
SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND FISCAL REVIEW

Senator John Laird, Chair

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Bill No:	AB 168	Hearing Date:	June 29, 2026
Author:	Committee on Budget		
Version:	June 26, 2026 Amended		
Urgency:	No	Fiscal:	No
Consultant:	Eunice Roh		

Subject: Public Resources

Summary: The bill is the omnibus Public Resources budget trailer bill. It contains provisions necessary to implement the Budget Act of 2026.

Proposed Law: This bill:

- 1) Establishes a new light-duty zero-emission electric vehicle incentive program for first-time zero-emission electric vehicle buyers, with specific parameters on vehicle price, weight, and in-state use.
- 2) Specifies the vice chair of the California Energy Commission shall receive an annual salary that is the midpoint between the annual salary of the other commission members and that of the chairperson, starting July 1, 2027.
- 3) Specifies that a contract with the Western Climate Initiative (WCI), Inc. is considered a membership contract to clarify procurement processes and streamline payment for administration of environmental program services.
- 4) Replaces the phrase "additional annual contributions" with "annual contributions" in statutes related to the Wildfire Fund, among other technical and clarifying changes.
- 5) Authorizes the California Energy Commission to transfer approximately \$22 million in appropriated, unused state General Fund and special fund monies from the Distributed Electricity Back-up Assets (DEBA) program to the Demand Side Grid Support (DSGS) program.

Fiscal Effect: Authorizes the California Energy Commission to transfer approximately \$22 million in appropriated, unused state General Fund and special fund monies from the Distributed Electricity Back-up Assets (DEBA) program to the Demand Side Grid Support (DSGS) program.

Support: None on file.

Opposed: None on file.

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