

THIRD READING

Bill No: AB 168
Author: Committee on Budget
Amended: 6/26/26 in Senate
Vote: 21

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 53-17, 3/20/25 - See last page for vote

SENATE BUDGET & FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE: 13-5, 6/29/26
AYES: Laird, Archuleta, Blakespear, Cabaldon, Durazo, Hurtado, McNerney,
Menjivar, Pérez, Reyes, Richardson, Smallwood-Cuevas, Weber Pierson
NOES: Niello, Choi, Grove, Ochoa Bogh, Seyarto

SUBJECT: Public Resources

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This bill is the omnibus Public Resources budget trailer bill and contains provisions necessary to implement the Budget Act of 2026.

ANALYSIS:

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: Appropriation: Yes Fiscal Com.: Yes Local: Yes

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SUPPORT: (Verified 6/26/26)

None received

OPPOSITION: (Verified 6/26/26)

None received

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AYES: 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

NOES: Alanis, Castillo, Chen, Davies, DeMaio, Dixon, Ellis, Flora, Gallagher, Jeff Gonzalez, Hadwick, Lackey, Macedo, Patterson, Sanchez, Ta, Tangipa

NO VOTE RECORDED: Ahrens, Alvarez, Bauer-Kahan, Calderon, Essayli, Hoover, Irwin, Krell, Papan, Wallis

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