

AB 2493: Unlocking Clean, Affordable Energy

California is facing rising electricity bills and surging energy demand. To stabilize costs and reliably deliver power, we must bring new clean energy online faster. AB 2493, authored by Assembly Utilities and Energy Committee Chair Cottie Petrie-Norris, does exactly that.

What does AB 2493 do?

Incentivizes utilities to avoid delays

Requires utilities to prioritize long overdue grid equipment upgrades when clean energy projects are waiting to connect.

Helps add supply at the same pace as demand

Energy demand is rapidly increasing due to data centers and electrification. AB 2493 helps ensure California can meet the moment.

California's grid is delaying new clean energy

Nearly 22 GW of clean energy projects depend on upgrades to the electricity grid that are behind schedule, in some cases by a decade or more. Many are not massive new transmission builds, but straightforward improvements like building a new substation or swapping out an old power line for a higher capacity model. A recent CPUC report found that nearly two-thirds of transmission upgrades across two major utility territories were behind schedule, delaying projects that are ready to deliver affordable, clean power.



Why act now?

Federal tax credits are expiring

These credits save developers \$400 million to \$650 million per gigawatt of new solar or wind. Delays could cause projects to miss these savings, driving up costs for ratepayers.

Demand is rising fast

California must modernize its grid to keep up with growing electricity needs.

Grid congestion is already costly

Increasing grid capacity reduces congestion, stabilizes prices, and improves reliability.

California's climate goals require it

Meeting the state's goals of 100% clean electricity by 2045 under SB 100 requires tripling clean energy supply and more than doubling transmission capacity.



Delivering on affordability and ratepayer protections

AB 2493 advances accountability, affordability, and reliability by:

- ✓ Prioritizing low-cost, high reward grid upgrades
- ✓ Reducing congestion on the grid so energy can flow freely
- ✓ Capturing available federal savings before they expire
- ✓ Ensuring Californians can access abundant, cheap clean energy resources faster

Vote YES on AB 2493 to unlock clean energy and protect ratepayers.