

CONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

AB 2518 (Sharp-Collins)

As Amended August 21, 2026

Majority vote

SUMMARY

Establishes a pilot program to address energization timelines for specified customers in the San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) service territory.

Senate Amendments

- 1) Shortens the duration of the pilot program from five years to three years by moving the program's sunset date from January 1, 2032, to January 1, 2030.
- 2) Makes additional clarifying changes.

COMMENTS

Energization Lifecycle. The time needed to energize a new customer connection varies based on project complexity, available distribution system capacity, and whether infrastructure upgrades are needed. In recent years, customers and developers have experienced delays in energizing new projects, leading to longer timelines for new utility connections. The process generally includes application review, engineering, cost estimates, construction planning, inspections, and final service connection, often in coordination with local permitting agencies. Timelines may also be affected by factors outside a utility's control, such as permitting delays, supply chain constraints, and delays in customer-submitted materials or approvals.

Legislative Response to Energization Delays. In response to concerns over delays in electric service connections and upgrades, the Legislature enacted SB 410 (Becker, Chapter 394, Statutes of 2023) and AB 50 (Wood, Chapter 317, Statutes of 2023). Together, these measures directed the CPUC to establish target energization timelines, improve utility reporting and customer communication, and provide a process for customers to report delays. Rather than establishing fixed deadlines for individual projects, the measures rely on target timelines, reporting, and CPUC oversight to monitor utility performance and improve accountability.

CPUC Implementation. In September 2024, the CPUC issued Decision 24-09-020 implementing SB 410 and AB 50. The decision established average and maximum energization timelines for different service categories, biannual utility reporting requirements, an eight-step energization process, and customer notification requirements when delays occur. Utilities that fail to meet adopted targets must explain the delays and identify corrective steps, and the CPUC may require remedial action. More recently, SB 254 (Becker, Chapter 119, Statutes of 2025) directed the CPUC to establish an enforcement policy, including penalties for noncompliance, by January 1, 2027.

According to the Author

According to the author, "Last year, the Legislature passed sweeping CEQA exemptions to expedite building affordable housing throughout the state. However, developers in San Diego are completing construction on homes that vulnerable San Diegans are waiting to occupy, only to face months of unexplained utility connection delays. These delays drive up costs, and most

importantly, leave families on the streets while new homes sit empty. AB 2518 establishes a straightforward priority: eliminate delays and provide for the community."

Arguments in Support

This measure is supported by SDG&E and the San Diego Housing Federation. Supporters contend that AB 2518 would provide more predictable energization timelines for high public benefit projects, including affordable housing developments. SDG&E further argues that the bill would improve coordination, project tracking, and transparency in the energization process, while preserving utility discretion over safety, reliability, and regulatory compliance.

Arguments in Opposition

None on file.

FISCAL COMMENTS

According to the Senate Committee on Appropriations, the CPUC estimates ongoing costs of approximately \$380,000 annually from ratepayer funds to establish new reporting requirements to track SDG&E's compliance with the bill's energization timelines and oversee the pilot program, among other activities.

VOTES:**ASM UTILITIES AND ENERGY: 17-0-1**

YES: Petrie-Norris, Patterson, Boerner, Calderon, Chen, Davies, Mark González, Harabedian, Hart, Irwin, Kalra, Papan, Rogers, Schiavo, Schultz, Wallis, Zbur

ABS, ABST OR NV: Ta

ASM APPROPRIATIONS: 14-0-1

YES: Wicks, Hoover, Aguiar-Curry, Caloza, Dixon, Fong, Mark González, Krell, Pacheco, Pellerin, Sharp-Collins, Solache, Ta, Tangipa

ABS, ABST OR NV: Arambula

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 77-0-3

YES: Addis, Aguiar-Curry, Ahrens, Alanis, Alvarez, Ávila Farías, Bains, Bauer-Kahan, Bennett, Berman, Boerner, Bonta, Bryan, Calderon, Caloza, Carrillo, Castillo, Chen, Connolly, Davies, DeMaio, Dixon, Elhawary, Ellis, Fong, Gabriel, Gallagher, Garcia, Gipson, Jeff Gonzalez, Mark González, Hadwick, Haney, Harabedian, Hart, Hoover, Irwin, Jackson, Johnson, Kalra, Krell, Lackey, Lee, Lowenthal, Macedo, McKinnor, Muratsuchi, Nguyen, Ortega, Pacheco, Papan, Patel, Patterson, Pellerin, Petrie-Norris, Quirk-Silva, Ramos, Ransom, Michelle Rodriguez, Rogers, Blanca Rubio, Sanchez, Schiavo, Schultz, Sharp-Collins, Solache, Soria, Stefani, Ta, Tangipa, Valencia, Wallis, Ward, Wicks, Wilson, Zbur, Rivas

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