
SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND FISCAL REVIEW

Senator John Laird, Chair
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Bill No:	AB 196	Hearing Date:	August 31, 2026
Author:	Committee on Budget		
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Urgency:	No	Fiscal:	Yes
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Subject: School Energy Efficiency Stimulus Program

Summary: This is a budget trailer bill related to the School Energy Efficiency Stimulus Program.

Proposed Law: Specifically, this bill:

- Extends operations of the School Energy Efficiency Stimulus Program (Program) until January 1, 2031.
- Beginning July 1, 2026, allocates remaining program funds for the School Reopening Ventilation and Energy Efficiency Verification and Repair Program.
- Requires funds to be encumbered by December 1, 2028 and expended by December 1, 2029 and requires the California Energy Commission to make all reasonable efforts to ensure schools are able to apply, receive, and expend funds within the allotted time periods.
- Extends the liquidation period for grants previously awarded under the Program until October 1, 2029.

Fiscal Effect: This bill would extend the term of the continuous appropriation for this Program.

Support: None on File.

Opposed: None on File.

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