



# 2017 Legislative Outcomes



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# 2017 Legislative Overview

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## ❖ **113 bills tracked:**

- 89 (79%) failed passage
- 24 (21%) sent to the Governor's Desk

## ❖ **CPUC sponsored and took a formal position on one bill this year:**

- SB 385 (Hueso): Public Utilities Commission: reports: programs: studies

## ❖ **Participated in four informational committee hearings**

## ❖ **Provided four formal informational briefings to legislative staff**





# *2017 Legislative Engagement & Cross Agency Collaboration*

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- ❖ Actively coordinated with the Department of Finance and legislative budget committees
- ❖ Collaborated with the California Energy Commission, California Independent System Operator and California Air Resources Board
- ❖ Engaged the Senate and Assembly policy and fiscal committee consultants
- ❖ Updated the Governor's Office on key policy issues





## *Reform & Governance Bill Summary*

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- In 2016 Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. signed a package of bills to bolster the bolster transparency and oversight at the CPUC (SB 62, SB 215, SB 512, SB 661 & SB 2168).
- The Legislature, Administration and the CPUC devoted significant time and attention again this year to develop legislation aimed at continuing to improve the safety culture, public access, accountability and transparency of the organization.
  - **SB 19 (Hill): Public Utilities Commission: Duties and Responsibilities: Governance**





# *CPUC Sponsored Bill Summary*

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- **One Bill Sponsored – SB 385 (Hueso): Public Utilities Commission: Reports: Programs: Studies**
  - Provides technical clean-up of the Public Utilities Code, including modifying and clarifying existing statutes and repealing obsolete provisions and provides the CPUC with greater discretion to conduct one or more public meetings in affected areas where there are proposed area code changes.





# *Environmental Bills Influence State Energy Policy*

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## Landmark Climate Change & Air Quality Legislation -

- **AB 398 (E. Garcia): California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: market-based compliance mechanisms: fire prevention fees: sales and use tax manufacturing exemption** – *Extends California's carbon cap and trade program/market to 2030 with minor modifications.*
- **AB 197 (C. Garcia): Nonvehicular air pollution: criteria air pollutants and toxic air contaminants** – Establishes a comprehensive, targeted statewide program - the first of its kind - to address air pollution by:
  - Creating neighborhood air monitoring programs and targeted action plans that require air pollution reductions from mobile and stationary sources.
  - Mandating large industrial facilities, including oil refineries, in California's most polluted communities upgrade their old, polluting equipment with cleaner, more modern technology by December 2023 at the latest.
  - Increasing penalties against polluters that the Legislature has not been able to increase in more than 35 years.





# *Energy Bill Summary*

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## Energy bills signed this year focused on:

- Enhancing the load-serving entity Integrated Resource Planning process.
- Addressing electric and natural gas reliability concerns in the Los Angeles Basin due to the closure and now reduced use of the Aliso Canyon natural gas storage facility.
- Improving consumer protection and assistance regulations and programs for distributed solar photovoltaic customers and those facing electric and natural gas disconnections.
- Extending and expanding customer energy resource programs (i.e. solar water heating program) to disadvantaged communities.
- Managing electric and natural gas bill increases.
- Directing the state's premier research and development programs to focus on directly benefiting disadvantaged communities and preventing investments in fossil fueled resources.
- Investing in electric vehicle Infrastructure.





# *Safety & Communication Bill Summary*

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## Safety bills signed this year focused on:

- Improving the CPUC's oversight of electric and natural gas investor owned utility expenses related to safety and reliability investments in their infrastructure and equipment.

## Communication bills signed this year focused on:

- Focusing, extending and increasing funding for the California Advanced Services Fund program to the end of 2022 with significant programmatic modifications.







## *Transportation & Water Bill Summary*

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### Transportation bills signed this year focused on:

- Transferring safety oversight responsibilities of private passenger carriers, household goods movers, for-hire vessels and commercial air operators to other states agencies better suite to carry out this responsibility.

### Water bills signed this year focused on:

- Expediting the approval process for the San Jose Water Company to sell lands in the Upper Guadalupe watershed to the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District





# *Informational Hearings & Formal Briefings Provided*

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## ASSEMBLY UTILITIES & ENERGY COMMITTEE

- **March 15, 2017 – Investor Owned Utilities: Rates**
- **June 7, 2017 – Impact of the Regional Organization of the Grid**
- **July 19, 2017 - Review of California Public Utilities Commission and Office of Ratepayer Advocates Activities in 2016–2017**

## SENATE ENERGY UTILITIES & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

- **January 31, 2017 – The California Public Utilities Commission and the Office of Ratepayer Advocates Annual Update to the Legislature**
- **August 23, 2017 – The Changing Electricity Landscape: The Growth of Community Choice Aggregators**

## FORMAL BRIEFINGS PROVIDED

- **January 23, 2017 – Emerging Trends in California’s Electric Retail Power Market**
- **January 26, 2017 – Joint CPUC and California Energy Commission (CEC): Achieving California’s 2030 Climate Goals – Senate Bill 350 (Statutes of 2015): Integrated Resource Plans Implementation Update**
- **April 28, 2017 – Joint CPUC, CEC, and California Independent System Operator: California’s Electric System Planning Processes**
- **June 8, 2017 – Joint CPUC and CEC: California’s Premier Energy Research and Development Programs**





# *2017-18 Budget Overview*

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- **Legislature Appropriated over \$1.8 billion to the CPUC for operations, universal access programs and the Office of Ratepayer Advocates**
- **Approved Budget Requests & Actions – 36**
  - About 53 new permanent positions and 21.5 limited term positions authorized
- **Budget Hearings – 8**
- **CPUC Budget Related Bills:**
  - AB 97 (Ting): Budget Act of 2017
  - SB 92 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review): Public Resources Trailer Bill





# Thank You!

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- Team Effort -
  - OGA staff
  - OGA liaisons and division staff
  - Division directors
  - Commissioners and advisors
  - Legislative partners and coalitions
  - Governor's Office
  - Agency partners





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