



June 7, 2019

The Honorable Jerry Hill
Chair, Senate Committee on Labor, Public Employment and Retirement
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 5035
Sacramento, CA 95814

Assembly Bill 1028 (Gonzalez)
Position: Support

Dear Senator Hill:

The School Energy Coalition (SEC), a statewide organization made up of public school districts, community colleges, school construction and energy consultants focused on energy and water projects that benefit California's students by lowering operational costs, requests your support for Assembly Bill 1028 (Gonzalez) when the bill is heard in the Senate Committee on Labor, Public Employment and Retirement. AB 1028 would assist school districts in reducing operational costs and utility bills by achieving greater energy efficiency. We believe climate change needs to be addressed through the greater use of renewable energy and reduction of building energy usage.

AB 1028 would continue, and modify, the current Clean Energy Job Creation Program to allow use for employee training and energy managers. Both of these changes recognize that successful energy efficiency programs incorporate both to help schools maintain and monitor these projects so they stay in good working order.

In addition, AB 1028 gives districts incentives to use apprentices from state-approved apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs, to the extent these are available nearby. This will help maintain and expand the skilled workforce needed for renewable energy and energy efficiency projects.

Finally, the Clean Energy Job Creation Program creates good, well paying, middle class jobs. The Citizen's Oversight Board report indicates that the initial program created 8,702 direct jobs and more than 10,000 secondary effect jobs.

For all of these reasons, we request your AYE vote when the bill comes before you. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

David Walrath, Executive Director

cc: Assembly Member Lorena Gonzalez
Members, Senate Committee on Labor, Public Employment and Retirement
Cory Botts, Senate Republican Caucus
Roger Mackensen, Senate Republican Caucus