



# L&R Committee Meeting

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# **State Legislative Report**



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# **State Legislative Process**

- Legislature stands in recess until May 4<sup>th</sup>
- August 31<sup>st</sup> requirement in state law
- Legislative leaders are asking bill authors to focus only on COVID-19, budget, wildfires, and homelessness legislation.
- Some legislators are arguing that their energy bills are critical for economic recovery.





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# **State Budget**

 Governor's May Revision upcoming – back to the drawing board



• Legislature must pass a budget by June 15<sup>th</sup>

Date	Action
January 10	Governor introduced his proposed budget for FY20-21
March 16	Legislature approved up to \$1 billion from State General Fund for emergency medical response
March 25	Governor transferred \$1.3 billion to Disaster Response Emergency Operations Account
April 8	Governor sends letter to Legislature requesting \$1.4 billion for purchasing PPE
April 16	Senate Subcommittee hearing on COVID-19 spending
April 20	Assembly Budget Subcommittee hearing on COVID-19 spending



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### **Legislative Work Continues...**

Despite calls from legislative leadership to narrow focus, we continue to work with legislative staff on proposed legislation in the event bills move forward.

Key bill topics include:

- Pumped energy storage procurement mandate
- Elimination of RPS Bucket 3
- Offshore wind procurement mandate
- New requirements for utility cybersecurity
- Broadening of CPUC's utility safety oversight role
- Protecting critical infrastructure information
- Streamlining permitting processes for electric vehicle chargers







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# **External Affairs Report**



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### **External Affairs**

- NCPA website updates
- Employee COVID-19 communications



#### NCPA Employee Update

Welcome to this week's edition of our employee newsletter. Now, weeks into the stay-at-home order, we hope NCPA staff are settling into new routines to stay connected with family, friends, and colleagues.