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## Memorandum

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**Subject: Request to Open New Docket for Fusion Research and Development Innovation Initiative**

This memo is to request a new docket be opened for the California Energy Commission (CEC) pursuant to Senate Bill (SB) 80 (Caballero, 2025). SB 80 establishes the Fusion Research and Development Innovation Initiative to accelerate the growth of fusion energy by advancing fusion science and technology. CEC shall provide financial incentives to: (1) advance research and development in fusion energy and support the establishment or expansion of testing facilities addressing gaps in fusion science and technology; (2) accelerate the deployment of new research and technology capabilities that support the commercialization of fusion energy; and (3) achieve the initiative's goal of delivering the world's first fusion energy pilot project in the state by the 2040s.

The new docket number will be **26-ERDD-01** and should be titled **Fusion Research and Development Innovation Initiative**.

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Thank you,

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