



SB 260 (Wiener) - Corporate Climate Accountability Act

What is SB 260, and why do we need it?

SB 260 will require large corporations (\$1 billion or more annual revenues) doing business in California to reveal greenhouse gas emissions resulting from their operations, the activities of their electricity suppliers, and the activities of their employees and supply chains.

SB 260 will reveal corporate climate impact to the public that will, in turn, incentivize those businesses to control their emissions. Over the longer term, it will allow regulators to establish greenhouse gas emission goals for those firms.

American businesses are already doing this so it won't impose new and unattainable burdens on businesses. These large businesses can influence other businesses in their supply chains to minimize emissions as well. It applies to firms located everywhere in the USA so it will not incentivize businesses to leave California. This is a practical and useful measure that will help California to combat the grave danger posed by greenhouse gas emissions.

The America's Health Rankings United Health Foundation, Public Health Impact: Air Pollution, Annual Report 2017-2019 lists California as the "Least-healthy State in our union." The C2ES, Center For Climate And Energy Solutions, reported that in 2020, five of the six largest fires on record burned in California and Oregon. The Sacramento Bee (9/22/2020) said five of its largest wildfires in history occurred in 2020. Climate change has proven to be an increasingly crucial component in the duration and risk of wildfires. Covid-19 has exacerbated health risks resulting from wildfires, air pollution and corporate emissions, putting the growing population of individuals with respiratory and cardiovascular

Where is SB 260 in the legislative process?

SB 260 has moved to Senate Appropriations. No hearing scheduled.