

(Without Reference to File)**CONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS**

AB 168 (Committee on Budget)

As Amended June 26, 2026

Majority vote. Budget Bill Appropriations Take Effect Immediately

SUMMARY

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

Senate Amendments

Senate amendments gut and amend the previous contents and replaces it with the following provisions:

- 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.

COMMENTS**According to the Author**

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Arguments in Support

None on file.

Arguments in Opposition

None on file.

FISCAL COMMENTS

Transfers \$22 million to the Demand Side Grid Support program at the California Energy Commission.

VOTES:**ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 53-17-10**

YES: Addis, Aguiar-Curry, Arambula, Ávila Farías, Bains, Bennett, Berman, Boerner, Bonta, Bryan, Caloza, Carrillo, Connolly, Elhawary, Fong, Gabriel, Garcia, Gipson, Mark González, Haney, Harabedian, Hart, Jackson, Kalra, Lee, Lowenthal, McKinnor, Muratsuchi, Nguyen, Ortega, Pacheco, Patel, Pellerin, Petrie-Norris, Quirk-Silva, Ramos, Ransom, Celeste Rodriguez, Michelle Rodriguez, Rogers, Blanca Rubio, Schiavo, Schultz, Sharp-Collins, Solache, Soria, Stefani, Valencia, Ward, Wicks, Wilson, Zbur, Rivas

NO: Alanis, Castillo, Chen, Davies, DeMaio, Dixon, Ellis, Flora, Gallagher, Jeff Gonzalez, Hadwick, Lackey, Macedo, Patterson, Sanchez, Ta, Tangipa

ABS, ABST OR NV: Ahrens, Alvarez, Bauer-Kahan, Calderon, Essayli, Hoover, Irwin, Krell, Papan, Wallis

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