

Action Alert



Engagement and Attendance Requested - Senate Budget Subcommittee Hearing on Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund

This Wednesday, August 12, the Senate Budget Subcommittee No. 2 on Resources, Environmental Protection and Energy will meet to discuss the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF). The hearing is set to begin at **9:00 am in 1021 O Street, Room 2200**.

The hearing agenda can be found [here](#).

As we approach the hearing, we urge:

- Members with legislators on the [Senate Budget Subcommittee No. 2](#) or their lobbyists to contact them to urge them to focus their remarks at the hearing on the importance of the state honoring past GGRF commitments to the SB 125 program and protecting the Tier 3 programs, as further detailed below.
- All members or their lobbyists to attend the hearing and provide public comment that highlights the importance of the state honoring past GGRF commitments to the SB 125 program and protecting the Tier 3 programs and that echoes the specific funding requests in our most recent coalition letter, as further detailed below.

We specifically urge you to deliver the following message to your legislators and at the committee hearing, consistent with our most recent [coalition letter](#):

Relative to FY 2026-27:

- Use General Fund to maintain this year's appropriations of \$800 million for the AHSCP, \$400 million for the TIRCP, \$200 million for the LCTOP, \$250 million for AB 617, and \$130 million for SAFER.
- Honor the state's outstanding Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund funding commitment to public transportation made in SB 125 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review) [Chapter 54, Statutes of 2023].

Relative to FY 2027-28 and Beyond:

- Work with stakeholders to achieve a permanent solution for GGRF in future fiscal years so that Tier 3 programs receive the full funding committed in SB 840 (Limon) [Chapter 121, Statutes of 2025].

[Here's why your engagement is critical.](#)

Since April 2026, the Association has led a major coalition - now totaling more than 80 organizations - representing affordable housing, local government, transportation/ transit, environmental, disability rights, business, and labor interests from across the state, focused on raising awareness of the devastating cuts to Tier 3 programs on the horizon and urging state leaders to intervene to protect funding for these programs. Alongside these efforts, the Association pursued, with support from our legislative champions in the Senate and Assembly, the appropriation of remaining SB 125 funding.

In early summer, through direct lobbying, stakeholder engagement, and press briefings, we built support among key legislators and communities across the state in preserving state investment in affordable housing, public transportation, and clean air programs. This work resulted in a commitment in the Budget Act of 2026 to revisit GGRF investments upon the Legislature's return from summer recess.

With the Legislature back in session and as we approach the final weeks of the legislative session, it's clear that we still have much work to do to ensure the state honors its commitment to the SB 125 program and protects funding for the Tier 3 programs. Delivering on these funding commitments will require ongoing and coordinated engagement from our members and coalition partners.



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