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RE: SUPPORT FOR ASSEMBLY BILL 1763

Dear Assemblymember Perea:

The Little Hoover Commission supports Assembly Bill 1763 as amended on May 5, 2014, the measure you have authored that would require the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to develop a state energy plan for 2030 and 2050 that promotes economic growth, ensures reliable, sustainable and affordable energy sources and complements the state's environmental policy goals.

In its 2012 report, *Rewiring California: Integrating Agendas for Energy Reform*, the Commission found that policies and regulations affecting electricity have been piled upon each other piecemeal with numerous state bodies implementing a long and complicated list of directives through multiple, sometimes overlapping public processes. Despite assembling an ambitious agenda that has gained the world's attention, the state has failed to develop a comprehensive energy strategy with clearly delineated priorities to ensure that policies are not working at cross-purposes and that California achieves its environmental stewardship goals.

The Commission recommended the state develop, through a public process, a comprehensive and cohesive state energy strategy that delineates and prioritizes goals. The Commission suggested that such a plan should sequence implementation of this strategy in a way that maximizes progress toward energy and environmental goals and minimizes avoidable costs. Assembly Bill 1763, as recently amended, implements the Commission's recommendation to develop a strategic energy plan that promotes reliable and affordable energy sources and complements the state's environmental stewardship goals. As a result, the Commission supports this measure.

As the bill moves through the legislative process, I will be writing letters on behalf of the Commission to legislators urging aye votes. If you have any questions, or if I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Carole D'Elia
Executive Director

c: Commissioners, Little Hoover Commission