



2019 Legislative Outcomes



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2019 Legislative Overview

❖ **122 bills tracked:**

- 85 (70%) failed passage
- 37 (30%) sent to the Governor's Desk

❖ Took ONE formal legislative position

❖ Participated in NINE legislative committee oversight hearings

❖ Provided FIVE formal legislative staff briefings





2019 Legislative Engagement & Cross Agency Collaboration

- ❖ Engaged with the Senate and Assembly policy and fiscal committee consultants.
- ❖ Actively coordinated with the Department of Finance on bill fiscal analyses.
- ❖ Collaborated with the California Energy Commission, California Independent System Operator, California Air Resources Board, California Office of Emergency Services, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, and the Department of Conservation - Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources.
- ❖ Updated the Governor's Office on key policy issues.





CPUC Formal Legislative Positions

- **AB 1366 (Gonzalez): Voice over Internet Protocol and Internet Protocol enabled communications services.**
 - **CPUC Position:** **OPPOSE**
 - **Status:** *Held in committee pursuant to Senate Rule 29.10, September 11, 2019*

This bill proposes to extend, for an additional ten years, the qualified prohibition on any state or local entity regulating Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) and Internet Protocol (IP) enabled services. The bill includes an additional qualification restricting the CPUC from taking regulatory action, unless expressly and specifically directed by the Legislature, in the interest of public safety or consumer protection, among other provisions.

The Commission took an oppose position due to concerns with restricting state oversight given the increase in catastrophic disasters and deenergization events in California. All essential infrastructure and services in California must receive heightened scrutiny for its reliability, service quality and impact on public safety. Communications infrastructure, just as electric infrastructure, has demonstrated service quality deficiencies, as well as disaster response and reliability issues, that require proper oversight and review.





Communications Bills Summary

Communications bills signed this year focused on:

- Strengthening the state's communications grid by refining rules for the distribution of emergency alerts and improving carrier coordination with public safety officials.
- Providing consumers with protections against fraudulent calls.
- Extending the sunset of the Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program and making program enrollment easier.
- Expanding representation on the California Broadband Council.





Energy Bill Summary

Energy bills signed this year focused on:

- Improving electric and gas infrastructure safety
- Integrating electric vehicles into the electric system
- Deploying customer energy resources
- Enabling responsible electric retail procurement choice
- Clarifying existing energy resource planning processes
- Incentivizing biomethane production
- Expanding electric and gas utility oversight





Safety Bills Summary

Safety bills signed this year focused on:

- Strengthening California's ability to prevent and recover from catastrophic wildfires
- Boosting the state's forest management activities
- Updating requirements for the maintenance and operation of utility infrastructure to reflect changing climate conditions
- Protecting utility workers.





Transportation Bill Summary

Transportation bills signed this year focused on:

- Strengthening existing consumer protection laws for TNC drivers.
- Improving collaboration between the CPUC and local governments on work related to railroad crossings.





Other Bill Summary

Other bills signed this year focused on:

- Expanding the supplier diversity program to third-party power procurement providers.
- Improving CPUC audit and review requirements of regulated entities.





Legislative Committee Oversight Hearings

ASSEMBLY UTILITIES & ENERGY COMMITTEE

- **January 30, 2019** – Annual Review of California Public Utilities Commission and the Public Advocates Office
- **March 6, 2019** – The Metamorphosis of the Energy Sector: Maintaining Reliability and Affordability on the Road to Decarbonization
- **May 21, 2019** – Investor Owned Utility Wildfire Mitigation Plans: Will the Plans Reduce the Risk & Occurrence of Catastrophic Wildfires

SENATE ENERGY UTILITIES & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

- **March 5, 2019** – Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) Chapter 11 Reorganization Bankruptcy: Implications for California
- **March 12, 2019** – The California Public Utilities Commission and the Public Advocates Office Annual Report to the Legislature
- **March 19, 2019** – The Changing Electricity Landscape: The Need for a New Regulatory Approach

SENATE ENERGY, UTILITIES & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE SUBCOMMITTEE ON GAS, ELECTRIC AND TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

- **August 14, 2019** – With Great Power Comes Great Responsibility: Preparing for Electric Utility De-Energization

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS AND CONVEYANCE

- **July 1, 2019** – Emergency Alerts and Evacuations – Lives Saved or Lives Lost?

ASSEMBLYMEMBER QUIRK BRIEFING (IN LIEU OF SELECT COMMITTEE)

- **February 13, 2019** – Zero-Carbon Grid by 2045





Formal Legislative Staff Briefings

- **January 17, 2019** – *CPUC: Status of SB 901 (Dodd, Chapter 626, Statutes of 2018): Wildfire Prevention, Response & Recovery Implementation*
- **February 27, 2019** – *CPUC: 2017-2018 Integrated Resource Plan Process*
- **March 22, 2019** – *CPUC, CEC & CARB: Transportation Electrification Infrastructure Investments*
- **April 5, 2019** – *CPUC: 2017-2018 Integrated Resource Plan Preferred System Plan Proposed Decision*
- **May 22, 2019** – *CPUC, CEC & CAISO: Aliso Canyon Impact on Reliability – Summer 2019*





2019 Fiscal Overview

- ❖ *Fiscal impact estimates requested for 79 different bills.*
- ❖ *Over 215 fiscal impact estimate requests received and delivered.*
- ❖ *Dozens of follow up discussions with DOF and appropriations committees.*

Signed legislation with fiscal impact

| Title | Positions | | Legislation |
|--|-----------|--------------|---------------------|
| | Permanent | Limited-Term | |
| Electricity: load-serving entities: rate and program information | 4 | - | AB 1362 (O'Donnell) |
| Wildfires: California Wildfire Warning Center: fire-weather monitoring | 10 | | SB 209 (Dodd) |
| Women, minority, disabled veteran, and LGBT business enterprise procurement: electric service providers: energy storage system companies: community choice aggregators | 2 | 1 | SB 255 (Bradford) |
| Electrical service: provider of last resort | 5 | - | SB 520 (Hertzberg) |
| Total | 21 | 1 | |





Thank You!

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 - Division Directors
 - Commissioners and Advisors
 - Legislative partners & stakeholders
 - Governor's Office
 - Agency partners





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