
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Ricardo Lara, Chair
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SB 700 (Wiener) - Energy Storage Initiative

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Policy Vote: E., U., & C. 7 - 2

Urgency: No

Mandate: Yes

Hearing Date: May 25, 2017

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***** **ANALYSIS ADDENDUM – SUSPENSE FILE** *****

The following information is revised to reflect amendments
adopted by the committee on May 25, 2017

Bill Summary: SB 700 establishes the Energy Storage Initiative, a statewide program to subsidize the cost of customer-sited energy storage.

Fiscal Impact:

- Approximately \$300,000 annually through 2027 (Utilities Reimbursement Account) to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to establish the Energy Storage Initiative through a proceeding and oversee program administration.

Author Amendments:

- Define customer-sited generation and eligibility for the purposes of the program.
- Provide that priority for program funding is given to projects eligible for and concurrently applying to for incentives under the Multifamily Affordable Housing Solar Roofs Program.
- Specifies that electrical company and publicly-owned utilities with an annual demand exceeding 700 gigawatts, as determined on a three-year average are subject to the provisions in the bill.

Author Amendments:

- Align provisions of the bill with existing language in other programs.
- Provide that the program must be consistent with the ongoing Integrated Resources Plan.
- Authorizes the CPUC to adjust the incentives and program structure two years after implementation, and based on findings from this or other similar programs, to ensure the best meet program goals such as market transformation and access for low-income household and properties serving these households.

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