

CEJA Action 2022 Legislative Agenda

OUR PRIORITY BILLS

SUPPORT: [AB 2597](#) (Bloom): Healthy and Heat Resilient Homes

This bill would update the state's habitability code to require that all rental units are able to maintain a safe indoor air temperature regardless of the temperature outside. Extreme heat and more frequent heat waves threaten the livelihood and health of all Californians, and will disproportionately impact lower income people and people of color. AB 2597 will ensure the most vulnerable Californians live in safe and resilient homes by requiring that rental units maintain a safe indoor temperature.

SUPPORTING POSITIONS

SUPPORT: [AB 2419](#) (Bryan): California Justice40 Act

This bill ensures that federal climate and infrastructure investments will advance California's goals to promote equity, environmental justice, and a high-road economy by requiring at least 40% of federal climate, clean energy, and infrastructure funds to benefit disadvantaged communities. AB 2419 requires that an additional 10% of funds benefit low-income communities and households. Additionally, the bill establishes the Justice40 Oversight Committee to track the use of federal funds, recommending additional standards to improve labor, climate, and equity outcomes for the State, and guides the funding of infrastructure projects in disadvantaged and low-income communities in California.

SUPPORT: [SB 222](#) (Dodd): Water Affordability

Establishes a long-needed framework for a statewide water affordability assistance program. Strengthens & extends inadequate existing water shutoff and bill repayment protocols to better protect all low-income California households that may face or have already experienced water service disconnections due to the water customer's inability to pay their water bill.

SUPPORT: [SB 1314](#) (Limon): Stop CO₂ Enhanced Oil Recovery

This bill would prohibit the use of captured carbon for enhanced oil recovery. Enhanced oil recovery is the practice of pumping CO₂ underground to produce additional oil that would not be recoverable otherwise. SB 1314 would prevent the use of carbon capture, use, and storage (CCUS) projects to perform more enhanced oil recovery.

SUPPORT: [AB 2316](#) (Ward): Community Renewable Energy

This bill would require the California Public Utilities Commission to establish a Community Renewable Energy Program. The program would enable communities to subscribe to a renewable energy program near their homes and receive guaranteed bill savings. At least 51% of subscribers to the community solar program must be low-income or low-income service organizations.