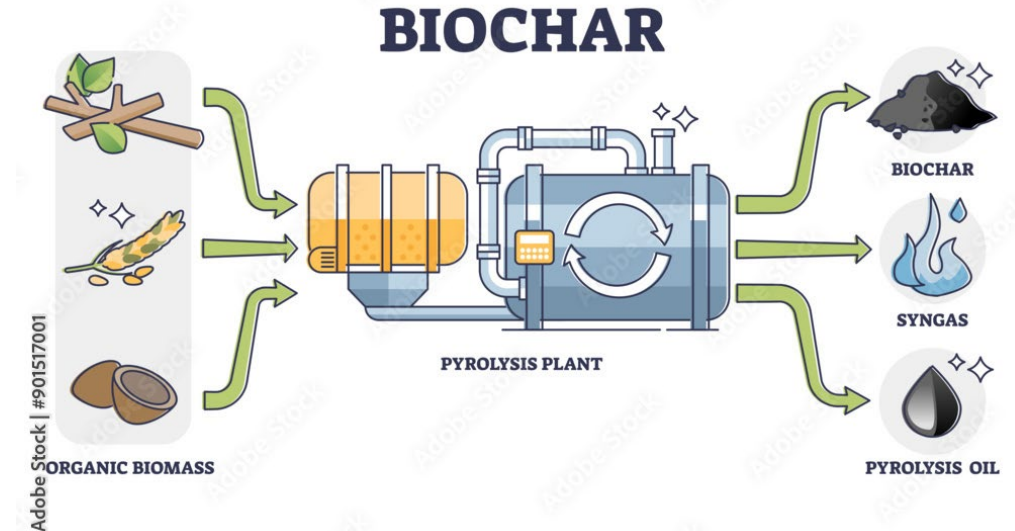


# AB 70 (Aguiar - Curry) – Organic waste: diversion biomethane.

AB 70, proposes two primary changes to the state's solid waste management policies:

- 1. Definition of Pyrolysis:** AB 70 seeks to define "pyrolysis" within the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989.
  - Pyrolysis is described as the *thermal decomposition of materials at elevated temperatures in the absence or near absence of oxygen*. This definition aims to clarify existing regulations, which currently exclude pyrolysis from the biomass conversion methods that can count toward a jurisdiction's 50% solid waste diversion requirement.

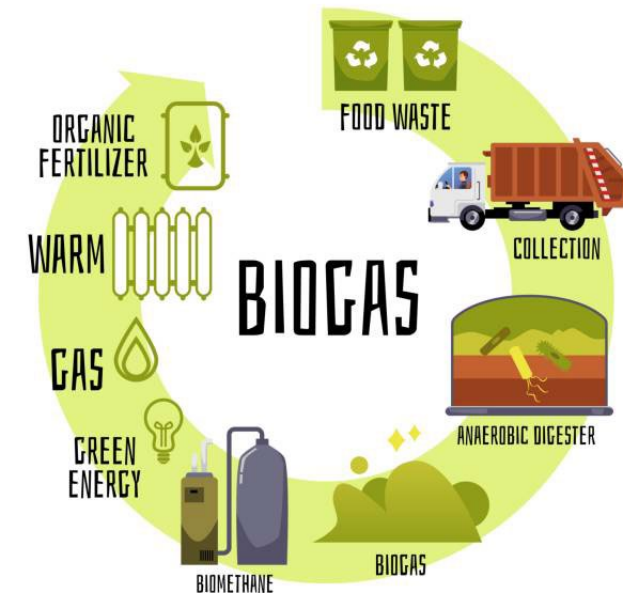


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- 2. Inclusion of Pipeline Biomethane in Procurement Targets:** The bill mandates that, by January 1, 2027, CalRecycle, in consultation with CARB, amend regulations to include pipeline biomethane—produced exclusively from organic waste—as a recovered organic waste product.
- This inclusion would allow such biomethane to count toward local jurisdictions' procurement targets for recovered organic waste products.

The primary goal of AB 70 is to accelerate progress in meeting California's methane reduction requirements.



## Bill Status

In the Assembly Appropriations Committee. Last heard on April 9<sup>th</sup> and placed on the Suspense file for further fiscal impact review.