

Senate Bill (SB) 1230

Rapid & Equitable Transition to Clean Cars

SB 1230 AUTHOR



Sen. Monique Limón represents one of the fastest warming regions in the lower 48 states: California's 19th District, which includes Santa Barbara County and portions of Ventura County. Limón, elected in 2020, has made climate action a top priority.

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We have a moral obligation to end the climate crisis. As a historic leader on environmental issues and the fifth largest economy in the world, California is uniquely positioned to create a just and equitable model for addressing climate change. Yet, without drastic action, our state will miss its own 2030 greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions goals. How can we get California back on track?

This year, Let's Green CA! has teamed up with State Senator Monique Limón and the Dolores Huerta Foundation to introduce SB 1230, a bill that will cut GHG emissions, reduce toxic air pollution, and support green jobs by accelerating a just transition to clean cars (like electric vehicles and plug-in hybrids) for Californians.

Gasoline cars and diesel trucks produce more than half of our GHG emissions and **most outdoor air pollution**¹, making transportation the single largest contributor to both our carbon footprint and unhealthy air quality. The American Lung Association **estimates**² that transitioning to clean cars would save the lives of nearly 2,000 Californians. By 2050, it could also save taxpayers \$22 billion each year, with the greatest benefits going to low-income and disadvantaged families who have unfairly borne the health impacts of our dirty driving.

While California is already **leading the nation in clean car sales**³, we need to accelerate our transition to prevent the worst impacts of the climate crisis. SB 1230 supercharges the clean car revolution by eliminating two of the biggest barriers to adoption: cost and access to charging. It puts equity front and center, improving existing state programs and investments to ensure that low and moderate-income communities lead the way to a clean energy future. With your support, SB 1230 will:

- Simplify and speed up the process of applying for and accessing thousands of dollars in state clean transportation incentives and rebates, removing

roadblocks like long approval times and rebate waiting periods to make these funds actually accessible to low- and moderate-income residents. With this change, Californians would receive clean car rebate money at the point of sale.

- Provide additional incentive funds for alternative transportation options — such as e-bikes and public transit — for low-income residents. Not everyone can afford to buy a car, or even wants to. Those Californians should have support for using other clean means of transportation.
- Initiate the rapid build out of new electric vehicle charging infrastructure, with priority given to construction in disadvantaged communities and chargers that make the grid stronger and more reliable, such as those powered by on-site solar panels and battery storage. More chargers in more neighborhoods will give drivers confidence that an electric car could work for them. It would also create the kind of good-paying, green jobs that Californians want and need.

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