



April 11, 2018

The Honorable Ben Hueso
Chair, Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 4035
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Senate Bill 1399 - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Hueso:

The School Energy Coalition (SEC), a statewide organization made up of K-12 schools, community colleges, energy and school construction professionals focused on electricity and water efficiency and renewable generation projects for California's students, requests your support for Senate Bill 1399 (Wiener) when the bill is heard in the Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee on April 17, 2018.

SB 1399 would allow many more of California's K-12 public school districts and community colleges to gain access to the benefits of local clean energy.

SEC works to provide healthier learning environments for California's students while lowering school spending on energy and water. While some of our members have installed successful renewable projects through existing programs and tariffs, there are many school facilities that are in areas that do not allow for this. Some are located in shaded areas or have unsuitable rooftops, and cannot install clean energy onsite. Many of the urban school districts in the state likewise do not have the surplus land needed to participate in the local government bill credit transfer program known as "RES-BCT."

SB 1399 removes these barriers by allowing schools to partner with previously developed sites - like parking lots and landfills - to develop local clean energy projects. In short, SB 1399 would expand school access to solar, generating energy bill savings that can be reinvested in students and in the classroom, leading to even greater community benefit.

The School Energy Coalition is proud to offer its support for SB 1399 and requests your support when the bill is heard on April 17, 2018.

Sincerely,

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