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Senate Pro Tem Kevin De Leon is authoring SB 350, Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act of 2015. This bill will implement new Golden State Standards “50-50-50” benchmarks by raising California’s renewable portfolio standard from 33% to 50%, striving for a 50% reduction in petroleum use, and increasing energy efficiency in buildings by 50% by the year 2030.

SB 350 makes these standards permanent, trackable, and enforceable by enacting them into law and building on the accountability mechanisms already in existence to ensure they are fully implemented. Each of these standards are added to existing clean air, clean energy, and climate related statutes that have been implemented for years.

The 50% renewable energy standard will be implemented by the CA Public Utilities Commission for the private utilities and by the CA Energy Commission for municipal utilities, as per current law. Each utility submits a procurement plan showing it will purchase clean energy to displace other non-renewable resources. Each state agency then reviews the plan, ensures it complies with the law and approves the plan.

California has more than doubled renewable capacity installed in the last four years (adding over 11,000 megawatts) and has more than 21,000 megawatts online, which

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includes 2,300 megawatts on 245,000 homes, businesses, and schools.

The 50% reduction in petroleum use also will be implemented using existing laws and financial resources. Under current law, the state air board must reduce pollution in order to achieve state and federal ambient air standards. Current law (Health and Safety Code Section 42013) requires the board to adopt standards for vehicles and fuels to achieve clean air. This measure simply ensures those actions will achieve a 50% reduction in petroleum by 2030.

Finally, the 50% increase in energy efficiency in buildings will be done through the use of existing energy efficiency retrofit funding and regulatory tools already available to state energy agencies under existing law. The addition made by this measure requires state energy agencies to plan for, and implement those programs in a manner that achieves the energy efficiency target.

The goals of SB 350, as proposed, appear to be aligned with a proposal in the Governor's January budget, in which the Administration indicated its intention to work with the Legislature to develop greenhouse gas reduction targets for 2030 that facilitate a total reduction in emissions of 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors instruct the Interim Chief Executive Officer in coordination with our legislative advocates to support SB 350.

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