

Southwest Energy Efficiency Project

2019 LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY



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In the Southwest region, the state legislatures in Colorado, Nevada, Utah, and New Mexico met during the first and second quarters of 2019. The Southwest Energy Efficiency Project (SWEET) actively engaged in each session to advance energy efficiency and clean transportation through sound and effective legislation. These efforts included researching and writing bill language, building coalitions, and testifying at committee hearings to advocate for the passage of energy efficiency and clean transportation legislation.

Details on SWEET's 2019 legislative efforts, along with information on the outcome of energy efficiency bills in the four states, are described below.

ARIZONA

Nothing to report for the 2019 legislative session in Arizona.

COLORADO

Summary of Bills:

HB19-1157	Modify Specific Ownership Tax Rates	Opposed	Defeated
HB19-1159	Modify Innovative Motor Vehicle Income Tax Credits	Supported	Passed
HB19-1198	Electric Vehicle Grant Fund	Supported	Passed
HB19-1199	Colorado Clean Pass Act	Supported	Defeated
HB19-1231	New Appliance Energy And Water Efficiency Standards	Supported	Passed
HB19-1258	Allocate Voter-approved Revenue For Education & Transportation	Supported	Passed
HB19-1260	Building Energy Codes - Concerning an update to the minimum energy code for the construction of buildings	Supported	Passed
HB19-1298	Electric Motor Vehicle Charging Station Parking	Supported	Passed
HB19-1325	Electric Car Manufacturers May Sell Directly To Consumers	Supported	Defeated
SB19-051	Increase General Fund Funding For Transportation	Opposed	Defeated
SB19-053	California Motor Vehicle Emission Standards	Opposed	Defeated
SB19-077	Electric Motor Vehicles Public Utility Services	Supported	Passed
SB19-236	Sunset Public Utilities Commission	Supported	Passed
SB19-239	Address Impacts Of Transportation Changes	Supported	Passed

HB19-1157 - Modify Specific Ownership Tax Rates

Sponsor: Rep. Larry Liston

Defeated - SWEEP opposed this bill.

Bill Summary: On and after July 1, 2020, the bill modifies the rates of specific ownership tax imposed on motor vehicles, commercial trailers, and special mobile machinery that is less than 25 years old, increasing the total amount of specific ownership tax revenue collected. Additional specific ownership tax revenue generated by the specific ownership tax rate modifications is transferred to the highway users tax fund (HUTF) for allocation to the state, counties, and municipalities in accordance with the existing "second stream" statutory formula for the allocation of HUTF money. The state, counties, and municipalities may expend the revenue only for construction, reconstruction, repairs, improvement, planning, supervision, and maintenance of state highways, county roads, and municipal streets, including the acquisition of rights-of-way and access rights.

Bill Activity: HB19-1157 went to the House Committee on Transportation & Local Government and was postponed indefinitely.

HB19-1159 - Modify Innovative Motor Vehicle Income Tax Credits

Sponsors: Rep. Sonya Jaquez Lewis | Rep. Matt Gray | Sen. Jessie Danielson

Passed - SWEEP supported this bill.

Bill Summary: Concerning modifications to the income tax credits for innovative motor vehicles. The bill modifies the amounts of and extends the number of available years of the existing income tax credits for the purchase or lease of an electric motor vehicle, a plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicle, and an original equipment manufacturer electric truck and plug-in hybrid electric truck.

Bill Activity: HB19-1159 passed in the House and the Senate and was signed into law by Governor Polis.

HB19-1198 - Electric Vehicle Grant Fund

Sponsors: Rep. Alex Valdez | Rep. Donald Valdez | Sen. Jeff Bridges | Sen. Kevin Priola

Passed - SWEEP supported this bill.

Bill Summary: Concerning the powers and duties of the electric vehicle grant fund, this bill modifies the statute governing the electric vehicle grant fund (fund) as follows: Allows the fund to be used to administer grants for the installation of charging stations for electric vehicles; allows the fund to prioritize the grants it will provide based on criteria defined by the Colorado energy office; allows the fund to be used to fully fund the installation of charging stations and offset station operating costs; and requires the money in the fund to be continuously appropriated to the Colorado energy office.

Bill Activity: HB19-1198 passed in the House and the Senate and was signed into law by Governor Polis.

HB19-1199 - Colorado Clean Pass Act

Sponsors: Rep. Alex Valdez | Sen. Brittany Pettersen | Sen. Faith Winter

Defeated- SWEEP supported this bill.

Bill Summary: Concerning the conditions under which operation of a plug-in electric motor vehicle on an express lane without regard to the number of persons in the vehicle and without payment of a toll or with payment of a reduced toll is allowed.

Bill Activity: HB19-1199 was introduced in the House where it passed in the Energy & Environment and Appropriations Committees. It was then referred to the House Committee on Finance where it was postponed indefinitely.

HB19-1231 - New Appliance Energy And Water Efficiency Standards

Sponsors: Rep. M. Froelich | Rep. C. Kipp | Sen. Pete Lee | Sen. Kevin Priola

Passed - SWEEP supported this bill.

Bill Summary: Concerning efficiency standards for equipment sold in Colorado, and, in connection therewith, requiring certain appliances, plumbing fixtures, and other products sold for residential or commercial use to meet energy efficiency and water efficiency standards. The bill updates and adopts standards for water efficiency and energy efficiency that apply to a list of consumer and commercial appliances and other products. The standards are based on state standards, federal Energy Star and WaterSense specifications, and industry standards in most cases or, where a standard is not incorporated by reference, the standard is specified by statute.

Bill Activity: HB19-1231 passed in the House and the Senate and was signed into law by Governor Polis.

HB19-1258 - Allocate Voter-approved Revenue For Education & Transportation

Sponsors: Rep. KC Becker | Rep. Julie McCluskie | Sen. Lois Court | Sen. Kevin Priola

Passed - SWEEP supported this bill.

Bill Summary: Concerning the allocation of money that the state keeps and spends as a result of a voter-approved revenue change at the 2019 statewide election. The bill was contingent on voters approving a related referred measure to annually retain and spend state revenues in excess of the constitutional spending limit. This measure passed meaning that in years when the state retains and spends revenue under the authority of the measure there will be additional revenue in the general fund exempt account.

Bill Activity: HB19-1258 passed in the House and the Senate and was signed into law by Governor Polis.

HB19-1260 - Building Energy Codes

Sponsors: Rep. Cathy Kipp | Rep. Alex Valdez | Sen. Faith Winter | Sen. Kevin Priola

Passed - SWEEP supported this bill.

Bill Summary: Concerning an update to the minimum energy code for the construction of buildings. The bill requires local jurisdictions to adopt one of the three most recent versions of the international energy conservation code at a minimum, upon updating any other building code, and encourages local jurisdictions to update the Colorado energy office on any changes to the jurisdictions' building and energy codes.

Bill Activity: HB19-1260 passed in the House and the Senate and was signed into law by Governor Polis.

HB19-1298 - Electric Motor Vehicle Charging Station Parking

Sponsors: Rep. Jovan Melton | Sen. Kevin Priola

Passed - SWEEP supported this bill.

Bill Summary: Concerning the use of electric motor vehicle charging stations for parking a motor vehicle. The bill authorizes the owner of a plug-in electric motor vehicle (electric vehicle) charging station to install a sign that identifies the station.

Bill Activity: HB19-1298 passed in the House and the Senate and was signed into law by Governor Polis.

HB19-1325 - Electric Car Manufacturers May Sell Directly To Consumers

Sponsors: Rep. Chris Hansen | Rep. Hugh McKean | Sen. Kevin Priola | Sen. Jeff Bridges

Defeated - SWEEP supported this bill.

Bill Summary: Concerning increasing consumer access to electric motor vehicles by allowing electric motor vehicle manufacturers to sell their own electric motor vehicles directly to consumers. Current law states that, with certain exceptions, a motor vehicle manufacturer may not own, operate, or control any motor vehicle dealer or used motor vehicle dealer in Colorado. The bill creates a new exception that allows the ownership, operation, or control of a motor vehicle dealer by an electric motor vehicle manufacturer that engages exclusively in the sale of electric motor vehicles of the same line-make as are manufactured by the electric motor vehicle manufacturer.

Bill Activity: HB19-1325 passed in the House after a second reading with amendments and was defeated in the House following reconsideration after the third reading.

SB19-051 - Increase General Fund Funding For Transportation

Sponsors: Sen. Ray Scott | Sen. John Cooke

Defeated - SWEEP opposed this bill.

Bill Summary: Concerning the dedication of additional general fund money to fund transportation needs. Current law, enacted in Senate Bill 18-001, requires the state treasurer to transfer, on July 1, 2019, a total amount of \$150 million from the general fund to fund transportation needs. The bill increases the total amount of the July 1, 2019, transfer to \$340 million so that the amount of the individual transfer to the multimodal transportation options fund is unchanged and the individual transfers to the state highway fund and the highway users tax fund are increased.

Bill Activity: SB19-051 was introduced in the Senate and assigned to the Committee on Transportation & Energy where it was postponed indefinitely.

SB19-053 - California Motor Vehicle Emission Standards

Sponsor: Sen. John Cooke

Defeated - SWEEP opposed this bill.

Bill Summary: Concerning a prohibition on the air quality control commission adopting air quality control standards for motor vehicles that are more stringent than the federal standards. The bill prohibits the air quality control commission from adopting motor vehicle emission standards that are more stringent than federal standards and from adopting the California motor vehicle emission standards and test procedures unless they are the same as the federal standards.

Bill Activity: SB19-053 was introduced in the Senate and assigned to the Committee on Health & Human Services where it was postponed indefinitely.

SB19-077 - Electric Motor Vehicles Public Utility Services

Sponsors: Sen. K. Priola | Sen. A. Williams | Rep. C. Hansen

Passed - SWEEP supported this bill.

Bill Summary: Concerning measures that affect the development of infrastructure used by electric motor vehicles, and, in connection therewith, establishing a process at the Colorado public utilities commission whereby a public utility may undertake implementation of an electric motor vehicle infrastructure program within the area covered by the utility's certificate of public convenience and necessity. Currently, public utilities may provide charging ports or fueling stations for motor vehicles as unregulated services. The bill authorizes public utilities to provide these services as regulated or unregulated services and allows cost recovery. The bill requires a public utility to apply to the public utilities commission (commission) to build facilities to support electric vehicles. Standards are set for approval.

Bill Activity: SB19-077 passed in the House and the Senate and was signed into law by Governor Polis.

SB19-236 - Sunset Public Utilities Commission

Sponsors: Sen. Leroy Garcia | Sen. Stephen Fenberg | Rep. Chris Hansen | Rep. KC Becker

Passed - SWEEP supported this bill.

Bill Summary: This bill includes a requirement that electric utilities and the Colorado PUC use a carbon emissions cost of at least \$46 per ton of CO2 in all resource planning deliberations and decisions, including energy efficiency plan and program evaluations. This policy should result in additional energy efficiency and demand response programs passing cost effectiveness screening. SB19-236 also includes a requirement that wholesale electric cooperatives submit resource plans to the Colorado PUC for review and approval. This policy could lead to expansion

of the energy efficiency and demand response programs implemented by Tri-State Generation and Transmission as well as local rural electric cooperatives in the state.

Bill Activity: SB19-236 passed in the House and the Senate and was signed into law by Governor Polis.

SB19-239 - Address Impacts Of Transportation Changes

Sponsors: Sen. Faith Winter | Sen. Jeff Bridges | Rep. Matt Gray | Rep. Chris Hansen

Passed - SWEEP supported this bill.

Bill Summary: Concerning means of addressing the impacts of technological and business model changes related to commercial vehicles, and, in connection therewith, requiring the department of transportation to convene and consult with a stakeholder group to examine impacts of new transportation technologies and business models, identify means of addressing impacts, and report findings and make recommendations to the general assembly. The bill requires the department of transportation (CDOT) to convene and engage in robust consultation with a stakeholder group comprised of representatives of specified industries, workers, governmental entities, planning organizations, and interest groups that will potentially be affected by the adoption of new and emerging transportation technologies and business models. The bill requires the department of transportation (CDOT) to convene and engage in robust consultation with a stakeholder group comprised of representatives of specified industries, workers, governmental entities, planning organizations, and interest groups that will potentially be affected by the adoption of new and emerging transportation technologies and business models.

Bill Activity: SB19-239 passed in the House and the Senate and was signed into law by Governor Polis.

For additional information regarding these bills, visit the website of the Colorado General Assembly, at <http://leg.colorado.gov/>

NEVADA

Summary of Bills:

AB 401	AN ACT relating to motor vehicle registration; imposing a fee based on vehicle miles traveled upon the renewal of registration of certain light-duty motor vehicles.	Opposed	Defeated
AB 483	AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; requiring the Department of Motor Vehicles to conduct a pilot program to gather data from certain motor vehicles in this State.	Supported	Passed
AB 54	AN ACT relating to energy efficiency; revising provisions relating to the energy efficiency of certain lights sold in this State.	Supported	Passed
SB 114	AN ACT relating to vehicles; imposing a surcharge on the sale of electric service to charge the battery of an electric vehicle or a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle.	Opposed	Defeated
SB 168	AN ACT relating to energy; revising provisions governing energy conservation and energy efficiency standards for residences with an on-site renewable energy system.	Opposed	Defeated
SB 181	AN ACT relating to special license plates; requiring the Department of Motor Vehicles to design, prepare and issue special license plates for certain motor vehicles that are electric powered.	Neutral	Passed
SB 254	AN ACT relating to greenhouse gas emissions; requiring the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to issue an annual report concerning greenhouse gas emissions in this State.	Supported	Passed
SB 299	AN ACT relating to vehicles; revising provisions governing the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Demonstration Program.	Supported	Passed
SB 300	AN ACT relating to electric utilities; authorizing an electric utility to file an application for the establishment of an alternative rate-making plan.	Supported	Passed
SB 330	AN ACT relating to vehicles; revising provisions governing the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Demonstration Program.	Supported	Defeated
SB 428	AN ACT relating to parking; making it unlawful to park a vehicle in a parking space designated for electric vehicle charging unless the vehicle is being charged.	Supported	Passed
SCR1	Directing the Legislative Committee on Energy to conduct an interim study concerning the development of renewable energy and clean energy resources in this State.	Supported	Passed
SCR3	Directing the Legislative Committee on Energy to conduct an interim study to consider alternative solutions for transportation system funding in Nevada.	Supported	Passed

AB 401 - AN ACT relating to motor vehicle registration; imposing a fee based on vehicle miles traveled upon the renewal of registration of certain light-duty motor vehicles; requiring the Department of Motor Vehicles to calculate and charge such a fee; requiring deposit of certain portions of the fee in the State Highway Fund; requiring the Department of Transportation to provide a report to the Legislature concerning the highways of this State; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Sponsor: Assemblyman Alexander Assefa

Defeated- SWEEP opposed this bill.

Bill Summary: Revises provisions governing the highway funding mechanism, including adopting a fee based on vehicle miles traveled.

Bill Activity: AB 401 was referred to the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections where no further action was allowed.

AB 483 - AN ACT relating to motor vehicles requiring the Department of Motor Vehicles to conduct a pilot program to gather data from certain motor vehicles in this State; requiring the Department to provide certain reports based on the data gathered; requiring certain owners of motor vehicles to provide to the Department certain information at the time of registration and transfer or renewal of registration of motor vehicles; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Sponsor: Assembly Committee on Growth and Infrastructure

Passed - SWEEP supported this bill.

Bill Summary: Revises provisions relating to motor vehicles.

Bill Activity: AB 483 was approved by the Assembly and Senate and was signed into law by Governor Sisolak.

AB 54 - AN ACT relating to energy efficiency; revising provisions relating to the energy efficiency of certain lights sold in this State; repealing obsolete provisions relating to the reduction of grid-based energy purchases for state-owned buildings; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Sponsor: Assembly Committee on Growth and Infrastructure

Passed - SWEEP supported this bill.

Bill Summary: The bill puts into place a lighting efficiency standard in Nevada of 45 lumens/watt for general service lamps.

Bill Activity: AB 54 was approved by the Assembly and Senate and was signed into law by Governor Sisolak.

SB 114 - AN ACT relating to vehicles; imposing a surcharge on the sale of electric service to charge the battery of an electric vehicle or a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle; requiring the Department of Motor Vehicles to administer the imposition and collection of the surcharge; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Sponsor: Sen. James Settelmeyer

Defeated - SWEEP opposed this bill.

Bill Summary: Revises provisions relating to vehicles, including imposing a surcharge on the sale of electricity to electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles.

Bill Activity: SB 114 was referred to the Committee on Growth and Infrastructure where no further action was allowed.

SB 168 - AN ACT relating to energy; revising provisions governing energy conservation and energy efficiency standards for residences with an on-site renewable energy system; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Sponsors: Primary: Sen. Chris Brooks | Sen. Pat Spearman | Sen. Kelvin Atkinson | Sen. David Parks

Co-Sponsors: Sen. Yvanna Cancela | Sen. Moises Denis | Sen. Joyce Woodhouse | Assemblywoman Daniele Monroe-Moreno | Assemblyman Steve Yeager

Defeated - SWEEP opposed this bill.

Bill Summary: Revises provisions relating to energy efficiency standards for residences with on-site renewable energy systems.

Bill Activity: SB 168 was referred to the Committee on Growth and Infrastructure where no further action was allowed.

SB 181 - AN ACT relating to special license plates; requiring the Department of Motor Vehicles to design, prepare and issue special license plates for certain motor vehicles that are electric powered; providing a fee for the initial issuance and renewal of such plates; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Sponsor: Sen. James Settelmeyer

Passed - SWEEP was neutral on this bill.

Bill Summary: Revises provisions relating to special license plates.

Bill Activity: SB 181 was approved by the Assembly and Senate and was signed into law by Governor Sisolak.

SB 254 - AN ACT relating to greenhouse gas emissions; requiring the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to issue an annual report concerning greenhouse gas emissions in this State; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Sponsors: Primary: Sen. Chris Brooks | Sen. Yvanna Cancela | Sen. Nicole Cannizzaro | Sen. Pat Spearman | Sen. David Parks | Assemblywoman Sarah Peters | Assemblyman William McCurdy | Assemblyman Alexander Assefa | Assemblywoman Rochelle Nguyen | Assemblywoman Selena Torres

Co-Sponsors: Sen. Moises Denis | Sen. Marilyn Dondero Loop | Sen. Dallas Harris | Sen. James Ohrenschall | Sen. Julia Ratti | Sen. Melanie Scheible | Sen. Joyce Woodhouse | Assemblywoman Shannon Bilbray-Axelrod | Assemblyman Ozzie Fumo | Assemblyman Howard Watts | Assemblyman Steve Yeager

Passed - SWEEP supported this Bill.

Bill Summary: Requires annual reports on greenhouse gas emissions in Nevada.

Bill Activity: SB 254 was approved by the Assembly and Senate and was signed into law by Governor Sisolak.

SB 299 - AN ACT relating to vehicles; revising provisions governing the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Demonstration Program; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Sponsors: Sen. Chris Brooks | Sen. Pat Spearman

Passed - SWEEP supported this bill.

Bill Summary: Revises provisions relating to the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Demonstration Program.

Bill Activity: SB 299 was approved by the Assembly and Senate and was signed into law by Governor Sisolak.

SB 300 - AN ACT relating to electric utilities; authorizing an electric utility to file an application for the establishment of an alternative rate-making plan; requiring the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada to adopt regulations governing the filing of such an application; revising the dates for the filing of general rate applications by electric utilities; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Sponsor: Sen. Chris Brooks

Passed - SWEEP supported this bill.

Bill Summary: Authorizes electric utilities to propose alternative rate-making plans.

Bill Activity: SB 300 was approved by the Assembly and Senate and was signed into law by Governor Sisolak.

SB 330 - AN ACT relating to vehicles; revising provisions governing the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Demonstration Program; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Sponsor: Sen. Pat Spearman

Defeated- SWEEP supported this bill.

Bill Summary: Revises provisions relating to the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Demonstration Program.

Bill Activity: SB 330 was referred to the Committee on Growth and Infrastructure where no further action was allowed.

SB 428 - AN ACT relating to parking; making it unlawful to park a vehicle in a parking space designated for electric vehicle charging unless the vehicle is being charged; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Sponsor: Senate Committee on Growth and Infrastructure

Passed - SWEEP supported this bill.

Bill Summary: Includes restrictions on vehicle parking in spaces designated for electric vehicles.

Bill Activity: SB 428 was approved by the Assembly and Senate and was signed into law by Governor Sisolak.

SCR 1 - Directing the Legislative Committee on Energy to conduct an interim study concerning the development of renewable energy and clean energy resources in this State.

Sponsors: Primary: Sen. Pat Spearman | Sen. Chris Brooks | Sen. Moises Denis | Sen. David Parks

Co-Sponsors: | Sen. Dallas Harris | Sen. James Ohrenschall | Sen. Julia Ratti | Sen. Joyce Woodhouse

Passed - SWEEP supported this bill.

Bill Summary: Directs the Legislative Committee on Energy to conduct an interim study concerning the development of renewable energy and clean energy resources in this State.

Bill Activity: SCR 1 was approved by the Assembly and Senate and was delivered to the Secretary of State.

SCR 3 - Directs the Legislative Commission to appoint a committee to conduct an interim study relating to the use of electric vehicles in this State.

Sponsors: Primary: Sen. Pat Spearman | Sen. David Parks

Co-Sponsors: Sen. Dallas Harris | Sen. Melanie Scheible

Passed - SWEEP supported this bill.

Bill Summary: Directs the Legislative Commission to appoint a committee to conduct an interim study relating to the use of electric vehicles in this State.

Bill Activity: SCR 3 was approved by the Assembly and Senate and was delivered to the Secretary of State.

NEW MEXICO

Summary of Bills:

HB 185	Electric Motor Vehicles Fees & Tax Credits	Support	Defeated
SB 333	Electric Motor Vehicles Tax Credits	Support	Defeated
HB 221	Home Energy Efficiency Income Tax Credit	Support	Defeated
HB 28	Resource Sustainability & Security Act	Support	Defeated
HB 291	Efficient Use of Energy Act Changes	Support	Passed
SB 136	Efficient Use of Energy Act Amendments	Support	Defeated
HB 294	Licensure of Certain Motor Vehicle Dealers	Support	Defeated
SB 243	Motor Vehicle Manufacturers as Dealers	Support	Defeated
HB 432	Affordable Solar Energy Act	Support	Defeated
HB 521	PRC Application for Vehicle Electricity	Support	Passed
SB 336	Electricity Distribution for Certain Vehicles	Support	Defeated
HB 547	Workforce Clean Energy Economy Study	Support	Defeated
SB 45	Low-Income Energy Conservation Program	Support	Defeated
SB 51	Renewable Energy Services - State Facilities	Support	Defeated

HB 185 - Electric Motor Vehicles Fees & Tax Credits

SB 333 - Electric Motor Vehicles Tax Credits

Sponsor: HB 185 - Rep. Jim R. Trujillo

Sponsors: SB 333 – Sen. Antoinette Sedillo Lopez | Sen. Pat Woods

Defeated HB 185 - SWEEP supported this bill.

Defeated SB 333- SWEEP supported this bill.

Bill Summary: Proposed new sections of the Income Tax Act including: Creating the electric vehicle income tax credit in addition to creating the electric vehicle charging unit income tax credit. New proposed sections of the Motor Vehicle Code include: Requiring an additional registration fee for electric and hybrid vehicles and providing that the additional registration fees be distributed to the state road fund.

Bill Activity: HB 185 was referred to the House Energy & Natural Resources Committee and the House Taxation & Revenue Committee and was postponed indefinitely.

Bill Activity: SB 333 was referred to the Senate Corporations & Transportation Committee and the Senate Finance Committee where it was postponed indefinitely.

HB 221 - Home Energy Efficiency Income Tax Credit

Sponsor: Rep. Matthew McQueen

Defeated - SWEEP supported this bill.

Bill Summary: Creates the Home Energy Efficiency Income Tax Credit, applicable to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2019.

Bill Activity: HB 221 passed in the House and was referred to the Senate Finance Committee where it was postponed indefinitely.

HB 28 - Resource Sustainability & Security Act

Sponsor: Rep. Melanie A. Stansbury

Defeated - SWEEP supported this bill.

Bill Summary: Creates a Sustainability and Resilience Council to fight climate change.

Bill Activity: This bill passed in the House and was postponed indefinitely in the Senate Conservation Committee.

HB 291 - Efficient Use of Energy Act Changes

SB 136 - Efficient Use of Energy Act Amendments

Sponsor: HB 291 - Rep. Andrea Romero

Sponsors: SB 136 – Sen. Gerald Ortiz y Pino | Rep. Andrea Romero

Passed HB 291 – SWEEP supported this bill.

Defeated SB 136 - SWEEP supported this bill.

Bill Summary: Extends energy savings requirements in the Efficient Use of Energy Act through 2030; directs the Public Regulation Commission to take certain actions pertaining to utility energy efficiency policy and programs.

Bill Activity: HB 291 passed in the House and Senate and was signed into law by Governor Grisham.

Bill Activity: SB 136 passed in the Senate and was later postponed indefinitely in the State Government, Elections & Indian Affairs Committee.

HB 294 - Licensure of Certain Motor Vehicle Dealers

SB 243 - Motor Vehicle Manufacturers as Dealers

Sponsor: HB 294 – Rep. Abbas Akhil

Sponsors: SB 243 – Sen. Gerald Ortiz y Pino | Sen. Bill Tallman

Defeated - SWEEP supported these bills.

Bill Summary: Allows manufacturers to sell EVs in New Mexico without setting up dealerships.

Bill Activity: HB 294 – This bill was referred to the Commerce & Economic Development Committee and the House Judiciary Committee and was postponed indefinitely.

Bill Activity: SB 243 - This bill was referred to the Senate Public Affairs Committee and was postponed indefinitely.

HB 432 - Affordable Solar Energy Act

Sponsors: Rep. Susan K. Herrera | Rep. Joseph L. Sanchez | Rep. Abbas Akhil | Rep. Linda M. Trujillo | Rep. Christine Chandler

Defeated - SWEEP supported this bill.

Bill Summary: Allows utility on-bill financing of energy efficiency and renewable energy upgrades to homes.

Bill Activity: This bill passed in the House and was referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee where it was postponed indefinitely.

HB 521 - PRC Application for Vehicle Electricity**SB 336 – Electricity Distribution for Certain Vehicles**

Sponsors: HB 521 – Rep. Angelica Rubio | Rep. Abbas Akhil | Rep. Georgene Louis | Rep. Phelps Anderson | Rep. Joy Garratt

Sponsor: Sen. Antoinette Sedillo Lopez

Passed HB 521- SWEEP supported this bill.

Defeated SB 336 - SWEEP supported this bill.

Bill Summary: Removes regulatory barriers for EV infrastructure development; creates a path for utility transportation electrification plans.

Bill Activity: HB 521 passed in the House and the Senate and was signed into law by Governor Grisham.

Bill Activity: SB 336 was postponed indefinitely in the Senate Conservation Committee.

HB 547 - Workforce Clean Energy Economy Study

Sponsors: Rep. Angelica Rubio | Rep. Javier Martínez

Passed - SWEEP supported this bill.

Defeated - SWEEP supported this bill.

Bill Summary: Calls for a study of clean energy alternatives for the workforce and includes energy efficiency and energy conservation building codes.

Bill Activity: HB 547 was referred to the Labor, Veterans' and Military Affairs Committee where it was postponed indefinitely.

SB 45 - Low-Income Energy Conservation Program

Sponsor: Sen. Richard C. Martinez

Defeated - SWEEP supported this bill.

Bill Summary: Provides an appropriation for low income energy efficiency.

Bill Activity: This bill was postponed indefinitely in the Senate Conservation Committee.

SB 51 - Renewable Energy Services - State Facilities

Sponsor: Sen. Jeff Steinborn

Defeated - SWEEP supported this bill.

Bill Summary: Calls for energy efficiency and renewable energy for state buildings.

Bill Activity: This bill was postponed indefinitely in the Senate Conservation Committee and the Senate Public Affairs Committee.

For additional information regarding these bills, visit the website of the New Mexico Legislature, at <https://www.nmlegis.gov/>

UTAH

Summary of Bills:

HB 187	Professional Licensing Amendments	Support	Passed
HB 218	Construction Code Modifications	Support	Passed
HB 307	Utility Online Usage Data Amendments	Support	Passed

HB 187 - Professional Licensing Amendments

Sponsors: Sen. Daniel Hemmert | Rep. Mike Schultz

Passed - SWEEP supported this bill.

Bill Summary: Makes a number of changes to professional licensing for contractors, including adding 1 hour of required Continuing Education on the topic of energy conservation for contractors wishing to renew their licenses.

Bill Activity: HB 187 passed in the House and Senate and was signed into law by Governor Herbert.

HB 218 - Construction Code Modifications

Sponsors: Rep. Mike Schultz | Sen. Curtis S. Bramble

Passed - SWEEP supported this bill.

Bill Summary: Adopts the full 2018 IECC commercial energy code, but modifies air tightness requirements in residential buildings.

Bill Activity: HB 218 passed in the House and Senate and was signed into law by Governor Herbert.

HB 307 - Utility Online Usage Data Amendments

Sponsor: Rep. Eric Hutchings

Passed - SWEEP supported this bill.

Bill Summary: Requires electric distribution utilities and electric distribution cooperatives to allow nonresidential customers to see their energy usage data in 15 minute intervals through an online portal.

Bill Activity: HB 307 passed in the House and Senate and was signed into law by Governor Herbert.

WYOMING

Nothing to report for the 2019 legislative session in Wyoming.