

# 2022 Legislative Outcomes

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# 2022 Legislative Overview

- 93 Bills Tracked
- 30 Bills Passed by the Legislature
- 25 Bills Signed by the Governor
- Took ONE formal legislative position
- Participated in SIX legislative committee oversight hearings
- Provided FOUR formal legislative staff informational briefings

# Legislative Engagement & Cross Agency Collaboration

- Engaged with the Senate and Assembly policy, fiscal and budget committee consultants, Assembly Speaker's office, Senate Prop Tempore's office, and key legislative staff.
- Actively coordinated with the Department of Finance on bill fiscal analyses.
- Collaborated with the California Energy Commission (CEC), California Independent System Operator (CAISO), California Air Resources Board (CARB), State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal FIRE), Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety (OEIS), Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz), California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA), California Department of Transportation (Cal Trans), California Department of Technology (CDT), California Department of Conservation, and Geological Energy Management Division (Cal GEM).
- Updated the Governor's Office on key policy issues.

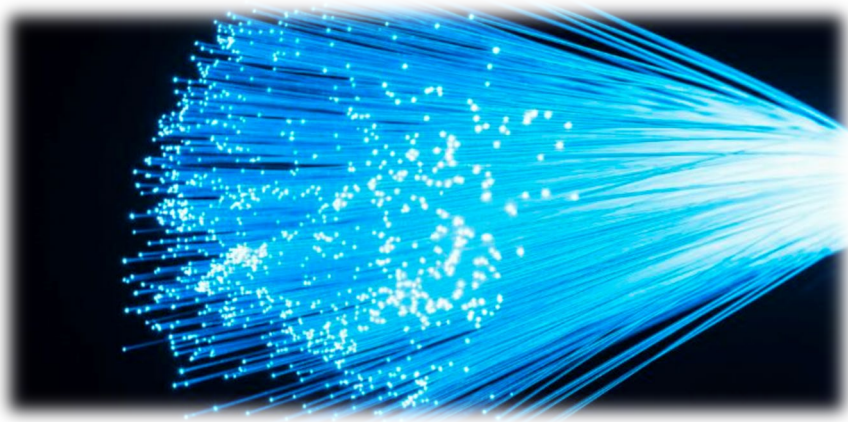
# CPUC Formal Legislative Positions

- **SB 599 (Hueso): Public Utilities Commission: proceedings. (Version: As Introduced, February 18, 2021)**
  - **CPUC Position:** SUPPORT
  - **Status:** Signed by Governor, Chapter 702, September 28, 2022
  - **Summary:** This bill revises and recasts provisions relating to activities of the CPUC including quiet periods and the authority for closed session meetings during certain proceedings, updates provisions related to supplier diversity development programs and procurement contracts (i.e., Supplier Diversity program) with women, minority, disabled veteran and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) business enterprises and repeals the requirement for the CPUC to complete an annual assessment on the California Solar Initiative program as of January 1, 2024.
  - **Reason for Support:** This bill improves the ability of Commissioners to deliberate on matters before the CPUC by authorizing closed session meetings to additionally include deliberation on Resolutions. Further, the bill simplifies the current quiet period and close session requirements by revising and recasting existing statute, and updates supplier diversity and legislative reporting statutes for clarity and accuracy.

# Summary – Telecommunications Bills



- This year the Legislature focused its agenda on clarifying, modifying, or expanding the new broadband funding, programs and mechanisms enacted in 2021.
- **Major Bills -**
  - **AB 2749 (Quirk-Silva):** Communications: California Advanced Services Fund
  - **AB 2752 (Wood):** Broadband infrastructure and video service: mapping: subscriber information
  - **SB 857 (Hueso):** Telecommunications: universal service programs
- Other bills on telecommunications issues included reporting on digital equity and barriers to broadband access and low-income assistance programs.



# Summary – Water & Transportation Bills

## Water

- Provided technical feedback on two Senate bills pertaining to the CPUC's oversight of water investor-owned utilities.
  - **SB 222 (Dodd):** Water Rate Assistance Program
  - **SB 1469 (Bradford):** Water corporations: rates



## Transportation

- Engaged on various transportation related matters such as Transportation Network Company (TNC) passenger safety and at-grade rail crossing safety issues.
  - **AB 2716 (Grayson):** Transportation network companies: participating drivers: safety courses



# Summary - Energy Bills



- The OGA tracked and engaged on over 55 energy (electricity and gas) bills.
- **Themes of Bills Introduced Included –**
  - Mitigating the impacts of Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) events through the deployment of distributed energy resources (DERs)
  - Creating new value streams for DERs to encourage additional deployment
  - Vegetation management practices to reduce wildfire risk and associated costs
  - Restructuring clean energy resource procurement and mandating the procurement of specific energy resources
  - Decarbonizing new and existing buildings throughout the state
- **Themes of Bills Passed & Signed –**
  - Improving transmission planning and development
  - Expanding clean electricity procurement targets
  - Creating pathways for green hydrogen production and use
  - Creating new low-income customer clean energy programs
  - Improving electric rate and bill affordability

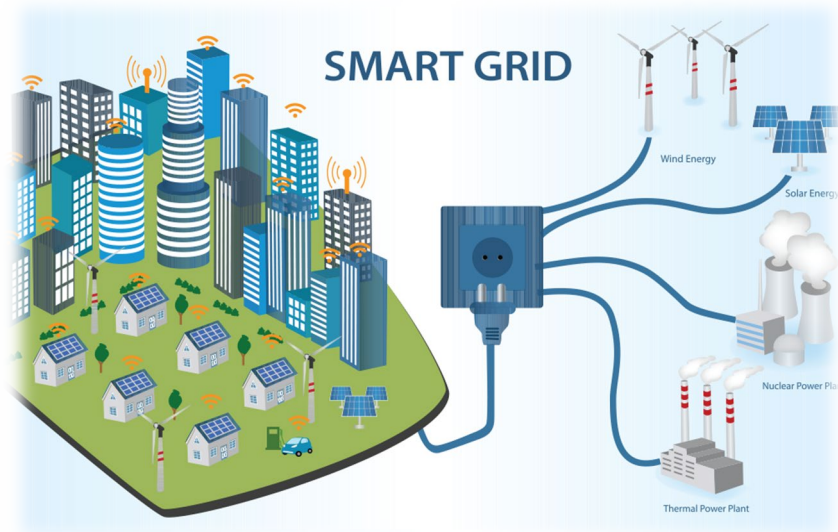
# Summary - Safety Bills

- The OGA engaged with several legislative offices and committee consultants on various energy, transportation, and rail **safety** related matters.
- **Major Bills –**
  - **SB 1383 (Hueso):** Electricity: storage facilities: standards and records.
  - **SB 884 (McGuire):** Electricity: expedited utility distribution infrastructure undergrounding program





# Formal Legislative Staff Informational Briefings



- **December 1, 2021** – Electric System Safety Oversight
- **December 9, 2021** – Building Decarbonization
- **January 14, 2022** – Distributed Energy Resource Planning, Integration & Deployment
- **January 28, 2022** – Electric Supply Reliability



# Legislative Committee Oversight & Informational Hearings

## Assembly Utilities & Energy Committee

- **March 2, 2022** – Annual Review of California Public Utilities Commission and the Public Advocates Office
- **March 30, 2022** – Pocketbooks and the Power System: Managing Future Rate Impacts
- **May 18, 2022** – Envisioning the Grid of 2045: How Much Transmission Is Needed?
- **June 6, 2022** - Joint Initiative Hearing with Assembly Natural Resources and Utility & Energy Committees. Provides Funding for Programs to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions by Increasing Tax on Personal Income Over \$2 Million
- **August 25, 2022** – Proposal to Extend Operations of the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant

## Assembly Communications & Conveyance Committee

- **February 16, 2022** – California's Middle-Mile Broadband Initiative (MMBI)
- **April 6, 2022** - Last Mile Broadband: Connecting the Unserved

## Senate Rules Committee

- **June 29, 2022** – Governor Appointee Confirmation: CPUC President Alice B. Reynolds

## Senate Energy, Utilities & Communications Committee

- **August 2, 2022** – Annual Update to the Legislature by the California Public Utilities Commission and the Public Advocates Office
- **August 9, 2022** – Subcommittee on Clean Energy Future - Clean reliability: What does California need to ensure grid reliability while reducing fossil fuels?
- **August 10, 2022** - Joint Hearing with Senate Committees on Governance and Finance; Energy, Utilities and Communications; and Natural Resources and Water
- **August 25, 2022** – Proposal to Extend Operations of the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant

# Fiscal & Budget Overview

- During the 2022 legislative year, the CPUC received **166 fiscal impact estimate requests for 74 active bills.**
- The Legislature approved 2 Budget Bills and 2 Budget Trailer Bills that directly impact the CPUC.
- 1 of the Budget Bills allocated \$39 billion toward climate investments including ~\$8 billion for electric grid reliability, cost relief and clean energy development

## 2022-23 Budget - CPUC Relevant Provisions

Operational funding for the 2022-23 Fiscal Year

85.25 NEW permanent positions and 29 limited-term positions

Update to utility audit requirements

Removal of the fixed charge cap on electric residential rates

Modifications to the Self-Generation Incentive Program (with a funding set-aside of \$900 million starting July 1, 2023)

Mandatory electric IOU balancing authority participation

Authorization for CPUC/CAISO to share and protect confidential, market-sensitive information

Appropriation of \$50 million (with a funding set-aside of \$95 million starting July 1, 2023) for the TECH Clean California program

Appropriation of \$30 million for a community-based organization capacity and technical assistance program

# A Historic Year for Climate Policy

## 2022 Main Climate Policy Bill Package

**CARBON NEUTRALITY:** AB 1279 (Muratsuchi & C. Garcia) - Establishes a clear, legally binding, and achievable goal for California to achieve statewide carbon neutrality as soon as possible, and no later than 2045, and establishes an 85% emissions reduction target as part of that goal.

**PROTECT COMMUNITIES AGAINST OIL DRILLING:** SB 1137 (Gonzalez & Limon) - Establishes a setback distance of 3,200 feet between any new oil well and homes, schools, parks or businesses open to the public. Ensures comprehensive pollution controls for existing oil wells within 3,200 feet of these facilities.

**100% CLEAN ELECTRIC GRID:** SB 1020 (Laird) - Creates interim clean electricity targets of 90% by 2035 and 95% by 2040 with the intent of advancing the state's trajectory to the existing 100% clean electricity retail sales by 2045 goal, accelerates state agency and state water program clean electricity procurement, establishes grid reliability reporting and electric rate and bill affordability metrics.

**CAPTURING AND REMOVING CARBON POLLUTION:** SB 905 (Caballero, Skinner & Limon) - Establishes a clear regulatory framework to advance carbon removal and carbon capture, utilization and sequestration projects and prohibits the practice of injecting carbon dioxide for the purpose of enhanced oil recover from these projects.

**NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS:** AB 1757 (C. Garcia & R. Rivas) - Requires the state to develop an achievable carbon removal target for natural and working lands.

# Thank You!

Legislative engagement is a team effort -

- OGA Staff
- OGA Liaisons & Division staff
- Division Directors
- Commissioners and Advisors
- Legislative Partners & Stakeholders
- Agency Partners
- Governor's Office



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