



To: Dr. Charles Schwertner, Chair, Business and Commerce
Members, Senate Committee on Business and Commerce
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Re: SB 1295 (Schwertner), relating to the provision of information regarding distributed generation and certain electrical loads.

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Sierra Club supports SB 1295.

Texas needs and deserves better reporting and visibility into distributed generation. With some 3,000 to 6,000 MWs of distributed generation on the system today, and much more coming, in part because of favorable federal tax law and expected grants and rebates, making sure that ERCOT has the tools it needs by requiring improved registration and reporting is key.

ERCOT needs better information about gas, diesel, storage, solar and other resources connected to the distribution system to ensure it can continue to manage the grid reliably. With the PUCT having recently approved a pilot project for up to 80 MWs of distributed generation to participate in providing ancillary services, now is the time to give the PUCT enhanced tools. .

S.B. 1295 authorizes the entities to require distributed generators to provide information about their generators to the interconnecting TDU, MOU, or co-op, while also allowing ERCOT and the PUC to require TDUs, MOUs, and co-ops to provide ERCOT, on an individual or aggregated basis, information about distributed generators or distribution-connected loads within their service territories. While there is already required reporting in ERCOT, the bill codifies this practice and assures that going forward Texas will have improved visibility into distributed resources.