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IECG supports continued progress towards a more equitable and just society. However, we do not fully understand the purpose or the full implications of this bill. Are there definitions, precedent and examples that the sponsor and proponents can offer to help guide the discussion? Doesn't the PUC's overarching "public interest" standard already subsume these additional purposes? If the committee is interested, IECG can provide at least a sampling of the extensive case law on that that standard, which governs PUC decisions. Finally many PUC proceedings are already complex enough that it is difficult for actual consumers to participate, as stated by the OPA. Adding another complex variable to the existing variables of "reliable," "affordable", and "just and reasonable" should be done very cautiously and only if we are sure that such addition is necessary and not just a politically fashionable statement. The PUC has struggled with one of its current purposes, to lower the ratepayers costs. We urge caution before adding other purposes to the PUC statute.