

Endorsement Request by Silicon Valley Youth Climate Action

1. [SB 68 \(Becker\)](#) - **Reducing the Barriers for Building Electrification**

Senate Bill 68 will be key to reducing greenhouse gas emissions from buildings and transportation by making it easier for building/home owners to install electrical equipment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in support of the state's climate goals. Here's also the [fact sheet](#).

2. [SB 596 \(Becker\)](#) - **Low-Carbon Concrete**

Concrete (made from cement) is the most commonly used building material globally and a large source of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. SB 596 would require a reduction of 40% of greenhouse gas emissions from the cement and concrete sector by 2030 and net zero by 2045. Here's also the [fact sheet](#).

3. [SB 31 \(Cortese\)](#) - **Building Decarbonization Programs at PUC and CEC**

SB 31 will develop new building decarbonization programs through the California Energy Commission and the Public Utilities Commission, with a particular emphasis on providing opportunities for low-income customers.

Fact sheet:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xF1fhhFMbqkWdC_ELrNHkgluaUwvrBOq/view.

4. [SB 32 \(Cortese\)](#) - **Decarbonization in General Plans**

SB 32 will require all cities and counties in California to update their General Plans or Climate Action Plans with objectives, targets, and policies to decarbonize their building stock in line with State targets.

Fact sheet:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OQvU5A8nz1ml89eAGvn2Az5ESDNshhNu/view>.

5. [SB 612 \(Portantino and many coauthors\)](#) - **Make the Fee to Switch to Clean Energy More Transparent**

Requires all investor-owned utilities energy generation to be equally available for Community Choice Aggregators, in proportion to how much the latter pays the former via the PCI.

6. [SB 260 \(Wiener\)](#):- **Climate Corporate Accountability Act**

Requires corporations making \$1+ billion in revenue that do business in California to report their greenhouse gas emissions to the Air Resources Board, who will develop and adopt regulations requiring those large corporations to set emissions targets by 2024. Here's also the [fact sheet](#).

7. [SB 617 \(Weiner\)](#):- **Streamline Solar Panel Permit**

Requires local jurisdictions of greater than 10,000 to implement automatic permitting for small solar panels by 2023, with the Energy Commission providing grants using money from utilities. Here's also the [fact sheet](#) if you'd like to find out more about the bill.

8. [SB 437 \(Wieckowski\)](#) - **Local publicly owned electric utilities: integrated resource planning: transportation electrification**

Requires the publicly owned utilities to explicitly provide for all sectors of transportation electrification, including light-, medium-, heavy-duty and on- and off-road engines, into their integrated resource plans to ensure comprehensive electricity rate design. As moving towards electrification within the transportation sectors of California is a general benefit. Here's also the [fact sheet](#).

9. [AB 416 \(Kalra\)](#) - **Deforestation Free Procurement Act**

Requires contractors to ensure their materials do not have any deforestation impacts by 2024. If passed, the bill would make California the first state in the nation to require that state procurement contracts do not contribute to tropical or boreal deforestation. [fact sheet](#).

Additional info. <https://foe.org/news/california-assembly-introduces-bill-to-make-california-a-leader-in-ending-deforestation/>

10. [AB 525 \(Chiu\)](#) - **Investing in Offshore Wind Power**

Tasks the Energy Commission to plan for 10MW of offshore wind energy by 2040 and communicate with other agencies to ensure the infrastructure can be supported, to increase renewable energy and supplement solar. Here's also the [fact sheet](#).

11. [AB 1346 \(Berman\)](#) - **Transition Gas-Powered Leaf to Zero Emission Alternatives**

Bans emissions from new small off-road engines (e.g. garden equipment) by 2024 and creates a rebate program for air quality management districts to phase out existing engines. Here's also the [fact sheet](#).

12. [SB 38 \(Wieckowski\)](#) - **Beverage containers**

Creates an extended producer responsibility program that places redemption and recycling responsibility on those who are distributing beverage containers inside California. It will have a major effect on plastic waste throughout California and allows for new systems to be established to manage recycling. Here's also the [fact sheet](#).