



Clean Transportation Policy Update

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This issue of the Clean Transportation Policy Update focuses exclusively on the first half of the 2017-2018 California legislative session concluded on September 15, and provides an update on the bills signed by the Governor that have been tracked in previous policy updates. The next issue will contain a full report on regulatory and other policy activities related to clean transportation matters.

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

UPCOMING HEARINGS IN THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY

Assembly

- November 2, 10 am to 1 pm – The Select Committee on Regional Transportation Solutions will hold an informational hearing titled, “Advancing Sustainability in Regional Transportation Projects.” The hearing will be held at the Richard Chambers U.S. Court of Appeal building in Pasadena. More information is available at

<https://a41.asmdc.org/sites/a41.asmdc.org/files/pdf/UPDATED%20Flyer%202017%20Transportation%20Hearing.pdf>

BILLS SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR

AB 188 (Salas) – Signed by the Governor on October 10

Summary

This bill requires ARB to update the Enhanced Fleet Modernization Program guidelines to make the same miles per gallon standard currently applicable to minivans applicable to light-duty pickup trucks.

Complete Bill Information

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB188



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AB 544 (Bloom) – Signed by the Governor on October 10**Summary**

This bill creates a new program (upon expiration of the existing program) to grant federal inherently low emission vehicles (ILEVs) and transitional zero-emission vehicles (TZEVs) access to high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes for approximately a four-year period, regardless of vehicle occupancy level.

Complete Bill Information

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB544

AB 615 (Cooper) – Signed by the Governor on October 10**Summary**

This bill extends until January 1, 2019, the following provisions of the Clean Vehicle Rebate Program that require the Air Resources Board to:

- Offer rebates only to applicants who purchase an eligible vehicle and whose income does not exceed the following:
 - \$150,000 for single filers;
 - \$204,000 for head-of-household filers; or
 - \$300,000 for joint filers.
- Increase the rebate payment by \$500 to low-income applicants for all eligible vehicle types.
- Offer rebates only for plug-in hybrid vehicles that have an electric range of at least 20 miles.
- Provide outreach to low-income households to increase consumer awareness of the CVRP.
- Prioritize rebate payments to low-income applicants.

Complete Bill Information

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB615

AB 630 (Cooper) – Signed by the Governor on October 10**Summary**

This bill relates to the Plus-Up program and modifies the Enhanced Fleet Modernization Program (EFMP). Among other things, this bill:

- Renames the Plus-Up program the “Clean Cars 4 All Program” and clarifies that the program is focused on reducing GHGs and improving air quality by providing benefits to the state’s low-income residents by replacing high-polluting cars with cleaner cars or providing other mobility options
- Beginning in FY 2018-2019 and every FY thereafter, requires ARB to set specific, measureable program goals

- No later than January 1, 2019, requires ARB to take steps to meet the established program goals, including updating program guidelines
- Requires that ARB's implementing regulations for the programs ensure improved coordination, integration, and partnerships with other similar programs including those that receive GGRF funds

Complete Bill Information

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB630

AB 1073 (E. Garcia) – Signed by the Governor on October 10

Summary

This bill extends by two years, until December 31, 2020, the requirement that ARB dedicate at least 20% of funding for the California Clean Truck, Bus, and Off-Road Vehicle and Equipment Technology Program to support early commercial deployment of existing zero- and near-zero-emission heavy-duty trucks.

Complete Bill Information

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB1073

BILLS VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR

AB 17 (Holden)

Summary

This bill would have created the Transit Pass Pilot Program, funded by Legislative appropriation from the Public Transportation Account and administered by Caltrans, to provide free or reduced-fare transit passes to low-income students from K-12 public schools, community colleges, the California State University and the University of California. The pilot program would have ended on January 1, 2022.

The Governor's veto message

https://www.gov.ca.gov/docs/AB_17_Veto_Message_2017.pdf