



ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES AND ENERGY

Cottie Petrie-Norris, Chairman

BACKGROUND INFORMATION REQUEST

Measure: AB XX

Bill Version Date: «Measure Status»

Author: XX

Subject: XXX

INSTRUCTIONS

The bill noted has been referred, or is expected to be referred, to the Assembly Committee on Utilities and Energy. Please note the following closely and submit as requested.

1. This worksheet must be fully completed by staff, not a bill sponsor(s). Staff should answer in as much detail as possible so Committee staff may understand the author's intent in advancing this bill.
2. Submit a completed background sheet, and accompanying background materials, **within 5 business days of receiving this request, or earlier,** to our committee secretary: Vanessa.Gonzales@asm.ca.gov and to Republican caucus consultant: Gino.Folchi@asm.ca.gov.
3. The chair may withhold the setting of a bill for hearing or remove a bill from the hearing file until the worksheet is completed and returned to the committee. **A worksheet is considered completed if every question has been answered fully, to the best of the author's ability; a problem has been identified and researched; and a clear description of the proposed legislative solution has been articulated.**
4. Completion of the worksheet is the responsibility of the author. If a bill has been removed from the file due to the lack of a completed worksheet, it will be

considered an author's pull and may be the author's responsibility to obtain waivers of any and all rules necessary to have the measure heard.

RULES

Below are a selection of our Committee Rules that may be helpful to reference prior to your bill being heard in Committee. For a full version of our Rules, and to see them in context, please visit our Committee website at autl.assembly.ca.gov.

SUPPORT AND OPPOSITION:

- Submit support and opposition letters **by 12:00 pm on Thursday of the week prior to the bill's hearing** in order to be included in the analysis. **Letters must contain the name, address, telephone number, and position of the sender, and must be addressed to the Chair of the Committee.** All letters to the Committee and Republican caucus consultant shall be submitted electronically through the Position Letter Portal at <https://autl.assembly.ca.gov/>.
- Every effort should be made to submit letters through the Portal; however, in the event that is not an option, letters may be emailed to the committee secretary, Vanessa.Gonzales@asm.ca.gov, and the Republican caucus consultant, Gino.Folchi@asm.ca.gov. **Once letters are submitted through the Portal, additional distribution (email or in-person) to the committee staff is not necessary.**
- Authors' staff are responsible for submitting, and verifying the accuracy of, position letters to the Committee **both 6 calendar days prior to a bill being heard in Committee and no less than two business days prior to the bill being heard on the Assembly Floor.** If position letters are not verified within this time frame, the Committee may state that updated support and opposition could not be verified, resulting in incorrect or incomplete information on the analysis. Position letters submitted to other committees on the same bill may not be included in the analysis unless verified by the author's staff.

AMENDMENTS:

- Let the consultant know immediately if you are planning amendments. When you submit amendment language to Counsel, a copy of the draft amendments must be provided to the committee at the same time. (No later than 12 business days prior to the hearing date.)
- Submit your amendments to the committee secretary and assigned consultant in Legislative Counsel form **at least seven business days prior to the hearing for which the bill is set.**
- An author may provide these amendments by electronic copy to the committee secretary and consultant. The author must **confirm in their email** to committee staff their request to have the submitted amendments processed as author's amendments, and include the **author's digital signature** in the body of the email. Both the amendments and the in-context version must be submitted electronically.
- If choosing to process the amendments in person, the author must provide the **signed original, an in-context version, and two copies of the amendments** in Legislative Counsel form by hand to the committee secretary.

HEARINGS:

- Our hearings begin at 1:30 p.m. and bills are heard in **file order** unless a special order is listed in the file. Plan to have no more than two support witnesses for no more than one minute each, and an unlimited number of "me too's". Any requests for more witnesses or more time for witness testimony must be approved by the Chair prior to the hearing. If the Author is accepting committee amendments at the hearing, include a statement to that effect in the Author's opening statement.

If you have any questions, please call Vanessa Gonzales at (916) 319-2083.

WORKSHEET

In order to ensure we are able to effectively analyze your bill, please answer all of the following questions thoroughly. If you are unable to answer a question, please indicate what work you have done to seek answers to the question posed.

1. Staff Contact Name & Number (cell):
2. Origin of the Bill. Who is the source of the bill? What person, organization, or governmental entity requested introduction? Is there a bill sponsor? If so, include contact information.
3. Please include a statement from the author about the need for the bill. This statement will be quoted in the analysis as the author's statement, and should not exceed one paragraph. If it exceeds that limit, it will be edited prior to inclusion in the analysis.
4. What problem is your bill trying to solve and how does this bill seek to remedy this problem? Share evidence of the problem your bill is trying to solve, including links to relevant research, significant facts, and pertinent background information. Policy recommendations regarding the issues your bill addresses arising from staff whitepapers, decisions, or analysis – such as those from informational hearings, the LAO, CPUC, CEC, or CARB – should be shared and cited.
Note: If you have nothing to report here, describe how you searched for evidence. If you do not know how, contact Committee staff.
5. Will this proposal impact one or more vulnerable communities, as defined in House Resolution 39 (Gipson, 2021), either positively or negatively? Name which community(ies) and how your bill would impact outcomes or services. Include relevant reports, if available. **For example:** A bill focused on expanding the CPUC's no-cost weatherization program, Energy Savings Assistance Program, would impact low-income populations who would qualify and benefit from the program.

6. Does this bill increase the diversity and cultural competency of the energy workforce, including contractors or businesses from which the utilities procure? Explain. Include relevant reports, if available. **For example:** A bill focused on modifying the CPUC's supplier diversity program would impact the diversity of businesses from which the utilities procure.

7. Does this bill address inequities in the location or operation of utility infrastructure? Explain. Include relevant reports, if available. **For example:** A bill focused on repowering powerplants in nonattainment areas might impact communities disproportionately burdened by air pollution; or a bill focused on the usage and fuel content of the natural gas system may impact the financial and physical health of customers of that system.

8. Does this bill address the allocation of costs for utility services, or increase or decrease costs to customers? If so, which type(s) of customer(s)? Are there inequities in the allocation of those costs? Explain. Include relevant reports, if available. **For example:** A bill focused on the deployment of backup batteries might assign costs to one class of customers relative to another class, or might alleviate service disruptions in one area differently than another.

9. Are there any pending rulemakings at the CPUC, CEC, or CAISO which concern the policy in this bill? What prior decisions or general orders of the CPUC, CEC, or CAISO concern the policy in this bill?

10. What does existing law, regulation, or other state or federal policy say about the problem your bill is trying to solve? Include references to relevant code sections.
Note: If you have nothing to report here, describe how you searched for existing law.

Code section	Existing law
Example: Public Utilities Code section § 314.5	Requires the CPUC to inspect and audit the books and records for regulatory and tax purposes

11. Has a similar bill been introduced before either this session or during a previous session of the legislature? Please identify the session, bill number, author, and disposition of the bill, including chapter number (if applicable) and provide a summary.

Bill number	Authors	Sessions	Summary Please include, as applicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location where the bill died, • Chapter number and year of enactment, or • Veto message

12. Does this bill have findings and declarations? If so, provide sources to support each legislative finding and declaration. Failure to provide sources may result in the Committee recommending removal of unsubstantiated findings and declarations from the bill.

13. Are any amendments planned for this bill? If so, provide a summary of the planned amendments and **attach the request that you sent to Legislative Counsel**. Please indicate in your email back to the committee submitting this background that you are planning author's amendments. (See information on page 2 and the Committee Rules regarding the process and deadlines for submitting amendments.)

14. Please share any additional information you would like us to have about your bill.

15. List likely support and opposition to this bill. NOTE: All position letters must be received by the committee staff **by 12:00 p.m. on Thursday of the week prior to the bill's hearing** in order to be included in the Committee analysis. **Letters should be submitted electronically through the Position Letter Portal at <https://autl.assembly.ca.gov/>.** Please list position letters available via the Portal in your email back to the committee submitting this background request.

16.If you anticipate opposition to your bill, describe the anticipated arguments in opposition and how the author would respond.

17.List any witnesses you plan to have testify, along with their contact information.