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California school districts are woefully underfunded and fiscal resources for school bus replacement is practically nonexistent. According to the most recent statistics from the CA Department of Education 666,000 students are transported 254,000,000 miles annually while riding on 24,000 school buses, at a cost of \$491,000,000. While California schools only provide transportation for 11% of the total enrollment, we are the 10th largest transporter of public school children in the United States.

The CA Energy Commission has \$75 million in resources allocated toward school bus replacement as a result of SB 110. The CA Energy Commission is wisely requesting that local stakeholders weigh in on Design Concept for distribution of this funding.

Questions posed by the CEC:

How to best identify eligible buses?

CEC should begin with a current list available from the CHP.

From that list applications should be sent to school districts to confirm the CHP information.

Should priority be based on age of the bus or other factors?

No. Replacement should be based strictly on the age of the bus, oldest bus first until the funds are depleted.

Mileage and the previous year's mileage should not be a factor. All school districts utilize their oldest buses the least.

What types of fuel should be considered:

Electric & Propane as not every school district will be able to utilize the emerging technology of an electric bus.

Additionally CEC should review the requirement for the districts to 'scrap' the old buses. Past experience with emerging technology provides extensive data as to the 'down' time associated with new technology vehicles. Perhaps the requirement for disposal could be moved to the end of the second year of operation of the new bus. With the opportunity for the district to petition for an extension if there are significant reliability problems with the replacement bus.

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