



## **ACP-California backs new regional electricity markets legislation**

*AB 825 would save Californians money, make grid more reliable*

SACRAMENTO — American Clean Power-California commends Senate and Assembly leadership and Gov. Gavin Newsom for reaching agreement on legislation Wednesday morning to expand regional electricity markets.

Lawmakers amended [Assembly Bill 825](#) to make it the vehicle for a proposal — formerly housed in SB 540 — that enables California utilities to participate in regional markets governed by an independent organization. The bill paves the way for energy savings of up to [\\$1 billion per year](#) and a more reliable power grid while preserving California’s clean energy policies.

“This proposal clears the way to stand up energy markets that can save Californians real money,” said Alex Jackson, director of ACP-California. “It means we can work with our neighbors to ensure the West has the affordable, reliable, clean power needed to meet surging demand. Every lawmaker who wants to alleviate California’s rising electric bills should support it in floor votes later this week.”

If approved and signed by Newsom, the bill enables a new independent organization with representatives from around the West to assume oversight of the [successful](#) Western Energy Imbalance Market and the forthcoming Extended Day-Ahead Market, which are both operated by the California Independent System Operator.

Wednesday’s legislative proposal emerged from an interstate collaborative effort known as the [Pathways Initiative](#) that was launched in 2023 to identify ways to make the Western grid more efficient and more resilient amid increasingly extreme weather.

With independent governance under the new regional organization, the WEIM and the EDAM are poised to attract a host of new participants including PacifiCorp, NV Energy, the Public Service Company of New Mexico and Idaho Power.

Their participation will contribute to a bigger pool of diverse energy resources that may be dispatched across state lines. That will give market operators more options to utilize the

lowest-cost power to serve customers and provide a bigger cushion for regions strained by wildfires, cold spells, heat waves and freak storms.

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