



# California Climate Lobby Day

March 20, 2024

## **AB 2256 (Friedman) - Value of Solar- Support**

- **Status:** Assembly Utilities & Energy Committee
- **Description:** AB 2256 will keep rooftop solar growing by establishing the true value of rooftop solar, including all its environmental and societal benefits like local clean air, clean water, and energy resilience. This will ensure that the CPUC considers all of solar's benefits when determining how to compensate solar panel owners for the electricity they supply to the grid.
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## **SB 233 (Skinner) The Bidirectional EV Charging – Support**

- **Status:** 2-year bill currently pending in the Assembly
- **Description:** SB 233 aims to unlock the potential for electric vehicles to provide power during grid outages, lower energy bills and make California's electricity grid more reliable. The bill will require new electric light duty passenger vehicles and school buses to be bidirectional no later than model year 2035 (in alignment with existing requirements for new EV sales by 2035).
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## **SB 252 (Gonzalez) - Oil & Gas Divestment - Support**

- **Status:** 2-year bill currently pending in the Assembly
- **Description:** SB 252 will prohibit the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) and the California State Teachers Retirement System (CalSTRS) from investing in fossil fuel companies, and provide they divest any current holdings in these companies by 2031.
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## **Budget Priorities - Hold the line on CA's Climate Investments - Support**

- **Description:** Given the enormity of the problems the climate crisis inflicts, we cannot afford \$4.7 billion in cuts and deferrals, as proposed in the Governor's Jan. 10 budget. We must deliver on promises for cleaner air, ensuring that vulnerable communities are better protected from climate impacts and have access to climate solutions, and to secure a smooth and rapid transition to a clean energy economy.
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## **Climate Bond - Support**

- **Status:** Multiple bond vehicles in various stages of the process (SB 867, AB 1567, AB 408, AB 2208, SB 638)
- **Description:** After years of whiplash between extreme weather events, climate continues to be a top concern for Californians. We support moving a robust and equitable climate bond to the November ballot and giving voters the opportunity to make their voices heard on an issue that affects every community across the state.
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