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The Honorable Benjamin Allen, Chair
Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 1200
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RE: SB 1327 (Reyes). Weights and measures: electric vehicle supply equipment: state authority.
(As Amended March 25, 2026) Oppose

Dear Chair Allen,

On behalf of the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors, I write to oppose SB 1337 (Reyes), which removes electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) (a commercial weighing and measuring device) from the regulatory jurisdiction of the county sealer of weights and measures.

County sealers of weights and measures already operate a robust, comprehensive, and statewide uniform program to ensure the accuracy of all commercial weighing and measuring devices, including EVSE. This long-standing system, administered under the authority of the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), provides consistent standards, type evaluation, inspection, testing, and enforcement across all counties. County sealers perform initial and then ongoing, regular tests on any device used commercially to calculate a price for a commodity. This includes gas pumps, grocery scales and utility submeters, among many other types of devices. The county sealers operate as a neutral, third-party regulator to ensure that consumers get what they paid for, and to ensure equity and fair competition between operators selling like products.

SB 1327 unnecessarily shifts regulatory authority over EVSE to the California Energy Commission, an agency that does not administer or enforce weights and measures laws. In doing so, the bill fragments an established system that is already functioning effectively and removes these emerging devices from the oversight of the regulatory program whose primary expertise is in enforcement of weights and measures laws.

By removing EVSE from the existing weights and measures framework, this bill:

- Breaks a century-old regulatory framework: California's weights and measures system is a long-established, integrated program that has been working effectively for over 100 years to provide unbiased consumer protection—this bill carves out one device type and disrupts that uniform structure.
- Creates inconsistent enforcement statewide: County sealers provide on-the-ground, uniform enforcement across all 58 counties; shifting authority risks uneven application and gaps in

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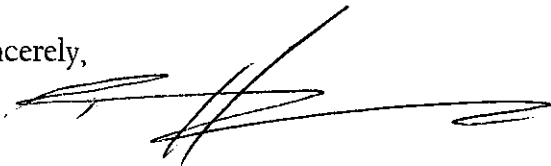
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oversight. Statewide, 439 trained and licensed county sealer inspection staff are working to ensure the California marketplace is operating with accurate weighing and measuring devices. Attempting to recreate the scope, activity, and responsiveness of the program for a single device is unnecessary and ill advised.

- Removes local enforcement presence: Sealers operate locally in all 58 counties and in every corner of the State. Sealers conduct inspections in the field and respond promptly and on-site to consumer complaints, functions the Energy Commission is not structured or equipped to perform.
- Duplicates existing type evaluation processes
- CDFA already evaluates and certifies device types and designs; creating a second approval pathway introduces redundancy and potential conflicting standards.
- Weakens consumer protection: Shifting oversight risks gaps in inspection and verification, potentially leaving consumers exposed to inaccurate billing.
- Sets a precedent for further fragmentation: Carving out EVSE chargers invites similar carve-outs for other measuring devices, undermining the integrity of the statewide system.
- Ignores and disregards existing expertise: Rather than leveraging the proven infrastructure and expertise of county sealers, the bill disregards a system that is already trained, equipped, and operational.

County sealers are uniquely positioned to ensure consumer protection in this space. They inspect and verify commercial measuring devices in the field, respond to complaints, and enforce accuracy standards across a wide range of industries. For these reasons, Mendocino County opposes SB 1327. Please feel free to contact Angela Godwin at (707)234-6829 or godwina@mendocinocounty.gov.

Sincerely,



Bernie Norvell, Chair
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

CC: The Honorable Mike McGuire, Member of the California State Senate
The Honorable Chris Rogers, California State Assembly, 2nd District
California State Association of Counties (CSAC)
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