



2016 Legislative Outcomes



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Legislative Overview

❖ **205 bills tracked:**

- 150 (73%) failed passage
- 54 (27%) sent to the Governor's Desk

❖ **CPUC took formal positions on 15 bills this year:**

- 11 passed the Legislature
- 9 signed by the Governor

❖ **CPUC Sponsored 6 bills this year:**

- All passed and were signed by the Governor





Reform & Governance Bill Summary

- **The comprehensive CPUC reform bill (AB 2903) - failed passage**
- **Governor signed 5 bills aimed at improving the safety culture, public access, accountability and transparency of the organization (SB 62, SB 215, SB 512, SB 661 & SB 2168)**
- **The Governor's signing message continues reform efforts and calls upon the CPUC, and his administration to:**
 - Transfer responsibilities over transportation related entities to another department
 - Codify the appointment of senior executive staff who serve at the pleasure of the organization
 - Codify appointment of Dep. Exec. Director for Safety and Chief Internal Auditor





CPUC Sponsored Bill Summary

6 Bills sponsored - AB 1651, AB 2168, AB 2861, SB 1055, SB 1112, SB 1222

CPUC sponsored bills signed focused on:

- Efforts to improve the functions of the organization and aligned with legislative reform interest:
 - Transparency requirements for contracts, inspections and audits
 - Expedite the grid interconnection dispute resolution process
 - Streamline and clean-up legislative reporting requirements





Energy Bill Summary

Climate Change legislation influences state energy policy -

- **SB 32 (Pavley): California Global Warming Solutions Act: Emissions Limit:**
Requires the ARB to ensure that statewide greenhouse gas emissions are reduced to 40% below the 1990 level by 2030.
- **AB 197 (Garcia): State Air Resources Board: Greenhouse Gases: Regulations:**
Adds two Members of the Legislature to the state board as ex officio nonvoting members.

Energy bills signed this year focused on:

- Prioritizing preferred energy resources
- Enhancing electric generation procurement programs and interconnection requirements, particularly for biomass facilities
- Incentivizing biomethane production
- Scaling the deployment of distributed energy storage systems
- Requiring the electric investor owned utilities to consider environmental justice in procurement





Safety Bill Summary

Safety bills signed this year focused on:

- Addressing the Aliso Canyon natural gas storage facility leak:
 - Moratorium on natural gas injections
 - Conduct risk assessment of the facility
 - Potential penalties assessed must be used to mitigate the climate impacts of the leak (extends to all natural gas facilities, as specified)
- Codifying Office of the Safety Advocate
- Specifying an enforcement agency for 8-1-1 excavation violations
- Requiring the electric investor owned utilities to develop fire mitigation plans





Communication & Transportation Bill Summary

Communication bills signed this year focused on:

- Modifying funding, representation and coverage of California's universal phone and broadband service programs

Transportation bills signed this year focused on:

- Improving limousine and tour bus standards and inspections
- Requiring background checks, as specified, for Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) and redefining regulatory terms applicable to TNCs





2016-17 Budget Actions

- **Total Budget Change Proposals – 12**
 - About 100 new positions authorized
- **Budget Hearings – 10**
- **CPUC Budget Related Bills:**
 - SB 826: Budget Act of 2016
 - SB 840: Energy Trailer Bill
 - SB 859: Greenhouse Gas Trailer Bill





Informational & Oversight Hearings Summary

- **Participated in 16 informational and oversight hearings:**
 - 9 energy policy committee hearings
 - 3 Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee
 - 6 Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee
 - 7 select committee and town halls





16 Informational & Oversight Hearings

ASSEMBLY UTILITIES AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

- **May 18, 2016** – *Frontier Telecommunications Transition*
- **March 8, 2016** – *Reports on CPUC*
- **January 21, 2016** - *Aliso Canyon Natural Gas Leak*

SENATE ENERGY UTILITIES & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

- **November 17, 2015** – Subcommittee on Gas Electric & Transportation Safety - *Wildfires Caused by Power Lines: What Have Electric Utilities Done to Improve Safety Since the 2007 Fire Siege?*
- **December 17, 2015** – Subcommittee on Gas Electric & Transportation Safety - *Dangerous Digs: Why do Fatal Pipeline Accidents Persist?*
- **February 17, 2016** – Joint Senate Energy, Utilities & Communications (Hueso, Chair) and Transportation & Housing (Beall, Chair) - *Ride-Hailing Disruption: Establishing a Level-Playing Field in the Transportation-for-Hire Market*
- **March 15, 2016** – *The CPUC and the Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA) Annual Update to the Legislature*
- **May 3, 2016** – Subcommittee on Gas Electric & Transportation Safety *California Public Utilities Commission: Safety Intervenor and Effective Safety Management*
- **May 10, 2016** – *Aliso Canyon and Southern California Energy Reliability*

SELECT COMMITTEE HEARINGS TOWN HALLS & OTHERS

- **October 27, 2015** – Select Committee on the Digital Divide in Rural California (Wood, Chair) *Hearing 1*
- **December 14, 2015** – Select Committee on the Digital Divide in Rural California (Wood, Chair) *Hearing 2*
- **January 8, 2016** – *The Future of Net Energy Metering in California*
- **February 11, 2016** – Select Committee on California's Clean Energy Economy (Quirk, Chair) - *Energy efficiency in existing buildings*
- **February 22, 2016** – Joint Assembly Natural Resources (Williams, Chair) and Budget Subcommittee No. 3 (Bloom, Chair) - *Tree Mortality Informational Hearing*
- **May 14, 2016** – Assemblymember O'Donnell Town Hall - *Verizon – Frontier Transfer*
- **August 3, 2016** – Joint Legislative Committee on Emergency Management (Rodriguez, Chair) *Next Generation 911, Security, Funding, and Technology Needs*





2016 Legislative Mandates – Implementation Underway

- Examples:
 - **SB 62:** Office of Safety Advocate creation
 - **SB 840** (Section 9): CPUC regional expansion workshops and report development
 - **SB 840** (Section 14): Resolution directing electric investor owned utilities to procure biomass resources





Thank You!

- 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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