



AB 30: Cleaner Cheaper Fuel (E15) Blend Act

Bill Summary

AB 30 makes transportation fuel blends up to 15% ethanol (E15) legal for sale and use in California.

Problem

California gasoline is currently blended with 10% ethanol (E10). Ethanol, derived primarily from corn starch or sugar cane, is mixed into gasoline because it is cheaper than petroleum, thereby reducing the overall fuel cost to consumers at the pump. E10 gas blends also reduce pollutants, reducing air quality and climate impacts.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency approved the use of 15% ethanol (E15) fuel blends in 2011, based on studies showing E15's similar or enhanced benefits when compared to E10. Today, 49 states are authorized to use E15.

California is the only state where E15 is illegal. E15 remains unlawful because CARB has not adopted a transportation fuel specification regulation outlining its sale and use. CARB says it has been [working toward](#) an E15 fuel standard since 2018. Meanwhile, [studies](#) show that the ongoing lack of an E15 fuel option currently prevents Californians from saving approximately 20 cents per gallon at the pump -- up to \$2.7 billion statewide each, year -- along with improved benefits to the public hearth and the environment.

Solution

After 7 years of positive study outcomes, a special session, legislative budget and bill proposals, and a gubernatorial directive to advance E15, CARB remains stalled with no progress on approving an E15 rule. With significant consumer cost-savings, air

quality, and climate benefits at stake, it's time to set a deadline for CARB's E15 rulemaking.

CARB's [multimedia evaluation](#) (MME) studies of E15's environmental and public health impacts were completed by June 2022 and showed [favorable results](#). [CARB's draft report on the study findings is currently "in hand."](#) To advance E15, CARB must send its report to the [Environmental Policy Council](#), whose agencies have been involved throughout the study process. Concurrently with EPC's review, CARB can initiate an expedited E15 rulemaking relying on existing technical and economic analysis.

AB 30 resolves bureaucratic inaction by declaring E15 legal for sale and use as a transportation fuel while preserving CARB's rulemaking authority.

Support

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