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California Efficiency + Demand Management Council Oral Testimony to the Assembly Utilities & Energy Committee Hearing Regarding SB 1063 June 29, 2022

Chair Garcia and Members of the Assembly Utilities & Energy Committee:

My name is Joseph Desmond, Executive Director for the California Energy Efficiency and Demand Management Council (the Council), testifying in support of Senate Bill 1063.

The Council is a non-utility trade association representing more than 70 companies that design, implement, maintain and evaluate energy efficiency and demand response and employ thousands of people who play an important role in California's economy. Recent estimates put that number at more than 300,000 Californians employed in the industry we represent.

California's current appliance standards process requires strict waiting periods before new technology standards are adopted. SB 1063 will help California access new and more efficient technologies faster by allowing new appliance standards to be applied sooner, if the CEC makes a "good cause" finding that accelerated adoption is warranted. SB 1063 would preserve the strict one-year delay in most situations and would allow the CEC to most effectively assist in meeting the state's climate goals, grid reliability concerns, and mandates.

We believe there are sufficient safeguards in the bill to allay manufacturer concerns that the shorter timeframes will limit customer choice. This bill helps accelerate the time during which new clean appliance technologies can be made available to the public and thus helps California's homeowners and businesses use less energy and water and meaningfully contribute to our collective fight against climate change.

The Council applauds Senator Skinner and her staff for their focus on overcoming critical barriers to new technology adoption to help advance the State's laudable goals.

For these reasons, I encourage your "aye" vote. Thank you for your time and the opportunity to speak in support of SB 1063.