

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 1, 2017

Contact: Kathryn Phillips, Director, Sierra Club California--916-893-8494

JB Tengco, West Coast Director, BlueGreen Alliance--650-400-4610

## Innovative Bill to Cut Greenhouse Gas Emissions Passes California State Assembly by 68-3

Assemblymembers Bonta and Eggman Lead Effort to Pass Buy Clean California Act (AB 262) to Reduce Pollution from State Infrastructure Projects

**SACRAMENTO** — The effort led by Assemblymember Rob Bonta (East Bay) and Assemblymember Susan Eggman (Stockton/Tracy) to pass legislation, which directs the state of California to use its purchasing power to reduce industrial climate pollution, scaled a major hurdle Tuesday.

Assembly Bill 262, the Buy Clean California Act, jointly authored by Bonta and Eggman, and coauthored by Asms. David Chiu (San Francisco) and Marc Steinorth (Inland Empire), requires state agencies to consider the climate pollution of products used in infrastructure development, such as steel, mineral wool insulation, and glass, when it is making purchases of those materials. The bill passed the state assembly today on a bipartisan final vote of 68 to 3.

"We applaud Asms. Bonta, Eggman, Chiu, and Steinorth for their vision and leadership," said Kathryn Phillips, Director of Sierra Club California. "They—and all the legislators who have voted for this bill—demonstrate that California must and can continue to lead the way to a low-carbon, prosperous economy. Buy Clean California ensures that taxpayer dollars are spent in a way that's consistent with our environmental values."

"The BlueGreen Alliance unites labor unions and environmental organizations to protect the environment and maintain family-sustaining jobs across the economy," said Jose Tengco, West Coast Director of BlueGreen Alliance. "Buy Clean California helps us to accomplish that goal, and the leadership of our Assembly will pay dividends in the form of reduced emissions for many years to come."

AB 262 now moves on to the state Senate, where a final vote is expected later this summer. To learn more about Buy Clean California, *click here*.

##

Sierra Club California is the legislative and regulatory advocacy arm of the Sierra Club in California. The BlueGreen Alliance unites labor unions and environmental organizations to solve today's environmental challenges in ways that create and maintain quality jobs and build a stronger, fairer economy.