

# California adopts ambitious climate change bill

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California Governor Jerry Brown speaks on May 19, 2015 in Sacramento, California

The governor of California on Wednesday signed an ambitious climate change bill that aims to increase the use of renewable electricity and make buildings more energy efficient.

"California has taken groundbreaking steps to increase the efficiency of our cars, buildings and appliances and provide ever more [renewable energy](#)," said Governor Jerry Brown at the signing ceremony.

"With SB 350, we deepen our commitment."

The bill aims for California to generate 50 percent of its electricity from [renewable resources](#) such as wind and [solar energy](#) by 2030.

It also calls for buildings in the West Coast state to become twice as energy efficient by 2030.

"Today, California is laying the groundwork for a healthier and sustainable future for all of our families," said state senator Kevin de Leon.

"We are showing the world through innovation how we can transition and increase access to renewable energy while cleaning up the air we breathe, especially in our most polluted communities."

The legislation had suffered a major setback last month when it had to be amended to remove a component that would have required reduced gasoline consumption on California roads.

Oil companies had opposed the measure, launching a fierce lobbying campaign that included television and radio ads.

California is the largest US state by population—the third largest state by area—and often is seen as a trendsetter for the rest of the country.

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