
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
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SB 886 (Padilla) - California Technology Innovation and Ratepayer Protection Act

Version: March 25, 2026
Urgency: No
Hearing Date: May 14, 2026

Policy Vote: E., U. & C. 12 - 4
Mandate: Yes
Consultant: Ashley Ames

Bill Summary: This bill would require the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to establish an electrical corporation tariff that addresses costs associated with transmission, distribution, and generation services for “participating customers,” as defined, and would require a participating customer to prefund a contract of at least 15 years in duration for the installation of new, incremental, zero-carbon energy resources, and to participate in a new demand response program, as provided. It would also encourage local publicly owned electrical utilities (POUs) to adopt similar tariffs.

***** **ANALYSIS ADDENDUM – SUSPENSE FILE** *****
The following information is revised to reflect amendments
adopted by the committee on May 14, 2026

Fiscal Impact:

- The CPUC estimates one-time costs likely between \$750,000 and \$2 million spread over two years as well as ongoing costs ranging from approximately \$500,000 to \$1.2 million annually (ratepayer funds) for additional staff and administrative resources needed to establish and implement a new tariff and regulatory framework.
- To the extent that this bill increases electricity costs for ratepayer-funded facilities, this bill could result in cost shifts to those ratepayers.

Committee Amendments: Committee amendments would:

1. Remove provisions related to the POUs.
2. Clarify certain terms and definitions to ensure that the definition of a “data center” subject to the requirements of the bill is consistent throughout.

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