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Key Renewable Energy Bill Scales Major Committee Hurdle in California Assembly

State’s Electricity System Moves a Step Closer to 100% Clean, Renewable

Sacramento—The California Assembly Utilities & Energy Committee today passed a bill that sets California up to have 100% clean, renewable energy by 2045, moving it to the Assembly floor where it will be voted on in August.

The legislation, Senate Bill 100 (De Leon), was halted in the same committee last year when a late-hour opposition from a labor union lobbyist representing workers at big utilities surfaced. The labor union has since removed its opposition.

Statement from Sierra Club California Director Kathryn Phillips:

“California and the planet need electricity that is renewable and clean. SB 100 takes us a giant leap closer to meeting that need.

“The bill will help us meet our goals to clean up local air pollution and cut our climate pollution. It will also send a strong signal to the clean, renewable energy sector that there will continue to be a strong market for solar and wind and geothermal energy in California.”

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