

A photograph of the California State Capitol building in Sacramento, California, featuring a prominent central dome and classical architectural details. The building is surrounded by lush green trees and a clear blue sky. A thin vertical red line is visible on the left side of the image.

Q1 California Update

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LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

- March 26 – Spring Recess Begins
- April 6 – Legislature Reconvenes
- April 24 – Policy Committee Deadline (fiscal)
- May 1 – Policy Committee Deadline (non-fiscal)
- Mid-May – Governor Releases Revised Budget
- May 15 – Fiscal Committee Deadline
- May 29– House of Origin Deadline
- June 15 – Budget Bill Deadline
- July 2 – Policy Committee Deadline (second house)
- July 2 – Summer Recess Begins
- August 3 – Legislature Reconvenes
- August 14 – Fiscal Committee Deadline (second house)
- August 31 – Last Day for Legislature to Pass Bills for Consideration of Governor
- August 31 – December – Legislature is on “Recess” and Return to Their Home Districts
- September – Last Day for Governor to Sign/Veto Bills That Made it to his Desk on or Before August 31



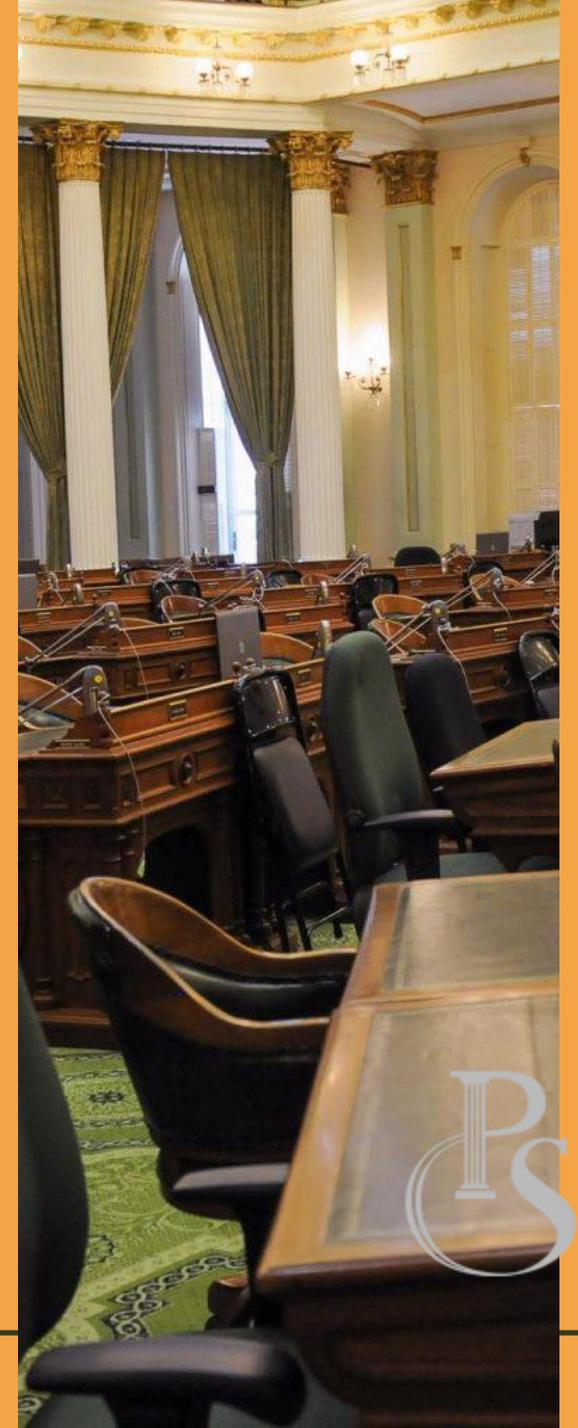
GENERAL UPDATES

Bill Introduction Overview

- ~1,800 bills introduced in 2026 a 23% reduction from last year
- 600 of these introductions are in “spot” or “non-substantive” form
- Major themes: health, housing, privacy, labor, AI

State Budget

- \$348.9 Billion budget proposal
- Administration estimate of \$2.9 Billion deficit vs. Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) estimates \$18 Billion deficit
- Budget subcommittee hearings
- HR 1 advocacy



LEGISLATION HIGHLIGHTS - HEALTH

- **AB 1900 (Kalra) Guaranteed health care for all.** This bill would create the California Guaranteed Health Care for All program, or CalCare, to provide comprehensive universal single-payer health care coverage and a health care cost control system for the benefit of all residents of the state.
- **AB 2161 (Bonta) Medi-Cal: work or community engagement.** This bill prevents California from amplifying H.R. 1's work requirements by extending them unnecessarily to state-funded Medi-Cal populations. It minimizes administrative burden by automating verification using available data sources and requires that any federal work requirement implementation be applied in the least harmful way possible for Medi-Cal members.
- **SB 1202 (Weber-Pierson) Medi-Cal: dashboard and outreach.** This bill requires the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to create a public-facing dashboard tracking Medi-Cal enrollment losses resulting from H.R. 1 eligibility changes. It also strengthens outreach requirements for DHCS, counties, and Medi-Cal managed care plans to prevent eligible Californians from losing coverage due to avoidable paperwork barriers



LEGISLATION HIGHLIGHTS - HUMAN SERVICES

- **AB 1643 (Nguyen) Child Support.** This bill would require all child support payments be directed to the State Disbursement Unit and would authorize the court to direct the local child support agency to appear on behalf of the minor children to enforce the order. The bill would also require that every court order for payment of child support be deemed to be an application for child support enforcement services authorized pursuant to Title IV-D of the Social Security Act.
- **AB 2072 (Solache) CalFresh and WIC Contingency Fund.** This bill would create the CalFresh and WIC Contingency Fund. Under the bill, moneys in the fund would be available, upon appropriation, to the above-described departments for CalFresh and WIC programs, respectively, solely for the purpose of maintaining continuity of CalFresh or WIC benefits, as applicable, during a federal government shutdown or other federal appropriations lapse, subject to certain conditions.
- **AB 2309 (Bains) CalFresh Protection Act.** This bill would, in the event of a federal funding lapse that results in the withholding, suspension, or delay of federally funded CalFresh benefits, require the State Department of Social Services to utilize state funds to ensure that CalFresh benefits continue to be issued to existing recipients.



LEGISLATION HIGHLIGHTS – HOUSING

- **SB 417 (Cabaldon) The Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2026.** This urgency bill authorizes the Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2026 to place a \$10 billion housing bond on the November 3, 2026 statewide general election ballot to fund production of affordable housing and supportive housing.
- **SB 1016 (Blakespear) Transitional Housing Bond.** This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to submit to the voters an act authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds for the development of transitional housing.



RELEVANT INITIATIVES/MEASURES

- Billionaire's Tax
- Billionaire Tax Counter Measure
- California Voter ID
- Los Angeles County Half Cent Sales Tax
- Contra Costa 0.625% Sales Tax



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