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## **School Energy Coalition Comments**

The members of the School Energy Coalition provided the following informal comments when the Clean Energy Bus Program was discussed at our General Membership meeting on February 26, 2018:

How to assign funding? There was concern expressed regarding whether much of the funding would be taken up by the southern part of the state, specifically LAUSD. Fairness would dictate that regional distribution would be best and then ranking by oldest/application.

There was also a concern expressed regarding electric buses and whether they are able to go far enough on a charge in rural areas. Costs of EV include the cost of charging and if they must do this during the day because they are unable to go the distance it may be even costlier. SEC would ask that buses not be limited to EV only as some school also have hilly or mountainous areas and there are concerns about electric buses being able to navigate.

Asked whether the number of students to be transported will be taken into account as EV buses may not be able to take as many students - perhaps smaller than regular ones - that may mean that more buses are needed.

What other fleet vehicles might be eligible? Definition of buses include smaller transport buses, special ed, etc.

SEC Members appreciate the offer of infrastructure with separate funding as it would likely be needed by some. Can existing EV Charging infrastructure be upgraded with this funding?

Will probably add more as deadline has been extended. Thank you!