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## **AB 1395 (Muratsuchi) - **OPPOSE**** **Carbon Capture Storage Prohibition**

### **ISSUE**

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Special Report on Global Warming and the International Energy Agency World Energy Outlook have found that reaching net-negative emissions will require a significant amount of carbon removal. Recent reports from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and Stanford University support these findings. These studies have found that California can deploy carbon capture and storage in the near term to abate nearly 60 million metric tons of carbon dioxide per year, approximately 15 percent of the state's current emission levels.

### **THIS BILL**

AB 1395 will cripple investment and innovation in the carbon capture and storage industry that will be critical to meet our state's ambitious GHG goals. It would prohibit the deployment of carbon capture and storage by limiting the amount of carbon that can be removed from the atmosphere by carbon capture to no more than 10 percent of the total removed by ALL mitigation sources. It is unclear why the author wants to put a cap on what this industry can provide to both our environment and our blue-collar job market.

### **BACKGROUND**

Carbon capture and storage technology is neither theoretical nor futuristic. Our brothers and sisters to the north in the Canadian trades have built a utility-scale carbon capture facility outside Edmonton. In addition, we are working with several companies here in California to develop in-state technology that will effectively remove carbon from the atmosphere at scale. Carbon capture needs to be a significant tool in the toolbox to reach our aggressive goals. And carbon capture is not just about supporting our current energy portfolio or power plants, as shortsighted critics mistakenly suggest. Since the adoption of the North American Free Trade Agreement, California has lost more blue-collar manufacturing jobs than every other state. For California's manufacturing industry to continue and ideally grow, we need carbon capture; for California's burgeoning electric car and bus manufacturing to continue, we need carbon capture technology.

Carbon capture is necessary for California to reach our aggressive climate goals. It is essential to keep California's blue-collar workers in the industrial trades and the manufacturing sector working. It is for these reasons that we OPPOSE AB 1395.

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