



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF CALIFORNIA

SB 350: Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act of 2015 SUPPORT

- **The League of Women Voters recognizes that climate change is real and that its effects are already being seen.**
This is a critical issue facing our planet that needs to be seriously addressed. California has been a leader in this area, but with impacts here in California and elsewhere ever more apparent, it is prudent and timely to chart a long-term path for reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.
- **We support SB 350 (de León and Leno), which enacts new “50-50-50” benchmarks for GHG emission reduction.**
These “50-50-50” goals include raising the state’s Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) from 33 percent to 50 percent electricity coming from renewable energy; striving for a 50 percent reduction in petroleum use; and cutting energy use in buildings by 50 percent. SB 350 sets these standards for 2030 and makes them verifiable and enforceable.
- **SB 350 is consistent with and strengthens previous RPS policies and legislation.**
In 2011, Governor Brown signed legislation to increase the RPS to 33 percent by the year 2020. California is on the path to meet this goal, but further emission reductions are needed.
- **SB 350 sets the goal of reducing petroleum use by 50 percent in the next 15 years.**
Studies have shown that this can be achieved by the use of more efficient cars and trucks, electric vehicles, and low carbon fuels, and by reductions in vehicle miles travelled.
- **Energy efficient buildings can cut heating and cooling energy use by 50 percent while saving money and reducing pollution.**
SB 350 gives California’s energy agencies the authority to review and revise our state’s energy efficiency programs and to marshal the funds and regulatory actions necessary to reach this target.
- **SB 350 will keep California a leader in the global green economy by creating jobs, boosting our economy, and improving public health.**
SB 350 sends a clear signal to investors and businesses that California is committed to long-term climate action, and that we will continue incentives for innovation in technology and resource management policies.

**We urge our legislators to support SB 350 when it
comes before them for a vote!**