

RULES COMMITTEE: 6-20-18

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Department(s):
Environmental
Services

CITY COUNCIL ACTION REQUEST

Coordination:
CMO, CAO, Community Energy

CMO Approval:
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SUBJECT:

AB 3232 (Friedman) Zero-emissions buildings and sources of heat energy.

SB 1477 (Stern) Low-emissions buildings and sources of heat energy.

RECOMMENDED POSITIONS: SUPPORT

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. Adopt a position of support for AB 3232 (Friedman) and SB 1477 (Stern).

2. Recommend a one-week turnaround to the June 26, 2018 City Council Meeting so that the City's legislative representative can advocate the City's support for AB 3232 and SB 1477.

BILLS SYNOPSIS:

AB 3232 would require the California Energy Commission (CEC) by January 1, 2021 to assess the potential for California to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from the state's residential and commercial building stock by at least 40% below 1990 levels by January 2030. The bill would require the CEC to include in the 2021 edition of the integrated energy policy report, and all subsequent integrated energy policy reports, a report on GHG emissions associated with the supply of energy to residential and commercial buildings. Bill language: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB3232

SB 1477 would require the CEC in consultation with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to develop and administer an Incentives for New Low-Emissions Technology program to provide incentives to owners and developers of new residential or new commercial buildings and new buildings in a disadvantaged or low-income community for the deployment of near-zero-emission building technologies to significantly reduce GHG emissions from buildings. In identifying and targeting these technologies, the CEC shall give consideration to technologies that improve the health and safety of, and energy affordability to, low-income households. Bill language:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill id=201720180SB1477

IMPACTS TO CITY OF SAN JOSE:

Both AB 3232 and SB 1477 align with the Climate Smart San José Plan's electrification strategies to make homes efficient and affordable for our residents and improve our commercial building stock. These bills support the City's goals of achieving 37,975 zero net energy (ZNE) homes, 47 percent of homes that are allelectric, and 70 million square feet of ZNE commercial buildings by 2030.

AB 3232 would require the CEC to identify cost-effective options and policies to transform the existing residential, commercial, and public building stock into high performing and energy-efficient buildings. By doing so, this has the potential to accelerate building electrification, resulting in decreased reliance on fossil fuels and reduced GHG emissions.

SB 1477 would help achieve the objectives of AB 3232 by providing incentives to San José residents and commercial building owners and developers to adopt emerging near-zero-emission space and water heating technologies. These clean heating technologies have the potential to reduce utility bills and GHG emissions.

POLICY ALIGNMENT:

AB 3232 and SB 1477 align with the City's Legislative Guiding Principle to promote sustainable development, and environmental protection.

SUPPORTERS/OPPONENTS:

AB 3232

Support

American Institute of Architects

California Council American Lung Association in California

Arkin Tilt Architects Association for Energy Accountability

California Efficiency and Demand Management Council

Carbon Free Palo Alto

Carbon Fee Silicon Valley

Center for Built Environment, UC Berkeley

County of Marin

AVEnues, LLC

Earthjustice Efficiency First California

Esherick Homsey Dodge and Davis

Essential Habitat Architecture

Integral Group

Interface Engineering, Inc.

Menlo Spark

Natural Resources Defense Council

Point Energy Innovations

Bay Area Physicians for Social Responsibility

Siegel & Strain Architects

Sierra Club California

TEECOM

TLCD Architecture

Union of Concerned Scientists

WRNS Studio

Opposition

BOMA California

California Apartment Association

California Building Industry Association

California Business Properties Association

Congress of California Seniors

International Council of Shopping Centers

NAIOP California

NFIB

San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership

SB 1477

Support

Natural Resources Defense Council (sponsor)

Adobe

Ben & Jerry's

California Building Industry Association

California Efficiency and Demand Management Council

California Municipal Utilities Association

Clif Bar

eBay Inc.

JLL

Sacramento Municipal Utility District

Sierra Nevada Brewing Company

Symantec

Unilever

Opposition

None Received

STATUS OF BILLS:

AB 3232 is in the Senate Rules Committee, awaiting committee assignment.

SB 1477 will be heard in the Assembly Natural Resources Committee on June 18, 2018.

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