



Statement on California Assembly Approval of AB 525 to Spur Offshore Wind Power Development in the Golden State

Labor, environmental, and industry coalition powers passage of AB 525
to accelerate offshore wind plan for California

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This is excellent news and builds more momentum for California's offshore wind industry and workers. Just days after the Biden Administration and Governor Newsom announced [a key breakthrough](#) for offshore wind in the Golden State, the California Assembly has voted 71-1 in overwhelming bipartisan approval for new legislation, AB 525 (Chiu), that calls on state agencies to develop a strategic plan and timeline to spur responsible development for offshore wind power. The bill cites a [recent interagency report](#) showing that at least 10 gigawatts (GW) of this renewable resource will be needed for California's 100% clean energy portfolio.

We want to thank the bill's lead authors, Assembly Members David Chiu, Jordan Cunningham, and Laura Friedman, as well as key labor, industry, environmental, and environmental justice supporters, for their leadership and bipartisan advocacy for AB 525. This landmark legislation will help California reach its clean energy goals and reduce its climate risks, while also creating thousands of high-skilled jobs and protecting marine and coastal resources.

We look forward to seeing this measure move to the state Senate and ultimately signed into law. We are committed to partnering with state and federal agencies to map out a path to achieve a minimum of 10 GW of clean, offshore wind power for Golden State residents and workers by 2040. An interim goal of 3 GW by 2030 will contribute to President Biden's national goal of 30 GW by the end of this decade—on both the West and East coasts. To meet these ambitious goals, the state needs to complete environmental reviews, upgrade port infrastructure, support the development of an offshore wind supply chain, and streamline permitting while protecting wildlife and cultural resources. For California, offshore wind, using proven floating technologies already deployed elsewhere in the world, promises to create a new industry that delivers gigawatts of competitively priced power and family-wage, union jobs.

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