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May 3, 2021

Ms. Keely Martin Bosler, Director
Department of Finance
Room 1145, State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Ms. Bosler:

In a letter dated April 28, 2021, you notified the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, pursuant to the provisions of Section 28.00 of the *2020-21 Budget Act*, of a request from the California Energy Commission (CEC) for increased authority to receive and expend \$69 million of energy utility funds transferred to the CEC as required by Chapter 372 of 2020 (AB 841, Ting). The letter also requested a waiver from the 30-day legislative review period.

AB 841 established the School Energy Efficiency Stimulus Program (SEEP), which is intended to create new green jobs while helping schools improve water and energy efficiency. The program will use utility energy efficiency funds to provide grants to school districts to repair and replace inefficient HVAC systems and water fixtures in schools. Because this is an important stimulus program, I respectfully request the CEC provide the Legislature with bi-annual written reports beginning on October 1, 2021, that include a list of the projects, schools, and school districts that received grants and the amount of each grant awarded.

I have reviewed the request and concur that the change is aligned with the requirements of Section 28.00. In addition, I approve your request to waive the 30-day review period, which will allow the CEC to begin awarding SEEP grants as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,


Nancy Skinner
Chair

cc:Members of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee