



PASS AB 825

For More Affordable, Reliable Clean Energy for California

California is facing skyrocketing electricity costs and climate-driven threats to the reliability of our electric grid. By passing AB 825 this year, California can lower electricity costs for consumers and businesses, increase reliability of the grid, and further our clean energy progress.

AB 825 enables California to participate in an expanded regional power market, provided it protects California ratepayers, values and energy policies. California would retain full control over its energy policies, including climate laws, procurement, transmission and resource adequacy.

A broad coalition of labor, business, climate advocates, clean energy advocates, public utilities, community choice aggregators (CCAs) and consumer advocates from across the state support this concept because it will:

Lower electricity costs for consumers and businesses

A recent independent study done for the California Energy Commission found that participating in an expanded regional power market with a large footprint **would lower energy costs by more than \$1 billion every year for consumers and businesses** through increased energy supply, greater market efficiency and less curtailment and waste of renewable energy. [Source](#) (slide 9).

Improve the reliability of our electric grid and reduce power outages

Connecting California to an expanded regional power market gives our grid operator (the CA Independent System Operator or CAISO) access to a wider pool of energy resources, strengthening our ability to handle climate-driven disruptions and reducing the risk of power outages and blackouts. A Stanford Woods Institute study found that participating in a regional power market could reduce grid stress by 40% during California's highest-risk periods.

Increase our access to affordable clean energy

1) A regional power market will help California develop more clean energy we can use or sell to other states, and 2) expanding our access to clean energy resources from other Western states will reduce our reliance on fossil fuels for grid reliability, helping to improve our air quality and achieve our climate goals affordably.



We must act now. The recent federal omnibus bill just drastically cut clean energy programs in California. Participating in a regional market will help counter these cuts by lowering the cost of developing and delivering clean energy. And if we don't pass AB 825 this year, other Western partners will join an Arkansas-based regional power market instead of us (Southwest Power Pool - Markets+). That will not only cost California its leadership position on clean energy, it will limit our access to energy resources, leaving us more vulnerable to extreme heat and power outages and driving up ratepayer energy costs and bills.

Now more than ever, we need to use every tool available to lower the cost of developing and delivering affordable clean energy. AB 825 presents a rare and urgent opportunity for our state to make progress. We can lower energy bills, increase grid reliability and further our clean air and climate goals by passing this important policy this year.