



Statement by *Offshore Wind California* Praising Passage of State Assembly Bill (AB) 1373 for Procurement at Scale to Advance California Offshore Wind and Other Clean-Energy Resources

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Passage of this legislation shows California is serious about going big on offshore wind and positioning itself as a leader and global hub of this important clean-energy resource. [AB 1373](#) provides a vital tool to help the Golden State invest at scale, build at scale, and procure at scale for the long lead-time renewable resources it needs to complement its clean-power portfolio and meet its ambitious climate, clean-energy, and grid-reliability goals.

We commend Gov. Newsom and the Assembly and Senate for their [leadership](#) on this critical measure. [AB 1373](#) is an important milestone that will establish a robust mechanism to facilitate procurement and provide a clear path to market for large-scale clean energies like offshore wind. It will help California deliver on its commitment to be a global leader on climate, achieve [100%](#) clean electricity, and generate [25 GW](#) from floating offshore wind by 2045.

Procuring at scale is one of the key [next steps](#) California needs to bring offshore wind online. We must also move forward to invest in ports and transmission, set a clear permitting roadmap, build a sustainable supply chain and workforce training, engage key stakeholders, and identify suitable sea space to achieve the state's 25 GW goal. We look forward to seeing the California Energy Commission's AB 525 strategic plan for offshore wind this fall.

Offshore wind promises to bring a host of benefits for Californias workers, residents, and electricity ratepayers. Delivering 25 GW will create [tens of thousands](#) of good jobs, save ratepayers [billions](#), supply clean power to [25 million homes](#), help avoid rolling blackouts, and bring real environmental and health benefits, all while coexisting with other ocean users and protecting California's coastal communities, and cultural resources. We're committed as an industry to work with state and federal agencies and key stakeholders to make offshore wind's promise a reality.

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