

Don't Turn Over Complete Authority to the California Air Resources Board for SB 32 and SB 350

The CARE Coalition believes that it is important to achieve the reduction targets in a manner that produces the greatest results at the lowest costs to residents and businesses. SB 32 and SB 350 give too much authority to the Air Resources Board through 2030 and 2050 without providing any on-going policy direction to achieve the goals.

Surveys show that Californians support greenhouse gas emission programs but are opposed to regulations and policies that will raise their energy, housing and other consumer costs. These bills as currently drafted fail to provide California voters future representation by their elected policymakers and instead grant nearly unlimited authority to an unelected state agency:

- Current climate change policies have increased electricity and fuel costs for California residents and business. California Energy Commission's own estimates show an increase in electricity costs of 26-42% and transportation fuels to increase \$0.49-\$1.83 by 2020. The legislation fails to protect residents from further increases because it lacks the necessary oversight from the Legislature.
- According to a recently-released report, climate change policies would have a sharp impact on California's home prices and rents – already some of highest in the nation – by raising the cost of a median priced home by over 12 percent, pricing thousands of households out of the real estate market.
- Climate change programs need to ensure economic opportunity for middle income job creation. California has 16.1 million jobs today – at most 300,000 of those are classified as green jobs and current green jobs have lower wages than typical middle income manufacturing jobs. Economic studies justifying the legislation show just 2% economic growth over the next 15 years.
- California is only 2% of the way into the implementation of the programs and costs under AB 32 for 2020. Now we are moving into 2030 and 2050 when the costs of transitioning to the new energy infrastructure have not been adequately analyzed and the costs for consumers and businesses have yet to be properly detailed.
- Given that many of the goals depend on technology or products that currently do not exist, the proposals fail to provide "off-ramps" or logical alternatives that will allow policymakers to appropriately manage future issues before they become a crisis for families and businesses.

Given the wide range of policy options and potential for higher costs, CARE believes that legislative engagement and oversight is required to ensure good policy in the future.

The CARE Coalition respectfully requests your help on SB 32 and SB 350 by including a review and approval of regulations and policies by the Legislature prior to their implementation.

On behalf of your constituents and all Californians, you need to stay in charge of our future!

Californians for Affordable and Reliable Energy (CARE) is a broad-based coalition supported by the California Business Roundtable, small businesses, community groups, local officials, local business organizations, statewide associations, and energy consumers that are calling on policy-makers to ensure that we have a responsible energy plan that protects our state's economy.