

SB 868 (Wiener) – Plug Into The Sun



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energy!



What Can A Balcony Solar System Power?

- A small 180-watt panel can power a refrigerator, a computer, and a few lights
- A 400-watt panel can power a small window-AC unit



Consumer Costs & Savings

**\$500-
\$2500**

Depending on size
+ battery*

**Reduces 6%-30%
annual electricity
usage****

**\$100-\$700
savings/yr****

*As the market grows, prices will
decline 50%-80%

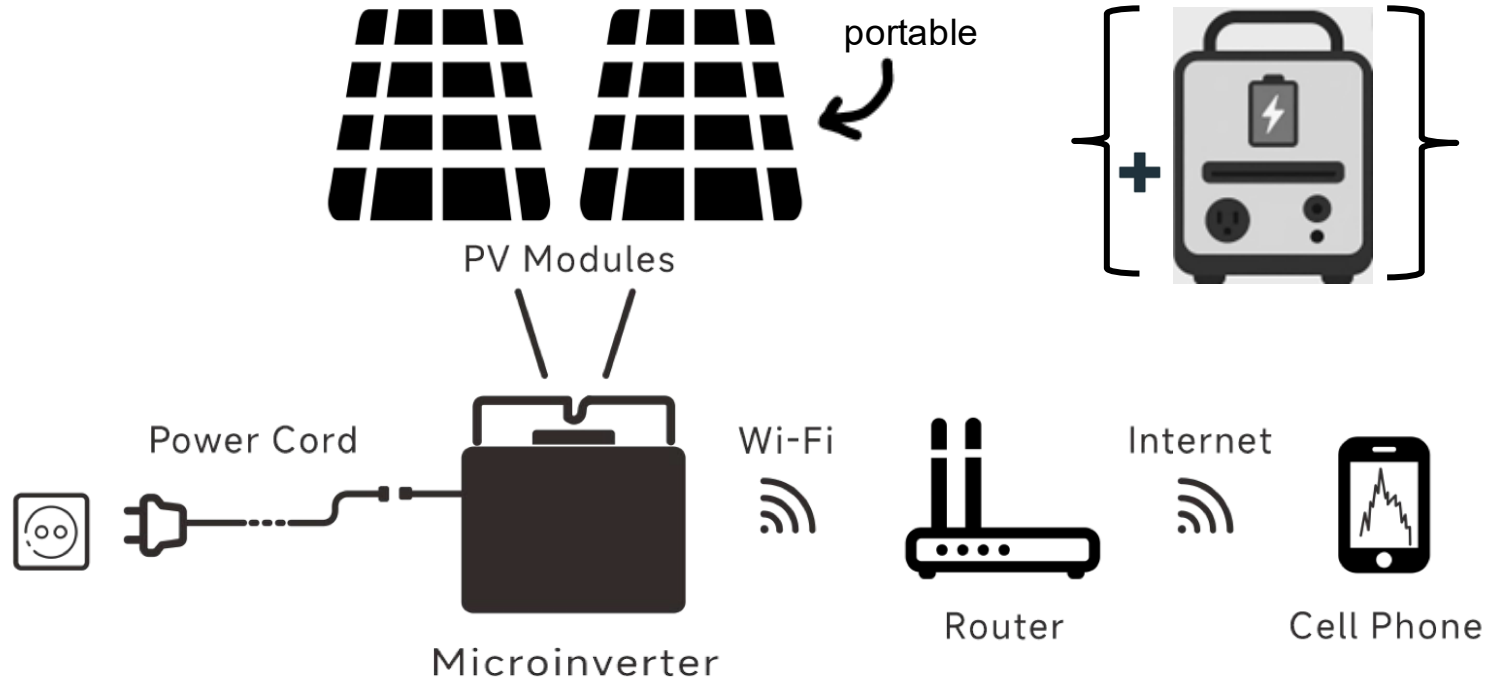
** Depends on system size, utility rates and other variables

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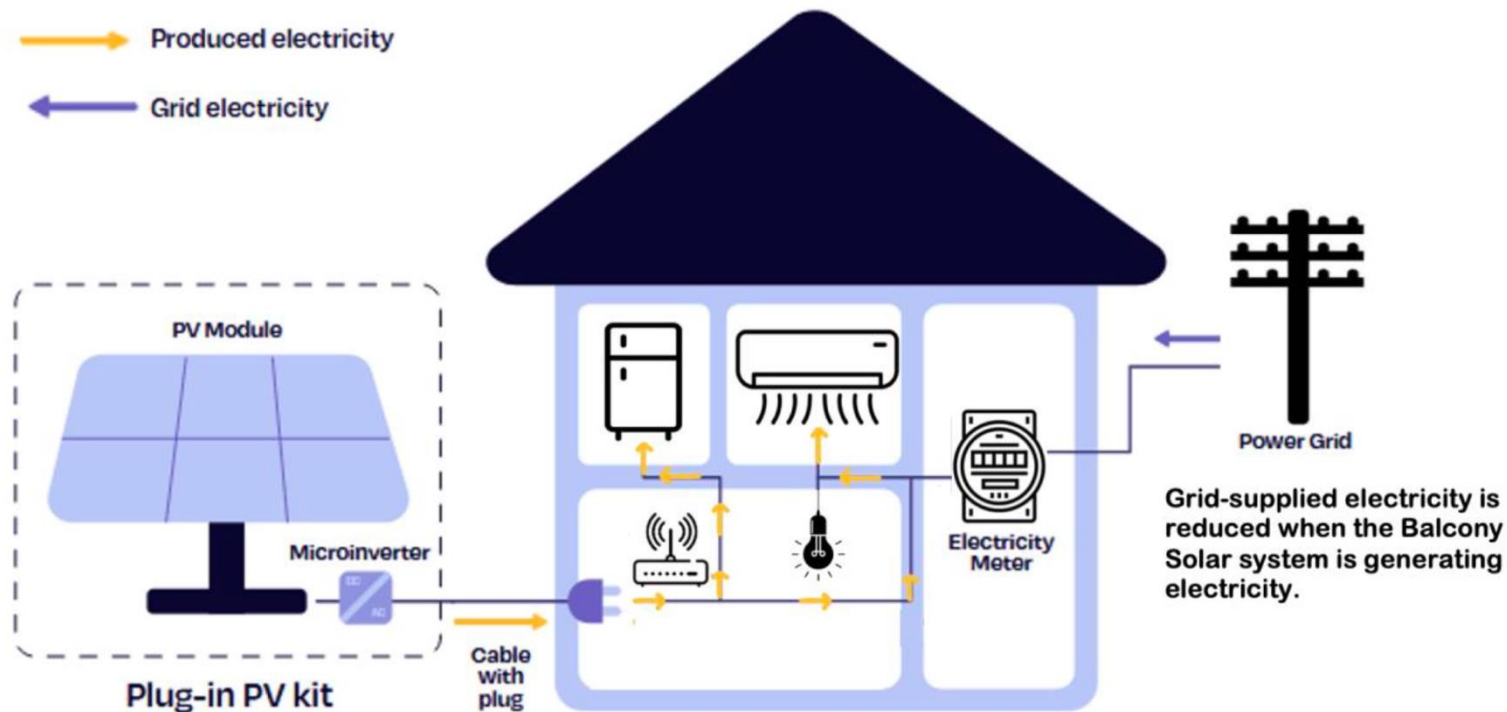


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What is Balcony Solar/Plug In Solar?



How Does Balcony Solar Work?



From Stuttgart to Salt Lake City to Sacramento

- **Germany has 4M of these systems already**
- **Utah passed H.R. 340 in 2025; other states are following**
 - Colorado, Maine, Maryland, New York, Virginia all laws passed this year
- **The highest safety standards**
 - **UL 3700 requires all devices to be tested to modern electrical, structural and fire safety standards**

SB 868 (Wiener) – What the bill does

Portable Solar Definition:

- Moveable
- <1200 watts
- Plugs into wall outlet

**Requires
Mandatory Safety
Standards
(UL 3700)**

**No Interconnection;
No Fees;
Applies to IOU, POU's**

**Simple registration
process only**

Bill Update/Next Steps

- **SB 868 passed the senate 35-1 in May**
- **Passed Assembly Utilities & Energy Committee 18-0 in June**
- **Assembly Appropriations Committee will consider it August (CPUC gave it a negligible fiscal analysis)**
- **Assembly Floor in late August (if passes Appropriations)**
- **Governor consideration in September (if passed by Assembly)**

Support/Opposition

Support

- Over 100 consumer, low-income, energy affordability, environmental and climate change groups

Opposition Removed

- IBEW, Firefighters
- PG&E support if amended position

Opposition Remaining:

- Southern California Edison, SDG&E, municipal utilities

Action Items/How You Can Help

- 1. Call your assembly member: “Support SB 868 – bring balcony solar to California!”**
- 2. Help us get others to call**
- 3. Get your local elected officials to support the bill**

Thank you!

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