

California Energy Legislation

Item 6A- Legislation Update
Environment and Climate Commission
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- [SB 222](#) (Wiener) – **Heat Pump Access Act**: Creates streamlined, standardized permitting for home heat pumps
- [SB 868](#) (Wiener) – **Plug-and-Play Solar**: Legalizes balcony solar kits that plug into standard wall outlets without utility permits
- [SB 905](#) (Becker) – **Electricity/ POWER Program**: Strengthens ratepayer protections and utility accountability, including utility profits associated with wildfire spending
- [SB 913](#) (Becker) – **Virtual Power Plants**: Directs CPUC to allow aggregated home batteries and EVs to supply power during peak grid demand
- [AB 1738](#) (Carrillo) – **Remote Virtual Inspection Act**: Requires building inspectors to offer video/photo for simple residential upgrades like heat pumps and solar
- [AB 2313](#) (Berman) – **Home Energy Choice Act**: Requires gas companies to offer to pay homeowners to electrify rather than replacing aging gas lines
- [AB 2463](#) (Petrie-Norris) – **CPUC Rate Return on Equity**: Increases transparency around utility rate of return

Bill Trackers:

- The Climate Center: <https://theclimatecenter.org/our-work/bill-tracker/>
- California Climate and Energy Collaborative (CCEC): <https://eecoordinator.info/legislative-database/>