongoing MIP efforts that are already seeking to achieve bill's aims.

Status: On the Assembly Floor.