



Express support for AB 296 (Cooley, D-Rancho Cordova): Climate change: Climate Innovation Grant Program: voluntary tax contributions; and AB 409 (Limón, D-Santa Barbara): Climate Change: agriculture: Agricultural Climate Adaptation Tools Program: grants

Communication and Legislation Committee

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Summary of Bills

AB 296 (Cooley, D-Rancho Cordova)

- Establishes Climate Innovation Grant Program
- Creates Climate Innovation Fund in State Treasury and Climate Innovation Voluntary Tax Contribution
- Funds R&D grants to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and climate adaptation

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AB 409 (Limón, D-Santa Barbara)

- Establishes competitive Agricultural Climate Adaptation Program
- Enables development of climate adaptation and resiliency tools for agricultural producers
- One-time \$2 million legislative appropriation

Potential Benefits

- Direct and indirect benefits from development of science-based, on-farm innovations
- Benefits could accrue to Metropolitan, member agencies, and agricultural land lessees
- Improved, sustainable and adaptive land management practices could benefit Metropolitan operations

Options

- Option #1

- Authorize the General Manager to express support for AB 296 (Cooley, D-Rancho Cordova): Climate change: Climate Innovation Grant Program: voluntary tax contributions; and AB 409 (Limón, D-Santa Barbara): Climate change: agriculture: Agricultural Climate Adaptation Tools Program: grants

- Option #2

- Take no position on AB 296 and AB 409

Staff Recommendation

- Option #1

