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ADAMS' BILL TO TURN WASTE INTO ENERGY PASSES FIRST KEY HURDLE

SACRAMENTO — Assembly Bill 222, introduced by Assemblyman Anthony Adams (R-Hesperia), which would encourage, enable and expedite the production of advanced, non-food derived biofuels, green electricity, and other biomass products, passed unanimously 11-0 out of the Assembly Committee on Utilities and Commerce late Monday.

“While California is a leader in renewable energy production, outdated laws have made it difficult for the advancement of new technologies that would safely turn our everyday waste into green energy, rather than have it fill our landfills,” said Adams. “Technologies like these can help California meet its goal of reducing green house gas emissions while opening the door for businesses to create “green” jobs as our economy regains its strength.”

The uncertain permitting process for the citing and operation of conversion technology facilities discourages the use of these technologies in California. AB 222 will bring certainty to the permitting process while maintaining and strengthening current environmental protections, including CARB and CEQA regulations. Additionally, this bill will help California achieve the goals of its Renewable Portfolio Standard, Low Carbon Fuel Standard and Bioenergy Action Plan.

While the bill received wide bi-partisan and stakeholder support, the most compelling testimony came from Lynda Paxton, a private citizen, who stated, “Twenty-seven years ago I built a two-unit condominium on a site that was a toxic waste dump in Oxnard and didn’t find out about it until seven years later. I ended up losing everything. I have been following these issues and urging the introduction of new alternative technologies for waste disposal ever since.”

Assembly Bill 222 will be heard next in the Assembly Appropriations Committee in May.

Assemblyman Adams represents the 59th Assembly District, which includes the San Bernardino County communities of Apple Valley, Hesperia, Lake Arrowhead, Crestline, San Bernardino, Highland and Mentone. He also represents the Los Angeles County communities of Claremont, La Verne, Glendora, San Dimas, Sierra Madre, Monrovia, Bradbury, Arcadia and La Crescenta.

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