

Schwarzenegger to issue renewable energy order

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(AP) -- Administration officials say Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger is moving ahead with plans to sign an executive order establishing the most aggressive renewable energy standard in the nation.

The governor plans to sign the order Tuesday. It would require utilities to generate one-third of their <u>electricity</u> from renewable sources such as wind, solar or geothermal plants by 2020.

His office says the governor will veto a similar bill passed by lawmakers last week.

Mary Nichols, chairwoman of the state Air Resources Board, says that bill actually could hurt California's efforts to increase the use of green energy because it limits how much renewable power could be imported from other states.

Sen. Joe Simitian, who authored the Democratic bill, says the governor's order will lack the force and effect of his bill had it been signed into law.

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