

AB 1550 (Bennett) – OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED

We must respectfully oppose unless amended to equitably define renewable hydrogen to include direct production pathways for Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) eligible feedstocks for the energy sector and Low-Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) for transportation sector, while eliminating requirements not equally imposed on other renewable resources and decarbonization pathways.

- AB1550 poses significant financial risks to major hydrogen production projects and California’s Hydrogen Hub application. The committee amendments jeopardize billions in private investments and the potential for California to win federal hydrogen hub funding.
- AB 1550’s “additionality” standard on hydrogen sets it apart from other renewable technologies and undermines the utility of hydrogen in the energy system, including its role in mitigating costs and enhancing grid reliability and resiliency.
- The bill's treatment of RPS eligible biomethane and biomass as sources for "green hydrogen" is uneconomic, wasteful and prevents more efficient and less carbon-intensive direct hydrogen production processes for these renewable feedstocks.
- The Legislature should prioritize carbon intensity and renewable attributes with consideration for the timelines and post-2030 flexibility for “clean” resources allowed for the grid in RPS.
- Given the potential losses and lack of benefits, it is advisable to hold this bill and avoid rushing it through the legislative process.

We ask for your **NO vote on AB 1550 (Bennett) unless it is amended** as outlined above.

NO on AB 1550

