



# 2018 Legislative Outcomes



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# 2018 Legislative Overview

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## ❖ **128 bills tracked:**

- 81 (63%) failed passage
- 47 (37%) sent to the Governor's Desk

## ❖ **CPUC sponsored one bill this year:**

- SB 1358 (Hueso): Public Utilities Commission: proceedings: hearings.

## ❖ **Participated in six informational committee hearings**

## ❖ **Provided four formal informational briefings to legislative staff**





# *2018 Legislative Engagement & Cross Agency Collaboration*

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- ❖ Actively coordinated with the Department of Finance and legislative budget committees
- ❖ Collaborated with the California Energy Commission, California Independent System Operator and California Air Resources Board
- ❖ Engaged regularly with the Senate and Assembly policy and fiscal committee consultants
- ❖ Updated the Governor's Office on key policy issues





# *CPUC Sponsored Bill Summary*

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- **One Bill Sponsored – SB 1358 (Hueso): Public Utilities Commission: proceedings: hearings.**
  - Requires the assigned commissioner, rather than the Commission, to determine, as part of the scoping memo, whether the proceeding requires a hearing.
    - **CPUC Position:** Support as Sponsor
    - **Status:** Signed, Chapter 519, September 18, 2018





## *CPUC Formal Positions on Legislation*

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- **AB 893 (E. Garcia): California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program**
  - **CPUC Position:** Oppose
  - **Status:** Inactive Bill – Failed passage
- **AB 2693 (Wood): Public Utilities Commission: telecommunications service: natural disasters: reports**
  - **CPUC Position:** Support
  - **Status:** Inactive Bill – Failed passage
- **AB 2787 (Quirk): Long duration bulk energy storage: procurement**
  - **CPUC Position:** Oppose
  - **Status:** Inactive Bill – Failed passage
- **SB 1347 (Stern): Energy storage systems: procurement**
  - **CPUC Position:** Oppose
  - **Status:** Inactive Bill – Failed passage
- **SB 1477 (Stern): Low-emissions buildings and sources of heat energy**
  - **CPUC Position:** Support
  - **Status:** Signed, Chapter 378, September 13, 2018.





# *Energy Bill Summary*

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## Energy bills signed this year focused on:

- Electric and Natural Gas Rate Assistance
- Transportation Electrification
- Biomethane Development and Procurement
- Building Electrification and Decarbonization
- Wildfire Prevention and Response
- Customer Energy Resources
- Customer Electric Service Procurement Choice
- Integrated Resource Planning
- Electric and Natural Gas Service Reliability
- Nuclear Resource Retirement





# *Safety & Communications Bill Summary*

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## **Safety bills signed this year focused on:**

- Strengthening California's ability to prevent and recover from catastrophic wildfires, boosting the state's forest management activities, updating requirements for the maintenance and operation of utility infrastructure to reflect changing climate conditions, and protecting ratepayers and utility workers.

## **Communications bills signed this year focused on:**

- Extending the High Cost Funds and requiring state-level net neutrality protections.







## *Transportation & Water Bill Summary*

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### **Transportation bills signed this year focused on:**

- Requiring accessibility, greenhouse gas reduction, and public safety requirements on transportation network companies.

### **Water bills signed this year focused on:**

- Codifying water efficiency regulations developed during the drought, requiring specific procedures for discontinuation of residential water service for nonpayment, and providing specified water utilities with simplified procedures to sell or transfer ownership.







# *Informational Hearings & Formal Briefings Provided*

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## ASSEMBLY UTILITIES & ENERGY COMMITTEE

- February 26, 2018 - 2017 Wildfires
- March 14, 2018 – Regional Energy Markets and California’s Green Goals

## SENATE ENERGY UTILITIES & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

- March 6, 2018 – The California Public Utilities Commission and the Office of Ratepayer Advocates Annual Update to the Legislature
- January 26, 2018 – California Burning: Utility Wildfire Prevention and Response

## WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

- July 25, 2018 – Framing the Issues
- August 9, 2018 – Inverse Condemnation and Utility Wildfire Liability

## FORMAL BRIEFINGS PROVIDED

- February 23, 2018 - Joint CPUC, CEC, and California Independent System Operator (CAISO): Advancing Energy Storage Technologies in California
- February 27, 2018 – CPUC: CAISO’s Backstop Procurement Mechanisms: Background, Issues and Current Trends
- March 12, 2018 – CPUC: Revenue Requirement, Cost of Service and Federal Income Taxes
- March 14, 2018 – Joint CPUC and CEC: Electric Vehicles Impact on the Electric Grid





# 2018-19 Budget Overview

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- **Legislature appropriated over \$1.6 billion to the CPUC for operations, universal access programs and The Public Advocates Office**
- **Approved Budget Requests & Actions – 23**
  - 45.5 new permanent positions and 10 limited-term positions authorized
- **Budget Hearings – 7**
- **CPUC Budget Related Bills:**
  - SB 840 (Mitchell): Budget Act of 2018
  - SB 854 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review): Public Resources Trailer Bill





# ***Thank You!***

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- Team Effort -
  - OGA staff
  - OGA liaisons and division staff
  - Division Directors
  - Commissioners and Advisors
  - Legislative partners, coalitions, and stakeholders
  - Governor's Office
  - Agency partners





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