
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
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AB 2369 (Rogers) - Electricity: energy storage: energy-only resources

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Urgency: No

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

Mandate: No

Consultant: Ashley Ames

Bill Summary: This bill would require California's energy agencies to provide transmission-focused information to the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) to identify cost-effective opportunities to increase the reliability contribution or mitigate congestion of planned or existing energy-only resources through transmission capacity expansions.

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

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

Fiscal Impact:

- Ongoing costs of an unknown amount, possibly in the hundreds of thousands of dollars annually (ratepayer funds), for the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to identify cost-effective opportunities for increasing the reliability contribution of, and mitigate transmission congestion affecting, planned and existing energy-only resources; analyze CAISO deliverability studies and transmission capacity data to determine where targeted transmission expansions would most improve reliability value or reduce curtailment risk; and translate those findings into the annual guidance package the CPUC and California Energy Commission (CEC) jointly submit to the CAISO's transmission planning process — among other things.
- The CEC anticipates its costs would be minor and absorbable.

Author Amendments: Author amendments would require the CPUC, when requiring procurement under the integrated resource planning process, to account for the ability of energy-only resources to achieve required clean energy deployment rates, charge storage resources during off-peak periods, and increase resource diversity, and to enable those resources to satisfy procurement requirements to the maximum extent feasible. These amendments would also require the CPUC and CEC to identify cost-effective opportunities for energy-only resources to obtain deliverability through transmission capacity expansions, with the ISO requested to reserve associated deliverability for geothermal and wind, among other changes.

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