
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
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AB 1301 (Petrie-Norris) - Electricity

Version: June 18, 2026

Urgency: No

Hearing Date: August 13, 2026

Policy Vote: E., U. & C. 17 - 0

Mandate: Yes

Consultant: Ashley Ames

Bill Summary: This bill would make various changes to code regarding the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and the California Energy Commission (CEC), including, but not limited to, extending the sunset of the Energy Conservation Assistance Act (ECAA) from 2028 to 2038, removing existing law that specifies that the CEC's Public Advisor must be an attorney, and exempting electrical cooperatives from provisions of the Public Utilities Act effective after January 1, 2027, unless statute expressly applies those provisions to electrical cooperatives.

***** **ANALYSIS ADDENDUM – SUSPENSE FILE** *****

The following information is revised to reflect amendments
adopted by the committee on August 13, 2026

Fiscal Impact:

- Unknown but likely significant ongoing fiscal impacts to the General Fund and possibly tax-exempt revenue bonds or other funding sources—potentially in the tens of millions of dollars, starting in 2028 and spread over several decades as existing loans are repaid and the funds are not recirculated—due to the ten-year sunset extension of the ECAA program. Staff notes that this extension would merely delay the fiscal impact, and that the same impact is still expected to occur following the 2038 sunset that would be established by this bill.
- The CEC estimates any changes in administrative costs due to extending the program are likely to be minor and absorbable.

Author Amendments: Author amendments would strike changes related to the PAO annual report.

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