

(Without Reference to File)

SENATE THIRD READING

SB 168 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review)

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.

Major Provisions

- 1) Zero-Emission Vehicle Incentives. 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) Energy Commission Salary. 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) Western Climate Initiative. 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) Wildfire Fund Clean Up. Replaces the phrase "additional annual contributions" with "annual contributions" in statutes related to the Wildfire Fund, among other technical and clarifying changes.
- 5) Demand Side Grid Support. 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 from the Distributed Electricity Back-Up Assets program to the Demand Side Grid Support program at the Energy Commission.

VOTES**SENATE FLOOR: 28-10-2**

YES: Allen, Archuleta, Arreguín, Ashby, Becker, Blakespear, Cabaldon, Caballero, Cervantes, Cortese, Durazo, Gonzalez, Grayson, Hurtado, Laird, Limón, McGuire, McNerney, Menjivar, Padilla, Pérez, Richardson, Rubio, Smallwood-Cuevas, Umberg, Wahab, Weber Pierson, Wiener

NO: Alvarado-Gil, Choi, Dahle, Grove, Jones, Niello, Ochoa Bogh, Seyarto, Strickland, Valladares

ABS, ABST OR NV: Reyes, Stern

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