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California takes leading role on U.S. floating offshore wind energy as Legislature sends AB 525 to Gov. Gavin Newsom

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SACRAMENTO — American Clean Power-California (ACP-CA) released the statement below today on behalf of Director **Danielle Osborn Mills** after AB 525 (Chiu) received bipartisan approval in both houses of the Legislature and now moves to Governor Gavin Newsom for his signature.

This legislation builds on an offshore wind announcement earlier this year by the Biden and Newsom Administrations to accelerate deployment of offshore wind on the California coast, and directs state agencies to establish specific goals for offshore wind production in 2030 and 2045. The bill also directs the state to create a strategic plan for deploying this new industry, from identifying necessary sea space and

developing a local offshore wind workforce to improving port facilities and transmission infrastructure needed to bring this major new source of clean energy online.

The Senate approved AB 525 on Thursday on a unanimous roll call vote of 38-0. The bill passed the Assembly earlier this year by a vote of 71-1.

The statement below can be attributed to Danielle Osborn Mills:

"With heat waves once again threatening the power supply, California leaders recognize climate change is here—and it's time to move even faster to develop new, reliable sources of clean energy."

"The clean power industry is encouraged by the strong, bipartisan support in the Legislature for offshore wind and the equally impressive coalition of environmental groups, labor, and clean energy advocates that worked so hard to advance it."

"It's clear that California means business when it comes to fighting climate change, and this bill ensures offshore wind will be an important part of the state's efforts to decarbonize the economy, create renewable energy jobs, and provide reliable, low-cost, carbon-free power for every community."

"Now, with Governor Newsom's signature, it's time to get to work, and we're ready to partner with the Newsom and Biden Administrations to make West Coast floating offshore wind a reality."

About American Clean Power

American Clean Power is the voice of the clean power industry that is powering America's future, providing cost-effective solutions to the climate crisis while creating jobs, spurring massive investment in the U.S. economy and driving high-tech innovation across the nation. We are uniting the power of America's renewable energy industry to advance our shared goals and to transform the U.S. power grid to a low-cost, reliable and renewable power system. ACP-California is a state project of the national trade association.

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