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2025-2026 Bill Summary

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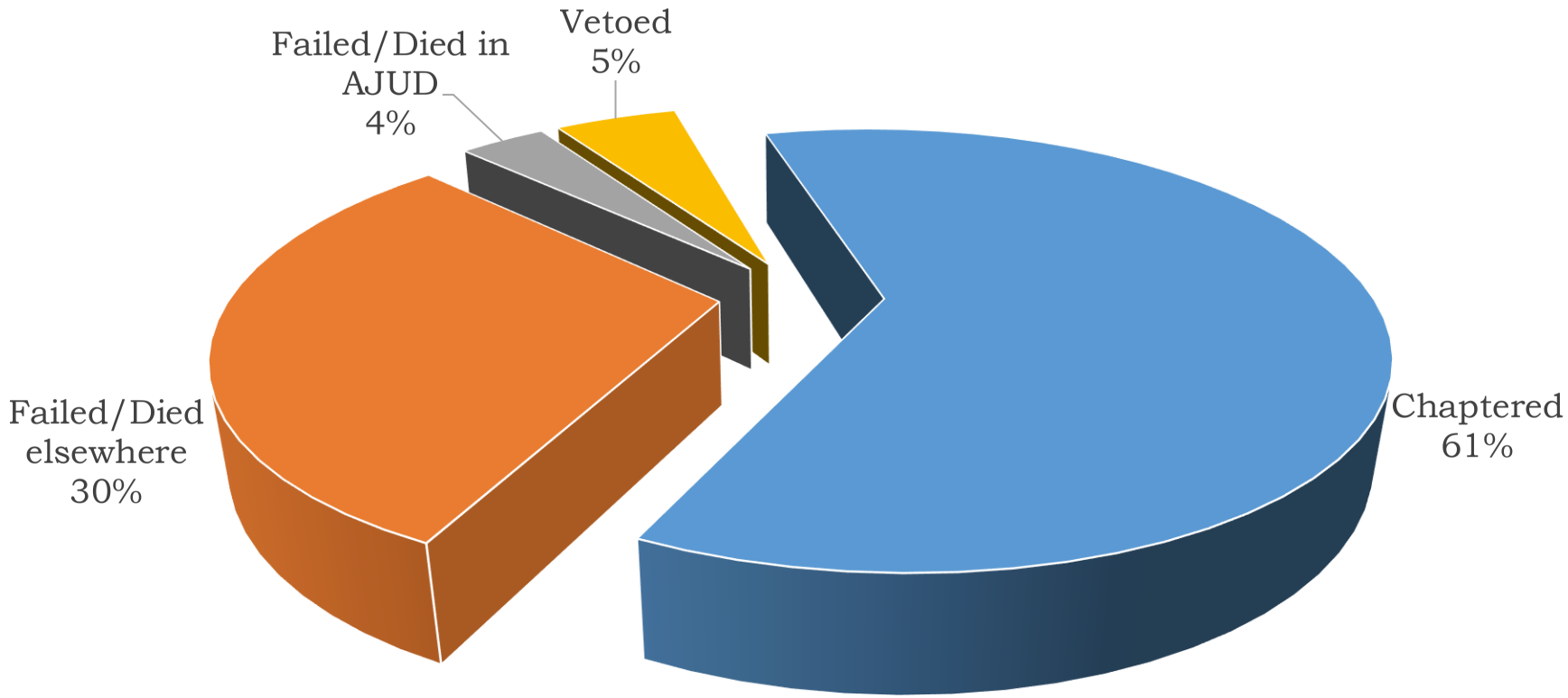
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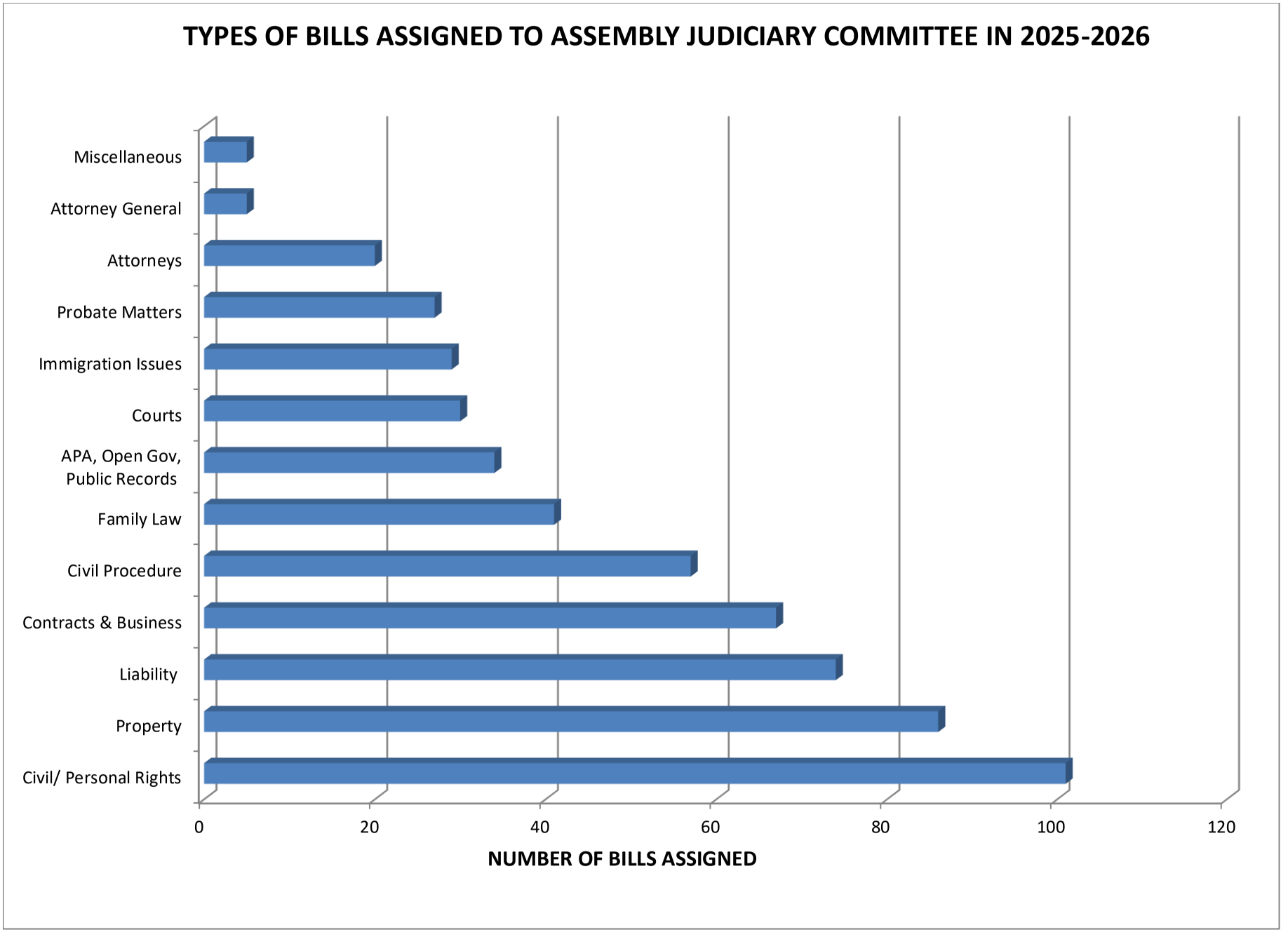
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ASSIGNED	Assembly:	380	
	Senate:	196	
	Total:	**576**	
CHAPTERED/ADOPTED	Assembly:	206	
	Senate:	143	
	Total:	**349**	**61%**
VETOED	Assembly:	21	
	Senate:	10	
	Total:	**31**	**5%**
DIED IN AsmJUD	Assembly:	18	
	Senate:	2	
	Total:	**20**	**3.5%**
FAILED IN AsmJUD	Assembly:	1	
	Senate:	2	
	Total:	**3**	**0.5%**
FAILED OR DIED ELSEWHERE	Assembly:	134	
	Senate:	39	
	Total:	**173**	**30%**

DISPOSITION OF BILLS ASSIGNED TO THE ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY COMMITTEE IN 2025-2026




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AB 91 (Harabedian) State and local agencies: demographic data. This bill requires a state or local agency that directly or by contract collects demographic data as to the ancestry or ethnic origin of Californians to use separate collection categories and tabulations for major Middle Eastern or North African groups, as specified. Status: Chap. 357, Stats. 2025.

AB 343 (Pacheco) Public Records Act: elected or appointed officials. This bill expands the definition of "elected or appointed official" under the California Public Records Act (CPRA) to include retired judges, court commissioners, federal judges, federal defenders, or judges of a federally recognized Indian tribe, active or retired State Bar Court judges, and appointees of a court to serve as children's counsel in a family or dependency proceeding. Status: Chap. 142, Stats. 2025.

AB 370 (Carrillo) California Public Records Act: cyberattacks. This bill adds an additional unusual circumstance under which the initial response time to a public records request may be extended by an agency for an additional 14 days to include the inability of the agency, because of a cyberattack, to access its electronic servers or systems in order to search for and obtain a record that the agency believes is responsive to a request and is maintained on the servers or systems in an electronic format. Status: Chap. 34, Stats. 2025.

AB 408 (Berman) Physicians. Among other things, this bill makes records regarding the Physician Health and Wellness Program (Program) exempt from public disclosure, except as specified; and provides immunity from civil liability for the reporting of misconduct by a physician to the California Medical Board or Program. Status: Dead, Sen Judiciary.

AB 541 (DeMaio) California Public Records Act Ombudsperson. This bill establishes the Office of the California Public Records Act Ombudsperson and requires the ombudsperson to investigate requests from the public for review of a state agency's denial of a request for the agency's public records; determine whether the denials complied with the California Public Records Act; and issue written opinions of its determinations. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

AB 573 (Rogers) Cigarette and tobacco products: licensing and enforcement. This bill requires a tobacco retailer to pay a fee to cover the reasonable regulatory costs of the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration not to exceed $600, for the issuance or renewal of a license to sell those tobacco products. As referred to this Committee, this bill contained provisions limiting various disclosures under the California Public Records Act which were amended out of the bill prior to a hearing in this Committee. Status: Chap. 269, Stats. 2025.

AB 883 (Lowenthal) California Public Records Act: personal information of elected and appointed officials. As referred, this bill expanded the prohibition in existing law against publicly posting or publicly displaying protected information of an elected or appointed official if a written demand by the elected or appointed official, notwithstanding the fact that a federal district court previously held that the provision was unconstitutional. The bill expanded the law in two ways: (1) to also include a prohibition against selling the protected information; and (2) to expand the provisions relating to the written demand to also apply to a verifiable consumer

request. The bill was subsequently amended to deal with data brokers. Status: Chap. 507, Stats. 2026.

AB 1004 (Wallis) Tribal financial info: public records: exemption. This bill provides that any record provided by an Indian tribe to a public agency that contains financial information of the Indian tribe and is provided to the agency as a condition of, or requirement for, receiving financial assistance from the agency, is confidential, not a public record, and not open to public inspection. The bill requires each state or local agency agreement or contract with an Indian tribe related to financial assistance to contain a provision stating that any financial information disclosed pursuant to the agreement or contract shall remain confidential, shall not be a public record, and shall not be open to public inspection. Status: Chap. 132, Stats. 2025.

AB 1232 (Avila Farias) Administrative Procedure Act: proposed regulations: cost of living impact on residents of the state. This bill requires state agencies adopting regulations to assess the regulation's impact to the cost-of-living in the state. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

AB 1370 (Patterson) Political Reform Act of 1974: nondisclosure agreements. This bill prohibits a Member of the Legislature from entering into or requesting a nondisclosure agreement in connection with negotiations over legislation. Status: Chap. 191, Stats. 2025.

AB 1444 (Flora) Publication: newspapers of general circulation. This bill requires public notices to be published in a newspaper of general circulation, on the newspaper's internet website, if one exists, and on a statewide internet website. Status: Dead, Asm Inactive File.

AB 1608 (Wilson) Office of the Inspector General: High-Speed Rail. This bill reforms the Office of the Inspector General for High-Speed Rail to strengthen the office, boost its oversight of the High-Speed Rail Authority, and adopts limited exemptions to the Public Records Act preventing the disclosure of specified sensitive or personally identifying information obtained by the Inspector General. Status: Vetoed.

AB 1652 (Patterson) State agencies: regulations and legislation: nondisclosure agreements. This bill prohibits executive branch officials from signing nondisclosure agreements regarding the negotiation of legislation or regulations. Status: Chap. 130, Stats. 2026.

AB 1801 (Lee) Public agencies: approval: detention facilities. Expands the scope of notice and hearing requirements for a local government that engages in a land use authorization with a private company to capture circumstances involving plans to house or detain any person for purposes of civil immigration custody, and imposes new explicit standards and procedures for the statute's existing notice and hearing requirements. Status: Chap. 743, Stats. 2026.

AB 1821 (Pacheco) California Public Records Act: agency response time. This bill requires public agencies to provide an initial response to a public records request within 10 business days of receiving the request or 14 business days in unusual circumstances. Status: Chap. 899, Stats. 2026.

AB 1843 (Elhawary) Communicable diseases: hepatitis C. This bill prohibits a health care service plan or insurer from subjecting direct-acting antiviral drugs that are medically necessary for the treatment of hepatitis C to prior authorization. As referred to this Committee, this bill

added health records relating to hepatitis B and C to existing public record exemptions. This provision was deleted from the bill and the Committee waived hearing. Status: Chap. 552, Stats. 2026.

AB 1878 (Patel) Data collection: race and ethnicity. This bill requires state agencies, boards, and commissions that collect demographic data on race or ethnicity to collect and publish data using expanded detailed categories and requires the Office of Data and Innovation to oversee implementation and standardization of demographic data collection across state entities. Requires personal identifying information remain confidential and exempt from the Public Records Act. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

AB 2086 (Ellis) Pest control licenses: personal information: confidentiality. This bill adds specified pest control license information, related to individual applicants and licensees, to the list of records that are exempt from disclosure under the California Public Records Act. Status: Chap. 288, Stats. 2026.

AB 2141 (Patterson) Pharmacies: licensee discipline. This bill authorizes the California State Board of Pharmacy (BOP) to resolve a potential cause for discipline by a licensee through a stipulated settlement agreement prior to the filing of a formal accusation. As such, the bill creates an exception to the adjudication provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act (APA). Under the APA, in a proceeding to determine whether an occupational license should be revoked, suspended, limited, or conditioned, a settlement may not be made before issuance of the agency pleading, including an accusation by a licensing board. Where a violation has been substantiated and the board and licensee are willing to resolve the matter through a stipulated settlement, this bill allows them to do so, whether or not the board has filed a formal accusation. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

AB 2323 (McKinnor) Publication: newspapers of general circulation. This bill requires all public notices that must be published in a newspaper of general circulation to also be published online and clarifies that a newspaper is prohibited from charging a fee or surcharge to access public notices on their website or for posting a legally required public notice. Status: Chap. 113, Stats. 2026.

AB 2366 (Avila Farias) Administrative Procedure Act: proposed regulations: cost-of-living impact on residents of the state. This bill requires state agencies promulgating regulations to conduct an assessment on the regulation's impact on the cost-of-living as a part of the standardized regulatory impact analysis or the economic impact analysis. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

AB 2624 (Bonta) Privacy for immigration support services providers. (See IMMIGRATION ISSUES.)

SB 41 (Wiener) Pharmacy benefits: PBM records. Among other things, this bill prohibits pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) from retaining the difference in payment to a pharmacy compared to the amount paid by the health plan or insurer (a.k.a. spread pricing). Of relevance to this Committee's jurisdiction, the bill modifies an overly restrictive limitation on public disclosure of PBM records that are retained by the Department of Managed Healthcare and the

California Department of Insurance; and ensures that the Attorney General can enforce the bill's requirements and restrictions. Status: Chap. 605, Stats. 2025.

SB 46 (Umberg) Presidential elections: qualifications for office. This bill requires that a candidate for President or Vice President of the United States in a presidential primary or general election have the qualifications to be elected to or hold that office as set forth in the United States Constitution on the date the term of that office begins in order to be placed on the ballot. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

SB 423 (Gonzalez) California Public Records Act: private detention facilities. This bill provides that certain records maintained by an agency that report or describe an incident, as defined, occurring at a private detention facility, are not confidential, and requires an agency to disclose those records upon request, with some exceptions. Status: Chap. 751, Stats. 2026.

SB 495 (Allen) Insurance: records. This bill requires certain insurers to submit a report to the Commissioner that includes "data and information necessary to understand their reinsurance program placement data and use of catastrophe models for the previous policy year." The bill specifies that information submitted to the Insurance Commissioner is confidential and exempt from public disclosure pursuant to the Public Records Act. Status: Chap. 542, Stats. 2025.

SB 572 (Gonzalez) Advanced driver assistance system: crash reports. This bill ensures that crash data about certain self-driving vehicles continue to be collected by government regulators and made available to the public, except to the extent that the information were confidential and exempt from disclosure to the public. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

SB 609 (Laird) Fish: commercial fishing records. This bill updates current law regarding the confidentiality of commercial fishing records to align with the confidentiality laws of other West Coast states, more closely align with the California Public Records Act, and assist state and local regulators to enforce commercial fishing laws. Status: Chap. 227, Stats. 2025.

SB 702 (Limon, Cervantes) Legislative and gubernatorial appointments: report. This bill requires the Governor and both houses of the Legislature to prepare and publish on their respective internet websites a report containing aggregate demographic information about all of their respective appointees who are appointed during the prior calendar year. Status: Chap. 423, Stats. 2025.

SB 769 (Caballero) The Golden State Infrastructure Corporation Act: records. This bill establishes the Golden State Infrastructure Corporation within the State Treasurer's Office as a not-for-profit corporation for the purpose of financing infrastructure projects. Of relevance to the jurisdiction of this Committee, the bill makes some records of the Corporation exempt from disclosure pursuant to California Public Records Act. Status: Vetoed.

SB 994 (Cabaldon) Local agencies: nondisclosure agreements. This bill prohibits local agency officials, when acting in their official capacity, from entering into nondisclosure agreements relating to public business that precludes their ability to share information with fellow local public officials. Status: Chap. 669, Stats. 2026.

SB 1114 (Cabaldon) Data collection: sexual orientation, gender identity, and intersex status: disclosure. This bill restricts personally identifiable information related to sexual orientation, gender identity, and variations in sex characteristics/intersex status data collected by state agencies from being disclosed to any entity outside of the California state government or contracted vendors. The bill provides that the information is not subject to the California Public Records Act except as specified and imposes the same penalties utilized in the Information Practices Act of 1977 to unauthorized disclosures of the information in violation of the bill. Status: Chap. 471, Stats. 2026.

SB 1123 (Wiener) Administrative Procedure Act: major regulations. This bill requires a state agency, when estimating the economic impact of adopting, amending, or repealing a major regulation, to calculate any offsetting benefits, impacts, or savings that might result directly or indirectly from that action and factor that into its economic impact estimate. Status: Dead, Asm Economic Development, Growth, and Household Impact.

SB 1159 (Cabaldon) Artificial intelligence: transparency and governance. This bill provides that for the purposes of the California Public Records Act, the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, the Ralph M. Brown Act, the California Environmental Quality Act, the Administrative Procedure Act, the Legislative Open Records Act, and the California Coastal Act of 1976, the terms "person," "interested person," "participant," "member of the public," and any other similar terms under each act referring to those who may engage with governmental agencies, do not include artificial intelligence (AI) systems, autonomous agents, robots, or other nonhuman entities, whether physical or digital. Status: Chap. 863, Stats. 2026.

SB 1204 (Ochoa Bough) Administrative regulations. This bill requires the Office of Administrative Law, within 60 days of returning a regulation to the adopting agency, to report the disapproval and the reasons for disapproval to the Legislature. Status: Chap. 104, Stats. 2026.

ATTORNEY GENERAL - ENFORCEMENT AND OVERSIGHT

AB 1002 (Gabriel) Contractors: failure to pay wages: discipline: Attorney General enforcement. (See CIVIL, CONSTITUTIONAL, AND PERSONAL RIGHTS / *Employment Rights*)

AB 1650 (Caloza) Rental vehicles: law enforcement. This bill requires a law enforcement agency that rents a vehicle for the purpose of detaining, arresting, or transporting persons who have violated, or are suspected of having violated, any law to display a decal on the side of the vehicle indicating the vehicle is being utilized by law enforcement and authorizes the Attorney General and local public prosecutors to file a lawsuit to enjoin violations of the bill. Status: Chap. 741, Stats. 2026.

AB 1770 (Garcia) Arbitration: health care service plans: Lindalee's Law. This bill grants the Attorney General oversight over health care service plans to the extent necessary to ensure that plans with binding arbitration terms comply with the California Arbitration Act, and authorizes the Attorney General to require reports from health care service plan contracts. Status: Chap. 545, Stats. 2026.

AB 2446 (Sharp-Collins) Attorney General: investigations: prediction market wagering. This bill requires the Attorney General to investigate any payout of $5,000 or more received as a result of prediction market wagering, if the event outcome was a matter of national security. Status: Dead, Asm Governmental Organization.

AB 2662 (Carrillo) Working Group on Civil Rights Accountability. (See IMMIGRATION ISSUES)

SB 69 (McNerney) Artificial intelligence program: Attorney General. This bill requires the Attorney General to establish and maintain an internal AI expertise program—designating a DOJ team for AI legal/policy issues, recruiting or training legal and technical staff, and collaborating with academia, civil rights groups, technical experts, and state agencies (e.g., CDT, GovOps). It also requires a public annual report to the Legislature by July 1, 2027, and every year thereafter, covering the department's AI activities, key legal/policy developments, and recommendations for additional state safeguards. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

SB 1257 (Arreguin) Federal immigration enforcement: report. (See IMMIGRATION ISSUES)

SB 1399 (Durazo) Locked detention facilities: civil immigration: reviews. This bill removes a sunset clause repealing the requirement that the Attorney General (AG) engage in reviews of county, local, or private locked detention facilities in California in which noncitizens are being detained for purposes of civil immigration enforcement and issue a report on their findings, and deletes a requirement that the AG's review include a review of the circumstances around their apprehension and transfer to the facility. Status: Chap. 759, Stats. 2026.

ATTORNEYS AND RELATED MATTERS

Attorneys and Related Services

AB 78 (Chen) Attorney's fees: book accounts. Under existing law, reasonable attorney's fees may be recovered in actions on book accounts where the contract does not provide for such fees. These fees are currently capped at $960 for debts owed by natural persons for personal, family, or household purposes; and $1,200 for all other book accounts, or 25% of the principal obligation, whichever is lower. These caps were last adjusted in 2015. This bill increases the statutory caps to $1,200 and $1,600, respectively, to account for inflation and rising litigation costs. The bill does not modify the existing 25% limitation on the principal obligation or alter judicial discretion in awarding reasonable fees. Status: Chap. 28, Stats. 2025.

AB 715 (Zbur) Attorneys: discipline: sensitive services. As referred to this Committee, the bill clarified the disciplinary rules for attorneys providing advice related to sensitive services, and provided that a California attorney could not be disciplined for providing accurate legal advice about the provision of sensitive services in California. The bill was amended to address antisemitism protections in education prior to being heard in this Committee. Status: Chap. 428, Stats. 2025.

AB 931 (Kalra) State Bar Act: consumer legal funding. This bill limits California attorney's ability to split fees with out-of-state law firms that adopt an "alternative business structure," as

defined, and adopts a regulatory framework in order to protect consumers seeking to obtain a loan via a legal funding agreement. Status: Chap. 565, Stats. 2025.

AB 1060 (Avila Farias) Local government: city attorneys: legal fee disclosures. As referred, this bill required all invoices for work by invoices for work by the city attorney, or by any other attorney who is seeking, or has sought, compensation from a city, to be made available, without redaction, to each member of the city council promptly upon that member's request. The bill was subsequently amended to deal with school construction. Status: Dead, Asm Education.

AB 1155 (Fong) Law schools: externships: compensation. This bill requires, beginning August 1, 2026, each American Bar Association-accredited or California-accredit law school to allow law students to receive compensation from an externship while concurrently earning course credit. Status: Chap. 292, Stats. 2025.

AB 1522 (Committee on Judiciary) State Bar Act: expedited licensure: federal attorneys. This bill directs the State Bar of California to develop a program for expedited licensure of attorneys that previously worked in federal service and clarifies the disciplinary rules for attorneys providing advice related to sensitive services. Status: Dead, Sen Judiciary.

AB 1525 (Committee on Judiciary) Attorneys: discipline: sensitive services. This bill provides that an excluded event related to the provision of legal advice regarding sensitive services that are legal under California law is not grounds for disciplinary action by the State Bar of California nor does it require an attorney or applicant to report that event to the State Bar. Status: Chap. 137, Stats. 2025.

AB 2039 (Zbur) Attorneys. This bill enhances ethical standards for attorneys to prevent unlawful loans to clients, seeks to further deter ″capping,″ by expanding civil enforcement provisions, and ensures that specified retaliation provisions of the Labor Code apply to law firms. Status: Chap. 574, Stats. 2026.

AB 2106 (Patel) Malpractice actions: architects, engineers, or surveyors. This bill expands the existing certificate of merit requirements for a cause of action alleging negligence against an architect, professional engineer, or land surveyor to also apply to landscape architects, geologists, and geophysicists. It also requires that the person the attorney consults with to get an opinion of whether there was negligence on behalf of a design professional must be licensed in California. Status: Chap. 137, Stats. 2026.

AB 2305 (Kalra) Attorneys: corporate legal funders. This bill prohibits, and deems a violation thereof the unauthorized practice of law, a corporate investor in a legal practice from interfering with the independent judgment of attorneys. Status: Chap. 393, Stats. 2026.

SB 37 (Umberg) Attorneys: unlawful solicitations and advertisements. This bill strengthens the existing prohibitions on misleading attorney advertisements, attorney solicitations, and the use of referral services. Status: Chap. 645, Stats. 2025.

SB 550 (Cortese) California State University, San Jose: law school. This bill authorizes the Trustees of the California State University to establish a six-year legal education pilot program consisting of CSU San Jose and a law school accredited by the Committee of Bar Examiners of

the State Bar of California that could offer a variety of law-related educational programs to undergraduates. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

SB 574 (Umberg) Attorneys, arbitrators, judicial officers, and alternative resolution providers. This bill provides guidelines for the use of generative artificial intelligence in the practice of law and modifies the existing mandate that the State Bar adopt a program to certify alternative resolution firms, providers, or practitioners. Status: Chap. 858, Stats. 2026.

State Bar

AB 484 (Dixon) California bar examination. This bill requires the Committee of Bar Examiners State Bar of California to provide a report to the Supreme Court and Legislature regarding whether adopting a uniform bar examination would be more efficient to administer and lower the cost of administration for the State Bar and examinees. Status: Chap. 155, Stats. 2025.

AB 1651 (Dixon) State Bar of California: artificial intelligence. This bill requires the State Bar of California to disclose the use of artificial intelligence in the development of the California bar examination. Status: Chap. 116, Stats. 2026.

AB 2109 (Dixon) California bar examination. This bill requires, commencing January 1, 2029, the Committee of Bar Examiners within the State Bar of California, to replace the California bar examination with the Uniform Bar Examination created by the National Conference of Bar Examiners, or any successor to that exam. Status: Dead, Sen Judiciary.

AB 2784 (Committee on Judiciary) State Bar of California. This bill authorizes the State Bar of California to collect licensing fees from attorneys licensed in this state for the 2027 billing cycle, begins to formally end any statutory relationship between the State Bar and the California Lawyers Association, makes various findings about the State Bar's role as a government agency, and adopts various minor and technical updates to the statutes governing the State Bar. Status: Chap. 641, Stats. 2026.

SB 47 (Umberg) February 2025 bar exam: audit. This bill directs the California State Auditor to examine various aspects of the failed administration of the February 2025 California Bar Exam. Status: Chap. 209, Stats. 2025.

SB 253 (Umberg) State Bar of California. This bill provides the statutory authorization for the State Bar of California to collect the 2026 annual licensing fee from active and inactive licensees of the State Bar at the same levels as 2025, prohibits the Committee of Bar Examiners from being considered an advisory board, advisory commission, advisory committee, advisory subcommittee, or similar multimember advisory body, as specified, for purposes of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, and makes modest reforms to the State Bar's certification of arbitration providers program. Status: Chap. 405, Stats. 2025.

SB 1129 (Caballero) State Bar of California: community justice worker program. This bill requires the State Bar to transmit to the Assembly and Senate Committees on Judiciary a report specifying any statutory changes the State Bar believes are necessary to implement the California Community Justice Worker Program. Status: Chap. 678, Stats. 2026.

CIVIL PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE

Civil Procedure

AB 35 (Alvarez) California Environmental Quality Act: clean hydrogen transportation projects. This bill limits the review of an application for a discretionary permit or authorization for a clean hydrogen transportation project, as defined, and authorized expedited judicial review of any such project challenged under the California Environmental Quality Act. The bill was amended to remove the judicial review provisions within this Committee's jurisdiction while in the Natural Resources Cmte. Status: Chap. 89, Stats. 2026.

AB 250 (Aguiar-Curry) Sexual assault: statute of limitations. This bill revives certain claims seeking damages for sexual assault, where the plaintiff also alleges that an entity engaged in a cover up of the assault, so that such actions may proceed if already pending on January 1, 2026, or, if not filed by that date, commenced between January 1, 2026, and December 31, 2027. The bill clarifies that the expanded window for bringing claims applies to actions against both the perpetrator and the entity that engaged in the cover-up. Status: Chap. 682, Stats. 2025.

AB 316 (Krell) Artificial intelligence: defenses. This bill prohibits a defendant who developed, modified, or used artificial intelligence that is alleged to have caused a harm to a plaintiff from asserting that the artificial intelligence autonomously caused the harm. The bill clarifies that a defendant is not limited or precluded from presenting any other affirmative defense, including evidence relevant to comparative fault, causation, or foreseeability. Status: Chap. 672, Stats. 2025.

AB 464 (Aguiar-Curry) SOL for sex assault in prison. This bill tolls the statute of limitations for bringing a civil claim based upon a sexual assault perpetrated by a public employee while the survivor is incarcerated for the entire period when the survivor is incarcerated (plus an additional four years after the date of the survivor's release). Status: Vetoed.

AB 540 (Connolly) Civil actions and attorneys. This bill adopts various clarifications and updates to the statutes governing the practice of civil law, including the creation of a first look review process for sensitive records. Status: Chap. 263, Stats. 2026.

AB 611 (Lee) Legacy local media outlets: notice to employees of sale or transfer: right of first refusal. As heard by the Committee, this bill required a legacy local news organization to provide notice of intent to sell by the specified methods, including in written form to each employee, at least 120 days before the final execution of any transaction. The bill was subsequently amended to deal with spinal cord research. Status: Chap. 264, Stats. 2026.

AB 614 (Lee) Claims against public entities. This bill expands the period of time for presenting claims to a government entity for damages as a result of death or for injury to persons or to personal property or growing crops from six months to one year. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

AB 632 (Hart) Local ordinances: administrative fines or penalties. This bill allows a local agency, upon the exhaustion of administrative and judicial appeals and specified noticing procedures, to obtain a final judgment and impose liens to enforce administrative fines and

penalties for violations of specified cannabis laws, housing laws, and fire hazard laws. Status: Vetoed.

AB 708 (Valencia) California Youth Football Act: safety equipment. This bill authorizes a court to grant a temporary restraining order, preliminary injunction, or permanent injunction to remedy a violation or threatened violation of the bill's requirement that a youth tackle football league allow participants to use specified safety equipment, and provides that a prevailing plaintiff is entitled to an award of reasonable attorney's fees and costs. Status: Chap. 732, Stats. 2026.

AB 747 (Kalra) Service of Process Accountability, Reform and Equity (SPARE) Act. This bill strengthens procedural protections for defendants by increasing accountability for process servers, clarifying the standard for substituted service, requiring photographic documentation of service, and enhancing access to post-judgment relief when service was unlawful. It requires county clerks to maintain a public registry of process servers; codifies that "reasonable diligence" for substituted service means at least three good-faith attempts on different days and times, including one at the defendant's residence; and mandates GPS-stamped photographic proof of service, including the door of the residence or business served, unless safety concerns prevent it. The bill authorizes defendants to move to vacate default judgments at any time if service was improper, shifting the burden to plaintiffs to prove lawful service once a defendant rebuts the presumption of validity in a process server's return. These reforms modernize evidentiary standards, deter fraudulent "sewer service," and align California law with constitutional due process protections. Implementation is delayed until January 1, 2027. Status: Chap. 563, Stats. 2025.

AB 839 (Rubio) California Environmental Quality Act: expedited judicial review: sustainable aviation fuel projects. This bill authorizes the Governor to certify three sustainable aviation fuel projects to be eligible for expedited judicial review as "infrastructure projects" thus requiring any challenge to the projects brought pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act to be adjudicated within 270 days, if feasible. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

AB 859 (Macedo) Civil procedure: recovery of defense costs. This bill adds an objection by demurrer to the list of dispositive motions in which a defendant or a cross-defendant in a civil proceeding under the Government Clams Act may recover defense costs. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

AB 1079 (Avila Farias) Civil appeals: stay of enforcement. This bill provides that the perfecting of an appeal does not stay enforcement of an order in the trial court, in the absence of an order of the trial court providing otherwise, if the trial court finds that either a party's at-large method of election violates, or is likely to violate, the California Voting Rights Act of 2001; or a party's election district boundaries violate, or are likely to violate, the FAIR MAPS Act of 2023. Status: Chap. 178, Stats. 2025.

AB 1162 (Bonta) Challenges to housing and community-serving projects. This bill authorizes community-serving projects, as defined, that are directly or substantially connected to an affordable housing project to avail themselves of the litigation bonding requirements imposed on

vexatious plaintiffs that sue affordable housing projects under the California Environmental Quality Act. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

AB 1222 (Bauer-Kahan) Public utilities: judicial review. This bill adopts a presumption that a final decision made by the California Public Utilities Commission is arbitrary and unlawful if the final decision substantially deviates from the proposed decision of an administrative law judge; and prohibits investor-owned utilities from seeking to recover legal expenses from ratepayers. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

AB 1384 (Nguyen) Summary proceedings: obtaining possession of real property. This bill modifies the court's authority to set a hearing by permitting the court to order the hearing held on a later date upon the written stipulation of the parties, or upon good cause shown in the case of a residential or commercial tenancy. Specifies that the later date shall not exceed 10 court days after the first date set for a hearing on the motion in the case of a commercial tenancy. Status: Chap. 299, Stats. 2025.

AB 1413 (Papan) Sustainable Groundwater Management Act: groundwater adjudication: procedure. This bill makes numerous modifications to the judicial review provisions of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act including: providing that a court's judgment substantially interferes with the implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act if the judgment permits more total pumping from a basin annually or on average than a valid groundwater sustainability plan; permitting a court to establish a safe yield that exceeds the sustainable yield established in a valid groundwater sustainability plan under certain circumstances; requiring a groundwater sustainability agency to review its sustainable yield every seven years; and requiring that a validation action be filed within 180 days of the groundwater sustainability plan's adoption. Status: Dead, Sen Inactive File.

AB 1466 (Hart) Groundwater adjudication: procedure. This bill provides that in actions to adjudicate groundwater rights, allows a court to exempt or treat separately claimants who extract or divert minor quantities of water; requires additional disclosures from parties, and requires a court to request the groundwater sustainability agency provide a technical report that quantifies and describes the groundwater uses of parties that have not otherwise appeared before the court. Status: Chap. 643, Stats. 2025.

AB 1523 (Committee on Judiciary) Court-ordered mediation. This bill, commencing January 1, 2027, increases the amount in controversy limit for court ordered mediation in civil actions to $75,000 and adopts procedural guidelines regarding when a matter can be referred to mediation. Status: Chap. 201, Stats. 2025.

AB 1742 (Chen) Civil actions: service of summons: commercial buildings. This bill authorizes substituted service of process on a tenant or occupant of a commercial building where access to the tenant spaces is controlled by security personnel, concierge staff, or similar agents, if the person attempting service is refused entry or is otherwise prevented from making a direct attempt at personal service. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

AB 1908 (McKinnor) Settlement agreements: victims' compensation funding. This bill clarifies the existing law related to settlement agreements in civil actions to permit a court to

deem obligations paid by a victims' compensation fund as a valid means of settling the civil action. Status: Chap. 907, Stats. 2026.

AB 1950 (Harabedian) Civil actions: mediation. This bill authorizes the Superior Court of Los Angeles County to conduct a pilot program ordering any civil matter into mediation, notwithstanding the general $75,000 amount in controversy limitation permitting civil cases to be ordered to mediation. Status: Chap. 135, Stats. 2026.

AB 2042 (Kalra) Civil actions: setting aside default or default judgment. This bill makes technical changes to the Service of Process Accountability, Reform, and Equity Act. The bill specifies that provisions of the Act only apply to service attempted or completed on or after January 1, 2027; provides that a defendant who did not receive actual notice of a lawsuit may still file a motion to set aside the default or default judgment and for leave to defend the action, even if the service was proper; and clarifies that a party who is not served with a summons and complaint in accordance with the Act may still move for dismissal as permitted by existing law. Status: Chap. 379, Stats. 2026.

AB 2125 (Bennett) Groundwater basin adjudication: notice. This bill enhances the requirements imposed upon a plaintiff when filing a notice of completion of the mailing when utilizing the specialized service of process provisions provided for in comprehensive groundwater adjudications. Status: Chap. 138, Stats. 2026.

AB 2155 (Aguiar-Curry) Arbitration: validity of agreements to arbitrate. This bill codifies federal law to clarify that agreements to submit to arbitration are unenforceable where the agreement would not be enforceable under the Federal Arbitration Act. Status: Chap. 46, Stats. 2026.

AB 2574 (Alanis) Potentially dangerous and vicious dogs: notice of owner's or keeper's rights. This bill standardizes for all jurisdictions within the state the hearing procedures that apply to local animal control agency's proceedings evaluating whether or not a dog is potentially dangerous or vicious. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

AB 2577 (Connolly) Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986: settlements: attorney's fees. This bill requires a court to find that a private party settlement under Proposition 65 is in the public interest and provides a public benefit before approving the settlement, and requires the court to find that the award of attorney's fees is appropriate under existing law if such fees are objected to by the Attorney General. Status: Chap. 623, Stats. 2026.

AB 2690 (Davies) Civil actions: provisional remedies: injunctions. This bill provides taxpaying residents and corporations with taxpayer standing to sue the state, a state entity, or any other state governmental entity. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

SB 26 (Umberg) Civil actions: restitution for or replacement of a new motor vehicle. Offers auto manufacturers the ability to opt-in to streamlined litigation procedures adopted by AB 1755 (Kalra & Umberg) Chap. 938, Stats. 2024, which govern actions for restitution or replacement of defective motor vehicles. Status: Chap. 1, Stats. 2025.

SB 29 (Laird) Civil actions: decedent's cause of action. This bill extends the time frame for a decedent's personal representative or successor in interest in a "survivor's action" to recover damages for a decedent's pain, suffering, or disfigurement, until January 1, 2027. Similarly, the bill extends the requirement that a plaintiff who recovers such damages report specified information to the Judicial Council relating to damages recovered through July 31, 2026. Finally, the bill extends the time for Judicial Council to submit a report to the Legislature to January 1, 2027, covering the period from January 1, 2025, to July 31, 2026. Status: Dead, Asm Inactive File.

SB 66 (Umberg) Civil discovery. This bill removes the January 1, 2027, sunset date from Code of Civil Procedure Section 2016.090, thereby making permanent a recently-enacted discovery framework that allows any party in most represented civil actions to demand early disclosures of key information—such as witnesses, relevant documents, and insurance coverage—within 60 days of such a demand. Status: Chap. 50, Stats. 2025.

SB 85 (Umberg) Civil actions: service of summons. This bill allows for alternative service of a summons in a civil case, including by email or other electronic technology, where the plaintiff is unable to effect service using prescribed methods, despite reasonable diligence. The bill does not apply to service in an action against a governmental entity or an agent or employee of a governmental entity. Status: Chap. 403, Stats. 2025.

SB 477 (Blakespear) FEHA: enforcement procedures. This bill makes various technical changes to the enforcement provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA), including further tolling the time for a complainant to file a civil action if they submit a timely appeal, require the department to issue a right-to-sue after a group or class complaint is finally disposed of, make conforming changes to timelines related to issuance of a right-to-sue letter, and various other technical changes. Status: Chap. 321, Stats. 2025.

SB 577 (Laird) Public entities. This bill revises numerous provisions of existing law related to the civil procedures governing claims against public entities, including those for childhood sexual assault, modifies local government training and recordkeeping statutes, and modifies the procedures for local agencies that issue public debt obligations. Status: Chap. 971, Stats. 2026.

SB 611 (Richardson) Planning and zoning: community plans: review under the California Environmental Quality Act. This bill restores lapsed provisions of law that prohibited a court from stopping a development project solely on the grounds that the project was approved in a community plan that was subsequently rendered invalid for failure to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act, as specified. Status: Chap. 228, Stats. 2025.

SB 650 (Cabaldon) The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009. This bill modifies the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009 to include state and local public agencies as entities authorized to appeal a certification of consistency, and requires a legal challenge to the Delta Stewardship Council's determination of an appeal regarding a proposed covered action to be brought as a writ of mandate within 90 days of the Council adopting its written findings. Status: Chap. 324, Stats. 2025.

SB 676 (Limon) California Environmental Quality Act: judicial streamlining: state of emergency: wildfire. This bill authorizes expedited judicial review of California Environmental Quality Act challenges to projects that maintain, repair, restore, demolish, or replace property or facilities damaged or destroyed by wildfire. Status: Chap. 550, Stats. 2025.

SB 697 (Laird) Determination of water rights: stream system. This bill updates and streamlines the State Water Resources Control Board's statutory adjudication process for determining stream system water rights. Status: Chap. 422, Stats. 2025.

SB 786 (Arreguin) Planning and zoning: general plan: judicial challenges. This bill streamlines the judicial review procedures for challenges to a local government's general plan, housing element therein, and related zoning ordinances, including adopting expedited review timelines. Status: Chap. 526, Stats. 2025.

SB 808 (Caballero) Civil actions: writs: housing development projects. This bill provides for the expedited judicial review of writs of mandate filed as a result of the denial of a permit or other entitlement for housing development projects or residential units at the trial and appellate level. Status: Chap. 527, Stats. 2025.

SB 830 (Arreguin) California Environmental Quality Act: administrative and judicial streamlining benefits: hospital: City of Emeryville. As referred, this bill provided expedited judicial review for any California Environmental Quality Act challenges filed against a specified hospital construction project in the City of Emeryville. The bill was subsequently amended to deal with public transit. Status: Chap. 101, Stats. 2026.

SB 916 (Ashby) Civil actions: housing development projects. This bill adds student housing projects to the types of affordable housing projects in which a defendant facing a California Environmental Quality Act claim can seek a litigation bond from a plaintiff that is deemed vexatious. Status: Chap. 805, Stats. 2026.

SB 932 (Hurtado) Civil proceedings: real party in interest. This bill requires a party that has been assigned the right to pursue a civil cause of action to list the name of the original real party in interest in the title of the case on the first document the assignee files in a civil proceeding. Status: Chap. 990, Stats. 2026.

SB 1256 (Jones) Subdivision Map Act: action or proceeding. This bill prohibits an action or proceeding to enforce the Subdivision Map Act from being maintained if the action contains substantially similar claims raised in a previous action to enforce the California Environmental Quality Act. Status: Chap. 1024, Stats. 2026.

SB 1344 (Cabaldon) Civil actions: housing development projects. This bill increases the amount of a bond that must be obtained by a potentially vexatious litigant in California Environmental Quality Act cases involving affordable housing developments from $500,000 to $1,000,000 and authorizes priority care developments to avail themselves of the bond provisions when a project is challenged under the Act. Status: Chap. 811, Stats. 2026.

Restraining Orders

AB 394 (Wilson) Public transportation providers. This bill clarifies that battery of a transit worker qualifies as "unlawful violence," for the purposes of obtaining a workplace violence restraining order, thereby explicitly allowing all transit workers and their employers to obtain restraining orders that cover the workplace. Additionally, the bill authorizes a judge to issue a restraining order that covers the entirety of a transit system as appropriate on a case-by-case basis. Status: Chap. 147, Stats. 2025.

AB 1297 (Stefani) Automatic temporary restraining orders. This bill expands the prohibitions incorporated into temporary restraining orders to prohibit all parties from allowing an insurance plan to lapse for nonpayment of premiums or failing to renew the insurance plan. Status: Chap. 48, Stats. 2025.

AB 1753 (Stefani) Protective orders: firearms and ammunition. Requires the courts to issue an ex parte restraining order or temporary restraining order if the respondent was not provided pre-filing notice under certain circumstances, and prohibits the courts from requiring petitioners to establish exceptional circumstances in order to receive the temporary or ex parte restraining order. Status: Chap. 458, Stats. 2026.

AB 1961 (Ahrens) Civil actions: protective orders: workplace violence. This bill authorizes an employer to seek a temporary restraining order and an order after hearing if harassment, unlawful violence, or a credible threat of violence is directed at an employer's workplace or a location where a group of employees perform their primary job duties, and does not require the employer to name a specific employee in the petition for such orders. Status: Chap. 910, Stats. 2026.

AB 2179 (Patel) Workplace violence: restraining orders. This bill authorizes a party or witness to appear remotely at the hearing on a petition for a workplace violence restraining order and requires courts to accept electronic filings for petitions. Status: Chap. 839, Stats. 2026.

SB 99 (Blakespear) Military protective orders. This bill explicitly authorizes courts to consider evidence submitted by either party of previously issued military protective orders impacting the respondent in a domestic violence restraining order proceeding. Status: Chap. 844, Stats. 2026.

SB 1374 (Niello) Restraining orders: educational institutions. This bill authorizes a chief administrative officer of a postsecondary educational institution, or a designated officer or employee, to seek a temporary restraining order and an order after hearing on behalf of the institution in order to maintain order on the school campus or facility which is subject to unlawful violence or a credible threat of violence directed toward the post-secondary educational institution. Status: Chap. 705, Stats. 2026.

Evidence

AB 793 (Schultz) Potentially dangerous and vicious dogs: designation and disposition: burden of proof. This bill revises the burden of proof for determinations about whether a dog is

vicious from a preponderance of the evidence standard to a clear and convincing evidence standard. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

AB 1109 (Kalra) Evidentiary privileges: union agent-represented worker privilege. This bill establishes a privilege between a union agent and a represented employee or represented former employee. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

SB 303 (Smallwood-Cuevas) Evidence: exclusions. This bill clarifies that an employee's assessment, testing, admission, or acknowledgment of their own personal bias that was made in good faith and solicited as part of a bias mitigation training does not, standing on its own, constitute unlawful discrimination for purposes of a claim under the Fair Employment and Housing Act. Status: Chap. 216, Stats. 2025.

SB 459 (Grayson) Evidentiary privileges: peace officers: confidential communications: group peer support services. This bill expands existing protections for communications between law enforcement members and peer support services to include communications between personnel and peer support members made during group peer support services. Status: Chap. 456, Stats. 2025.

CONTRACTS, BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL MATTERS

Antitrust

AB 325 (Aguiar-Curry) Cartwright act violations. This bill amends the Cartwright Act to prohibit the use or distribution of a "common pricing algorithm" as part of a contract, combination, or conspiracy to restrain trade, or where a person coerces others to adopt algorithm-recommended prices or commercial terms. A "common pricing algorithm" is defined as any technology used by two or more persons that relies on competitor data to recommend or influence prices or terms such as service levels, availability, or output. The bill clarifies that these provisions do not limit the applicability of existing antitrust laws and provides that complaints under the Act need only plausibly allege the existence of an unlawful agreement without excluding the possibility of independent action. Status: Chap. 338, Stats. 2025.

AB 1345 (Bauer-Kahan) Cartwright act. This bill amends the Cartwright Act to expressly prohibit unilateral restraints of trade and monopolization/monopsonization (including attempts, maintenance, and conspiracies). Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

AB 1776 (Aguiar-Curry) Cartwright Act: violations. This bill adopts the California Law Revision Commission's recommended updates to the Cartwright Act and provides that it is unlawful for one or more persons to act, cause, take, or direct measures, actions, or events to monopolize or monopsonize, attempt to monopolize or monopsonize, maintain a monopoly or monopsony, or combine or conspire with another person to monopolize or monopsonize in any part of trade or commerce. Status: Chap. 826, Stats. 2026.

SB 25 (Umberg) Uniform Antitrust Premerger Notification Act. This bill requires parties that file a federal Hart-Scott-Rodino (HSR) premerger notification to also e-file the HSR form with the California Attorney General within one business day if they are headquartered in California or derive California sales of the deal's goods/services of at least 20% of the HSR filing

threshold. It sets CPI-adjustable filing fees, preserves strict confidentiality, and authorizes information-sharing with federal agencies and other states that adopt equivalent laws with comparable confidentiality. Noncompliance carries penalties up to $10,000 per day. The act applies to HSR filings on or after January 1, 2026. Status: Chap. 3, Stats. 2025.

SB 52 (Pérez) Housing rental terms: algorithmic devices. This bill targets "revenue-management" tools that inflate rents by prohibiting selling, licensing, or providing a rental-pricing algorithm with the intent or reasonable expectation that multiple landlords in the same market would use it, and bars landlords from adopting rental terms based on an algorithm they knew or should have known relied on nonpublic competitor data and was used by others in the market. It defines key terms and carves out public/aggregated data, MLS listings, and affordable-housing compliance tools. Enforcement is available to the Attorney General and local prosecutors (damages, restitution, injunctions, and civil penalties up to $1,000 per violation, with fees), and harmed tenants have a private right of action with fee-shifting. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

SB 295 (Hurtado) California Preventing Algorithmic Collusion Act. This bill prohibits distributing pricing algorithms—or making recommendations from them—to two or more competitors when the algorithm processes competitors' confidential, nonpublic data, and bars businesses from using such algorithmic recommendations to set prices or other commercial terms when they know or should know the tool uses competitor data and is used by competitors in the same market. It defines key terms (e.g., "pricing algorithm," "competitor data," and "commercial term"), provides an affirmative defense for companies that exercise reasonable due diligence (such as obtaining written assurances the tool does not process competitor data), and exempts uses where all competitor data is more than one year old. Public enforcers (AG, DAs, county counsel, city attorneys) could seek restitution, injunctive relief, fees, punitive damages, and civil penalties up to $25,000 per violation. Status: Failed, Asm Floor.

SB 384 (Wahab) Price-Setting Algorithm. This bill prohibits selling, licensing, providing, or using price-setting algorithms that process competitors' nonpublic data to set prices/supply levels for goods or services or rents/occupancy for rentals when intended or reasonably expected for use by two or more competitors in the same market. It provides an affirmative defense for users who exercise reasonable due diligence (e.g., written assurances the tool does not process nonpublic data) and authorizes public enforcement (AG, DAs, city attorneys, county counsel) for damages, injunctions, restitution, and civil penalties up to $1,000 per violation, with fees and costs to prevailing enforcers. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

SB 763 (Hurtado) Conspiracy against trade: punishment. This bill permits public prosecutors to seek up to $1 million in civil penalties for a violation of the Cartwright Act, and increases the cap on criminal penalties for a corporation from $1 million to $6 million. Status: Chap. 426, Stats. 2025.

Business and Consumer Protection

AB 56 (Bauer-Kahan) Social media: warning labels. This bill enacts the Social Media Warning Law, requiring covered social media platforms to display a "black box" Surgeon General warning about mental health harms associated with social media use. Platforms must

show the warning for at least 10 seconds upon a minor's first daily access and for at least 30 seconds after three hours of cumulative daily use, and once per hour thereafter. The warning must cover 25% or 75% of the screen, depending on the context, and applies only to users reasonably determined to be 17 years of age or younger. The law does not create a private right of action and takes effect January 1, 2027. Status: Chap. 671, Stats. 2025.

AB 446 (Ward) Surveillance pricing. As heard in Committee, this bill prohibited the practice of "surveillance pricing," whereby a business offers or sets a customized price for a good or service for a specific consumer or group of consumers based on personal or aggregate data collected through electronic surveillance technology. The bill was later narrowed to focus on grocery establishments, prohibiting them from engaging in "surveillance pricing," defined as charging customized price increases for goods or services based on personally identifiable information collected through surveillance technologies such as cameras, sensors, device tracking, or biometric monitoring. Exceptions apply for discounts based on disclosed eligibility criteria, loyalty or membership programs, or when consumers knowingly provided information to obtain a discount. Enforcement is limited to civil prosecution, with civil penalties up to $12,500 per violation (and treble penalties for intentional violations), though consumers are able to seek injunctive relief and attorney's fees. Status: Dead, Sen Inactive File.

AB 826 (J. Gonzalez) Veterans' benefits: protections. This bill prohibits a person or business from charging a fee to assist a veteran with the filing of a veterans' benefit claim unless they are accredited as required. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

AB 853 (Wicks) California AI Transparency Act. This bill establishes new provenance and disclosure requirements for large online platforms, generative AI (GenAI) system hosting platforms, and capture device manufacturers. Beginning January 1, 2027, large online platforms must detect embedded provenance data compliant with widely adopted technical standards, disclose the availability of such data to users, and provide interfaces for users to inspect or download provenance data, including the name of the GenAI system or capture device, and any available digital signatures. Platforms are prohibited, where technically feasible, from stripping provenance data or digital signatures. GenAI hosting platforms may not make available systems that fail to provide required disclosures. Beginning January 1, 2028, capture device manufacturers must embed latent disclosures by default in content produced by new devices, including the manufacturer's name, device name and version, and the time and date of content creation or alteration, and must provide users with the option to include such disclosures. Status: Chap. 674, Stats. 2025.

AB 1197 (Calderon) Rental passenger vehicles. This bill modifies the conditions for invoking the presumption that a renter is not liable for the theft of a rental vehicle by requiring the renter to return the ignition key furnished by the rental company, rather than allowing the alternative showing that the key was not in the vehicle. The requirement to file a timely police report and cooperate remains unchanged from existing law, and the bill continues to treat the presumption as one affecting the burden of proof. The bill also expands the circumstances under which rental car companies may use geofence technology to recover unreturned or abandoned vehicles. Status: Chap. 449, Stats. 2025.

AB 1245 (Stefani, Lowenthal) California Restaurant Reservation AntiPiracy Act. As referred to this Committee, this bill prohibited a third-party restaurant reservation service from listing, advertising, promoting, or selling reservations for a restaurant through a website, or other application or platform, without a written agreement between the third-party restaurant reservation service and the restaurant. The bill also authorized the Attorney General and the consumer who suffers harm from bringing a civil claim to recover civil penalties, actual damages, and other specified recovery. The bill was subsequently amended to address a certification process for state contracts to curb forced labor and human trafficking. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

AB 1291 (Lee) Ticket sellers: permanent business address: licensure. This bill requires ticket sellers to immediately provide electronic proof of purchase and requires venue operators to honor legitimate, linked, unused proofs of purchase for entry when a consumer cannot access their ticket. Public prosecutors could enforce the bill with civil penalties up to $2,500 per violation (each ticket/denial a separate violation) plus costs and attorney's fees. This bill was triple referred to Arts, Privacy, and Judiciary. After amendments taken in Privacy, this Committee waived hearing. Status: Dead, Asm Appropriations.

AB 1349 (Bryan) Consumer protection: ticket sellers. This bill prohibits ticket sellers from engaging in speculative ticket sales and imposes restrictions on deceptive websites and advertising practices. It strengthens prohibitions against the use of ticket-buying software. A violation constitutes false or misleading advertising. The bill authorizes California-based professional sports teams and sports venue operators to withhold, manage, transfer, or allocate its ticket inventory without being subject to restrictions, prohibitions or liability in laws governing ticket sellers. Status: Chap. 474, Stats. 2026.

AB 1427 (Calderon) Consumer credit report: sale of property: wildfires. (See PROPERTY AND RELATED MATTERS / *Real Property*)

AB 1597 (Castillo) Notary public: services fees. This bill increases the amount of fees that a notary public may charge, consistent with changes in the consumer price index, for various notary services, including for taking an acknowledgment or proof of a deed, for administering an oath or affirmation, for services rendered in connection with the taking of a deposition, and for certifying a copy of a power of attorney. Status: Chap. 39, Stats. 2026.

AB 1609 (Zbur) Customer service chatbots. This bill requires large private businesses – those that make more than $500 million in annual revenue and offer goods and services to Californians, except as specified – to provide customers with timely access to human customer service and support, and to disclose the use of customer service chatbots. Also, authorizes a public prosecutor to bring a civil action for violations. Status: Chap. 733, Stats. 2026.

AB 1640 (Stefani) California Restaurant Reservation AntiPiracy Act. This bill prohibits a person from selling or transferring a reservation for a restaurant for any amount higher than the original price paid to acquire the reservation, unless the person has a written agreement with the restaurant to do so. This bill also makes a person who sells such a reservation in violation of the bill's provisions liable in a claim brought by either the Attorney General or a person who suffers actual harm as a result of the violation. Status: Chap. 475, Stats. 2026.

AB 1709 (Lowenthal) Covered platforms: age restriction: e-Safety Advisory Commission. This bill prohibits covered platforms from providing specified addictive features to users under age 16. It authorizes the Attorney General to adopt implementing regulations and establishes the e-Safety Advisory Commission within the office of the Attorney General to provide advice and recommendations to state government regarding specified online safety matters. Also, authorizes the AG or a local public prosecutor to bring a civil action to enforce compliance. Status: Chap. 183, Stats. 2026.

AB 1720 (Haney) Ticket sellers. This bill prohibits ticket resellers from selling a ticket for more than 10 percent above the original ticket price, subject to certain exemptions and parameters, and prohibits resellers from advertising, displaying, or offering a ticket price that does not include all mandatory fees or charges. Authorizes penalties in a civil action to enforce compliance. This bill was triple referred to Arts, Privacy, and Judiciary. After author's amendments, this Committee waived hearing. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

AB 1826 (Lackey) Cannabis: recall, embargo, and destruction of cannabis and cannabis products. This bill revises and recasts the enforcement provisions of the Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act including the adoption of several informal meet and confer procedures to be utilized between a cannabis licensee and the Department of Cannabis Control. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

AB 1828 (Chen) County recorder: county clerks: bonds. This bill revises and recasts the provisions of law related to the recording of a professional liability bond to remove formal recordation requirements with a county recorder and replace that requirement with provisions mandating a county clerk to retain evidence of the filing of the bond. Status: Chap. 275, Stats. 2026.

AB 1865 (Bauer-Kahan) Text message advertisements. This bill establishes "quiet hours" for text message advertisements and provides recipients a private right of action against any sender who violates those hours. Specifically, this bill prohibits text message advertisement from 9:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m., even if the message recipient has consented to receive text message advertisements. If a message recipient prevails in a civil action against the sender, for a violation of the quiet hours, the recipient may receive $500 per text message violation. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

AB 1921 (Ward) Digital games: ordinary use. This bill establishes the Protect Our Games Act to require digital game operators to provide advance notice before discontinuing services necessary for certain digital games and, when those services end, to provide consumers with one or more specified remedies, such as a playable version of the game, a software patch, server software or documentation under specified circumstances, or a refund. It authorizes the Attorney General or a district attorney to enforce the act through a civil action. Status: Failed, Sen Business, Professions & Economic Development.

AB 1977 (Irwin) Notaries public. This bill amends the Online Notarization Act and other statutes related to notaries public in California to resolve issues identified by the Secretary of State's office as necessary for the implementation of remote online notarization. Status: Chap. 280, Stats. 2026.

AB 2023 (Wicks, Bauer-Kahan) Companion chatbots: children's safety. This bill seeks to comprehensively regulate companion chatbots with regard to children's safety, including the imposition of a series of obligations and restrictions on operators that make such chatbots available in California. Requires specified AG oversight and authorizes a child harmed or public prosecutor to bring a civil action for violations. This Committee waived hearing. Status: Dead, Sen Inactive File.

AB 2246 (Wicks) Online service, product, or feature: access by children. This bill establishes child privacy and design requirements for businesses providing online services, products, or features likely to be accessed by children. It replicates many provisions of the California Age-Appropriate Design Code Act (AADC) of 2022, while omitting and recasting the provisions enjoined or invalidated by the Ninth Circuit. Additionally, this bill requires that businesses subject to the AADC take reasonable steps to prevent specified risks, provides that any contract provision entered as the result of a design feature is voidable, and expands enforcement by public prosecutors through civil actions. Status: Chap. 187, Stats. 2026.

AB 2409 (Valencia) Digital assets: meme coins. This bill prohibits state and local officials from issuing a meme coin, and prohibits a digital asset service provider from listing for sale on behalf of, or for purchase by, a California resident a meme coin issued on or after January 1, 2027, if the meme coin is offered by, or in partnership with, a federal public official or state or local official. Authorizes public prosecutors to bring civil action to seek injunction and claim for disgorgement. Status: Chap. 473, Stats. 2026.

AB 2564 (Ward) Surveillance pricing. This bill prohibits "surveillance pricing" based, in whole or in part, on personally identifiable information collected through electronic surveillance technology, including personally identifiable information collected through electronic surveillance technology that is gathered, purchased, or otherwise acquired from a third party. Status: Dead, Asm Concurrence.

AB 2674 (Schiavo) Financial abuse and deception: preventive measures. As heard by this Committee, this bill required financial institutions to take specified preventive measures to help protect their customers from financial abuse or deception. It provided financial institutions with protection from liability for any harm that arises from a suspected transaction, if the financial institution implemented the specified preventive measures. The bill was subsequently amended to focus on methane emissions data. Status: Chap. 406, Stats. 2026.

AB 2713 (Wicks) California AI Transparency Act: system provenance data. This bill updates the California AI Transparency Act by allowing large online platforms to permit users to download content provenance data directly from a platform and prohibiting large online platforms from knowingly stripping system provenance data or a digital signature from user-downloaded content. The bill was amended to remove the civil penalties within this Committee's jurisdiction allowing a hearing waiver. Status: Chap. 856, Stats. 2026.

SB 11 (Ashby) Artificial Intelligence Technology. This bill requires sellers of AI tools that enable a user to create digital replicas to provide a consumer warning about potential legal liability for unlawful use, clarifies that realistic digital replicas may violate a person's right of publicity, directs the Judicial Council to address AI-generated evidence in court proceedings, and

clarifies that the use of a digital replica to impersonate another qualifies as "false impersonation." Status: Vetoed.

SB 36 (Umberg) Price gouging: state of emergency. This bill strengthens consumer protections against price gouging during states of emergency by enhancing civil remedies under the Unfair Competition Law and Consumer Legal Remedies Act, extending protections to displaced persons, imposing obligations on housing listing platforms, and expanding investigatory tools for enforcement. Status: Vetoed.

SB 53 (Wiener) CalCompute: foundation models: whistleblowers. This bill requires large artificial intelligence (AI) developers, as defined, to publish safety frameworks, disclose specified transparency reports, and report critical safety incidents to the Office of Emergency Services (OES), as specified. Additionally, the bill creates whistleblower protections for employees reporting AI safety violations and establishes a consortium to design a framework for "CalCompute," a public cloud platform to expand safe and equitable AI research. Status: Chap. 138, Stats. 2025.

SB 236 (Weber Pierson) Cosmetics: chemical hair relaxers. This bill, known as the Combating Unsafe Relaxers (C.U.R.L.) Act, creates compliance mechanisms within the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) for the prohibition of specified chemicals in hair relaxer products and establishes the C.U.R.L. Act Fund. Status: Chap. 598, Stats. 2025.

SB 259 (Wahab) Fair Online Pricing Act. As heard in Committee, this bill barred businesses from generating prices shown on a consumer's online device based on the device's hardware or hardware state, installed software, or geolocation when used to infer consumer traits. It allowed device data only for repair/maintenance or trade-in valuations, and permitted geolocation to reflect real-time demand for immediate services and legitimate location-based cost or tax differences. The bill was subsequently amended to deal with mail ballots. Status: Chap. 331, Stats. 2026.

SB 420 (Padilla) Automated decision systems. As referred to this Committee, this bill regulated the use of "high-risk automated decision systems (ADS)." It included requirements on developers and deployers to perform impact assessments on their systems. This bill established the right of individuals to know when an ADS has been used, details about the systems, and an opportunity to appeal ADS decisions, where technically feasible. Authorized the AG or the Civil Rights Department to bring a civil action to enforce compliance and allow the developer or deployer 45 days to cure the violation. The bill was subsequently amended to focus on detention facilities. Status: Chap. 750, Stats. 2026.

SB 446 (Hurtado) Data breaches: customer notification. This bill requires a qualifying individual or business that experiences a breach of the security of a system that includes personal information to disclose the breach within 30 days to California residents whose personal information was, or is reasonably believed to have been, acquired by an unauthorized person. The bill also establishes that if the breach affected more than 500 California residents, the individual or business must also provide a copy of the breach disclosure to the Attorney General within 15 calendar days of notifying affected consumers of the breach. Status: Chap. 319, Stats. 2025.

SB 694 (Archuleta) Deceptive practices: service members and veterans. This bill modifies the Consumers Legal Remedies Act to prohibit any person from charging an unreasonable fee to prepare, aid, or advise another person to apply for veterans benefits and expands the definition of "unreasonable fee" to include a fee charged with respect to federal veterans benefits that exceeds the amount that could be charged by an attorney or claims agent accredited by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Status: Chap. 1, Stats. 2026.

SB 766 (Allen) CARS Act. This bill closely mirrors the Federal Trade Commission's CARS Final Rule—vacated in early 2025 on procedural grounds by the Fifth Circuit—and seeks to codify comparable protections at the state level. The bill targets the most common forms of misconduct in auto transactions by prohibiting material misrepresentations about pricing, financing, trade-in obligations, and government affiliation; requiring clear and multilingual disclosures of the total price, financing terms, and optional add-ons; and banning the sale of add-ons that provide no benefit to the buyer. It also establishes a mandatory three-day right to cancel for most used vehicles priced at or below $50,000, replacing the little-used, two-day cancellation option in existing law. To facilitate compliance and enforcement, this bill imposes recordkeeping obligations, mandates standardized cancellation disclosures, and requires prominent signage at the point of sale. Taken together, the bill seeks to create a uniform, enforceable framework that builds upon and strengthens existing consumer protection laws in the context of vehicle sales and leases. Status: Chap. 354, Stats. 2025.

SB 793 (Archuleta) Public safety: lighters: standards: prohibition. This bill prohibits the sale of counterfeit or otherwise unsafe lighters, as specified. Status: Chap. 235, Stats. 2025.

SB 898 (Weber Pierson) Connected consumer products. This bill requires manufacturers to clearly disclose the minimum amount of time consumers can rely on their connected product to receive necessary updates and support. Additionally, it requires advanced and day-of notice of the product's "end of life" date, when these updates and support will definitively no longer be provided. Provides that a violation constitutes a deceptive act or practice under the Unfair Competition Law. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

SB 988 (Grayson) California Motor Vehicle Glass Act. This bill, the California Motor Vehicle Glass Act, requires motor vehicle glass repair shops to inform customers if, when repairing or replacing vehicle glass, the vehicle's advanced driver assistance systems (ADAS) will need to be recalibrated and if the repair shop can perform the repair. It requires motor vehicle glass repair shops to obtain a claim number from customers who wish to utilize their auto insurance policy. This bill prohibits customers wishing to utilize their auto insurance policy from assigning their benefits to a motor vehicle auto glass repair shop and shops are prohibited from utilizing certain incentives for windshield replacements. Makes a person or entity that violates this bill subject to a civil penalty to be assessed and recovered in a civil action brought by a public prosecutor. Status: Chap. 666, Stats. 2026.

SB 1050 (Ashby) False advertising: synthetic performers. This bill makes it an unlawful practice for a person to create or publish an advertisement with a synthetic performer, without a clear and conspicuous disclosure that the performer is synthetic. Prohibits an advertising medium from transmitting, distributing, displaying, airing, or otherwise making available an advertisement containing a synthetic performer if a court has issued an order finding the

advertisement violates the bill and the advertising medium is served with the order and information reasonably sufficient to identify the advertisement. Provides that a violation of the bill constitutes a violation of the False Advertising Law, enforceable pursuant to the Unfair Competition Law. Status: Chap. 246, Stats. 2026.

SB 1119 (Padilla) Companion chatbots: children's safety. This bill seeks to establish a regulatory framework for companion chatbots, specifically to protect child users from potential harm. It does this by requiring chatbot operators to verify the age of users, perform a safety audit of their platform, establish clear requirements and prohibitions, and provide users, including parents of child users, with specific notices, disclosures, and notifications. Authorizes the AG and a child who suffers actual harm to bring civil actions for violations. Status: Chap. 190, Stats. 2026.

SB 1146 (Gonzalez) Advertisement claims: health-related consumer products and services: digital replicas and synthetic performers. This bill requires any advertisement that uses a digital replica or synthetic performer depicted as a health care professional and that advertises a health-related product or service, to clearly disclose the use of artificial intelligence. The bill authorizes a natural person to bring a civil action to seek appropriate remedies including injunctive relief. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

SB 1246 (Cortese) Autonomous vehicles. This bill imposes new requirements on autonomous vehicle (AV) manufacturers and autonomous passenger service vehicles pertaining to remote assistants, drivers, and local incident technicians, and further provides requirements pertaining to emergency response procedures, manual override systems, and data management. Authorizes a city attorney or county counsel to bring a civil action for specified violations. This bill was triple referred to Transportation, Communications and Conveyance, and Judiciary. After amendments taken in Transportation, this Committee waived hearing. Status: Chap. 1021, Stats. 2026.

Contracts

AB 506 (Bennett) Contracts: sales of dogs and cats. This bill prohibits and renders void any contract for the sale of a dog or a cat that requires a nonrefundable deposit for the purchase of the animal. The bill requires a seller that collects a payment in violation of its provisions to refund the money to the purchaser within 30 days of receiving notice that the contract is void. Finally, the bill allows public prosecutors to bring claims to enforce against violations of its provisions. Status: Chap. 477, Stats. 2025.

AB 559 (Berman) Home improvement contracts: prohibited business practices. This bill adds contracts to build accessory dwelling units on residentially zoned property to the definition of "home improvement," in the Contractors State License Law, thus authorizing enforcement actions against the contractor by the Contractors State License Board. Status: Dead, Sen Inactive File.

AB 1327 (Aguiar-Curry) Home improvement and home solicitation: right to cancel contracts. This bill: 1) requires home improvement, home solicitation, and seminar sales contracts to include, on the first page and in a typeface no smaller than the body text, the contractor's name, mailing address, and email address to which a Notice of Cancellation may be

sent, along with a statement advising that cancellation may be submitted to that mailing or email address; 2) establishes that a Notice of Cancellation for home improvement, home solicitation, and seminar sales contracts may be sent via mail or email; and 3) requires the contract to include a telephone number consumers may call for assistance in completing the Notice of Cancellation. The bill also allows a buyer to file a complaint with the Contractors State License Board for relevant violations. Status: Chap. 348, Stats. 2025.

AB 2187 (Ramos) Public contracts: contracts for services. This bill exempts a contract with a federally recognized California Native American tribe from certain public contracting requirements, as specified, thereby providing to Native American tribes the same exemptions that are currently granted to state agencies that contract with other state agencies. Status: Chap. 455, Stats. 2026.

SB 61 (Cortese) Contracts for private works of improvement: retention payments. This bill limits the amount of a retention payment included in a contract for a private work of improvement that may be withheld by an owner from the direct contractor, by the direct contractor from any subcontractor, and by a subcontractor from any subcontractor, to no more than 5% of the payment. Status: Chap. 49, Stats. 2025.

SB 82 (Umberg) Contracts: consumer goods and services: dispute resolution provisions. This bill prohibits dispute resolution terms and conditions in consumer use agreements from extending beyond the use, payment, or provision of the good, service, money, or credit provided by the consumer use agreement. Status: Chap. 350, Stats. 2025.

SB 351 (Cabaldon) Health facilities: contracts. This bill prohibits a private equity group or hedge fund involved with a physician or dental practice, including as an investor, from interfering with the professional judgment of physicians or dentists in making health care decisions; prohibits a private equity group or hedge fund from entering into a contract or other agreement or arrangement with a physician or dental practice if the contract or other agreement or arrangement would enable the person or entity to engage in the prohibited actions described above; makes provisions of those contracts or other agreements that violate that prohibition void and unenforceable; and entitles the Attorney General to obtain injunctive relief for enforcing these provisions. Status: Chap. 409, Stats. 2025.

SB 440 (Ochoa Bogh) Contracts for private works of improvement: Private Works Construction Payment and Dispute. This bill establishes a claims resolution process applicable to claims by a contractor or subcontractor for contracts entered into on or after January 1, 2026. Status: Chap. 583, Stats. 2025.

SB 517 (Niello) Home improvement contract requirements: subcontractors. This bill requires home improvement contracts to disclose whether a subcontractor will be used on the project, and, if a subcontractor is be used on the project, a notice informing consumers that the subcontractor's information may be provided to them upon request. Status: Chap. 585, Stats. 2025.

SB 784 (Durazo) Home improvement contracts: loans: right to cancel. This bill regulates home improvement loans and extends the period during which a consumer may cancel a home

improvement or solicitation contract. The bill requires a lender, before a consumer executes a home improvement loan, to make certain disclosures to consumers in the manner specified and to establish oral confirmation that the consumer understands all terms of the contract. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

SB 902 (Grayson) Early childhood education and childcare: electronic signatures. This bill clarifies that an electronic signature in compliance with the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act may satisfy a signature required by the Early Education Act and Child Care and Development Services Act. Following amendments taken in Human Services Committee, this Committee waived hearing. Status: Chap. 418, Stats. 2026.

SB 1174 (Valladares) Public contracts: Department of Transportation: bid preferences: employee stock ownership plans. This bill requires CalTrans to administer a bid preference program specifically for companies that have employee stock ownership plans (ESOP). These companies would receive specified bid preference values depending on the percentage of ownership their ESOPs control. Authorizes the AG to bring a civil action for violations. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

Creditor-Debtor Relations

AB 501 (Papan) Lawsuits, liens, and other encumbrances. This bill enhances the penalties imposed on those found to have filed a fraudulent lien pursuant to the Uniform Commercial Code and provides persons subject to false liens new tools to clear the lien with the Secretary of State. Status: Chap. 505, Stats. 2026.

AB 774 (Bauer-Kahan) Civil actions: enforcement of judgments. This bill clarifies and refines post-judgment enforcement procedures enacted under AB 2837 (Bauer-Kahan, 2024), the California Post-Judgment Fairness Act. It authorizes the use of legal pleadings for debtor address verification, extends the filing deadline for verification declarations from five to ten business days, and allows declarations to be signed by custodians of records or law firm staff. The bill confirms that ex parte applications to stay a levy or garnishment do not waive jurisdictional defenses, and clarifies that earnings withholding orders must be served on employers. Beginning July 1, 2026, it permits judgment creditors to reinstate released liens on real or personal property with their original priority, subject to detailed declarations, notice, and penalties for false statements. Status: Chap. 708, Stats. 2025.

AB 866 (Ortega) Student loan servicing. This bill clarifies that student loan servicers are "persons" under the Unfair Competition Law, and that student loans are "debts" arising from "consumer credit transactions" under the Rosenthal Act, thereby codifying existing enforcement practice and removing any doubt about the Legislature's intent to subject student loan servicing activity to California's core consumer protection laws. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

AB 1473 (Essayli) Voidable transactions: remedies: choice of law. This bill amends the rules to determine a debtor's location to include an individual's principal domicile, in addition to just their residence. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

AB 2740 (Macedo) Enforcement of money judgments: exemptions. This bill clarifies that the current exemption from money judgments for home improvement materials applies to materials purchased for the repair or improvement of a debtor's principal place of residence or their domicile, and likewise for a spouse's principal place of residence or domicile. Status: Dead, Sen Judiciary.

SB 362 (Grayson) Commercial financing: disclosures. This bill prohibits a commercial financing provider from using certain terms, including "interest" and "rate," in a deceptive manner and clarifies the enforcement authority provided to the Department of Financial Protection and Innovation (DFPI) for violations of the requirements. Status: Chap. 352, Stats. 2025.

SB 846 (McNerney) Liens: harvested crops: remedies. This bill removes the reference to "limited partnership" in the existing crop lien statute so that the lien is no longer limited to situations in which the harvested crops or farm products were owned, grown, or produced by a limited partnership. The bill thus makes it easier for the worker that harvested the crop to file a crop lien. Status: Chap. 57, Stats. 2025.

COURTS AND RELATED MATTERS

Courts

AB 515 (Pacheco) Trial: statement of decision. This bill makes several changes to the process by which a party may request a statement of decision from a superior court, including requiring a party to request for a statement of decision before the matter is submitted for decision, regardless of the length of the trial. Status: Chap. 559, Stats. 2025.

AB 1524 (Committee on Judiciary) Court fees. This bill allows, subject to specified conditions, the public to use their own equipment to copy court records. It also provides that in the absence of a statute or rule explicitly authorizing or prohibiting a fee by the superior court for a particular service or product, the court may only charge a fee not to exceed the cost to the court of providing the service or product; and requires the Judicial Council to report to the Legislature specific information about each fee charged by a superior court in specified fiscal years for which the revenue collected by and distributed to the court as a result of the fee exceeds the court's cost of providing the service or product. Status: Chap. 306, Stats. 2025.

AB 1544 (Krell) Court proceedings: media access. This bill clarifies that a judicial officer, peace officer, or other law enforcement officer cannot prohibit any member of the press or public from entering a courtroom, court facility, or other location where a court proceeding that is open to the public is being conducted except as necessary for the court to maintain order and manage proceedings in accordance with existing law and applicable Rules of Court. Status: Chap. 520, Stats. 2026.

AB 1724 (Ellis) Court operations. This bill requires the Judicial Council, every three years, to report to the Legislature about compliance with transmitting specified conviction information to the Department of Motor Vehicles. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

AB 1827 (Chen) Small claims court: jurisdiction. This bill increases and standardizes the jurisdictional limits for small claims court to an amount in controversy of fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000), or less. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

AB 1951 (Dixon) Civil actions: filing fees: refunds. This bill modernizes court filing fee statutes by applying existing insufficient payment procedures and procedures for voided filings to electronic payment methods, including payments by credit card. The bill also requires that refunds include transaction identifiers to allow traceability and ensures that procedures for insufficient payments, voided filings, and refunds are consistent regardless of how the litigant pays the fees. Status: Chap. 91, Stats. 2026.

AB 2331 (Nguyen) Cemeteries: removal of remains. This bill requires a superior court to grant an application for the removal of human remains, when the required consent cannot be obtained, if the application for permission establishes good cause for the removal. Status: Chap. 74, Stats. 2026.

AB 2357 (Pellerin) Courts: mental health pilot program. This bill authorizes three county superior courts to conduct a pilot program to provide mental health services to jurors and alternate jurors following the receipt of a verdict in a criminal action or proceeding alleging a violent felony. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

AB 2781 (Committee on Judiciary) Civil cases: filing fees. This bill updates several filing fee statutes to reflect recent updates to jurisdictional limits. Status: Chap. 98, Stats. 2026.

SB 54 (Umberg) Court fee waivers: veterans. This bill provides that a veteran's disability service-connected compensation cannot be treated as part of a litigant's monthly income when establishing if a person qualifies for a waiver of court fees. Status: Chap. 646, Stats. 2025.

SB 59 (Wiener) Court records: change of name or gender and sex identifier. This bill requires, commencing July 1, 2026, all court records, including the index, register of actions, and any other case information available through court systems used to provide the public with electronic access to court records associated with a proceeding for a change of name or gender and sex identifier, or both, be kept confidential. Status: Chap. 738, Stats. 2025.

SB 673 (Ochoa Bogh) Courthouse construction: filing fee surcharges. This bill extends the sunset date of the San Bernardino County Superior Court's authority to charge a surcharge on case filings to fund court construction. Status: Chap. 75, Stats. 2025.

SB 873 (Reyes) Courthouses: privilege from civil arrest. This bill prohibits a person traveling to or from, or while present at, a courthouse for any lawful activity from being subject to civil arrest, and specifies that a civil arrest in violation of this prohibition or the privilege against civil arrest constitutes the tort of false imprisonment or false arrest. This bill also makes a violator liable for actual damages and statutory penalties of $10,000. Status: Chap. 753, Stats. 2026.

SB 1160 (Durazo) Judicial Council: eviction data reporting. This bill, as of July 1, 2032, requires the Judicial Council to assess the timeline by which each county court system has the ability to submit data on unlawful detainer cases to the Judicial Council, as specified. Beginning January 1, 2033, the bill requires each county court system identified by the Judicial Council as

able to report to submit the required data points to the Judicial Council on a quarterly basis, aggregated by ZIP Code. The bill requires, on or before January 1, 2034, all county court systems to report the identified data points to the Judicial Council utilizing the automated data collection system on a quarterly basis, aggregated by ZIP Code of the premises that is the subject of the action. The bill requires, beginning January 1, 2034, and annually thereafter, the Judicial Council to format the information received in an electronic spreadsheet, as specified. Status: Chap. 681, Stats. 2026.

Court Reporting and Recording

AB 711 (Chen) Civil actions: shorthand reporters. This bill requires that the meet and confer notices specify that the parties have met and conferred regarding the retention of a certified shorthand reporter for the hearing on the motion and specifies that the meet and confer may be done through electronic communications. Status: Chap. 711, Stats 2025.

AB 882 (Papan) Electronic court reporting. This bill permits a court to use electronic recording technology to create a verbatim record of a proceeding in most civil case types, when the court does not provide a reporter and the party who wishes a transcript to be prepared cannot afford to retain a reporter. Status: Dead, Sen Judiciary.

AB 1189 (Lackey) Court reporting: digital reporters and legal transcriptionists. This bill authorizes the Court Reporters Board of California to certify to practice in California digital reporters and legal transcriptionists to record and transcribe proceedings presently requiring a certified court reporter. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

AB 1916 (Lee) Courts: court interpreters. This bill expands the Trial Court Interpreter Employment and Labor Relations Act to include sign language interpreters. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

AB 2290 (Lackey) Civil discovery: oral depositions: transcriptions. This bill clarifies that, upon request of the attorney for the party who noticed the deposition or a retained shorthand reporting organization hired by the party, the deposition officer may securely transmit the transcript of the deposition electronically to that attorney in lieu of sending a paper copy. Status: Chap. 391, Stats. 2026.

AB 2783 (Committee on Judiciary) Court reporting. This bill provides that successful completion of the Registered Profession Reporter certification, as administered by the National Court Reporters Association, satisfies the dictation/transcription portion of state court reporters' certification examination. The bill also extends the duration of a pilot project that authorizes the superior courts of specified counties to study the use of remote court reporting. Status: Chap. 312, Stats. 2026.

Juries

AB 223 (Pacheco) Jury selection: acknowledgment and agreement. This bill modifies the acknowledgment and agreements obtained from a jury panel prior to the examination of prospective trial jurors assigned for voir dire and after the completion of selection of trial jurors to modernize and clarify the language. Status: Chap. 29, Stats. 2025.

AB 387 (Alanis) Juries: voir dire: probation officers. As heard by this Committee, this bill exempted sworn probation officers from serving as a juror in a criminal trial. The bill was subsequently amended to revise the Nevaeh Youth Sports Safety Act. Status: Chap. 502, Stats. 2026.

AB 1277 (Essayli) Jury duty. This bill requires the Judicial Council to make the report resulting from its pilot program to study the effect of increases in juror compensation and mileage reimbursement rates public. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

AB 1359 (Ahrens) Jury service exemptions. This bill authorizes potential jurors who are at least 80 years old to seek permanent excusal from jury duty due to a medical impairment without requiring supporting documentation. Status: Chap. 195, Stats. 2026.

SB 645 (Umberg) Juries: peremptory challenges. Exempts most civil cases from the modernized procedures for evaluating peremptory challenges currently utilized in all criminal matters. Status: Chap. 656, Stats. 2025.

SB 1100 (Smallwood-Cuevas) Grand juries: final reports. This bill revises the timeframe in which a clerk of the court must forward a civil grand jury report and related responses to the report to the State Archives, from immediately upon completion to an annual basis. Status: Chap. 153, Stats. 2026.

Judges

AB 1073 (Avila Farias) Judicial officers: disqualification. As referred, this bill required, following reversal by the California Supreme Court and remand to a court of appeal for further proceedings, the presiding justice of the court of appeal to assign the case to a panel of three justices and to notify the parties of the assignment within 30 days of issuance of the remittitur to the court of appeal. The bill then authorized the party prevailing at the Supreme Court to make a motion objecting to the appointment of any justice who rendered the decision previously overturned. The bill was subsequently amended to deal with the Employment Development Department. Status: Dead, Asm Insurance.

AB 2235 (Pacheco) The Judicial Home Security Act. This bill authorizes judicial officers to apply to the Attorney General to have an alternate mailing address substituted for any reference to their home address in public records. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

AB 2262 (M. Rodriguez) Courts: disqualification of judges. This bill requires a party petitioning for a judge's recusal to personally serve the required written verified statement objecting to the judge hearing the matter on the judge during regular business hours at the courthouse in which the judge is sitting, or on the designee of the clerk of the court. Status: Chap. 297, Stats. 2026.

AB 2456 (Harabedian) Courts: Commission on Judicial Performance. This bill authorizes courts to display on their public internet website information that the Commission on Judicial Performance prepares including the Commission's mission, its process for submitting a complaint, and information about what constitutes a violation of the Code of Judicial Ethics. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

FAMILY LAW, CHILDREN AND RELATED MATTERS

Adoption

AB 329 (Castillo) California Healthy Youth Act: adoption. This bill modifies the California Healthy Youth Act to require schools' discussion of adoption to include a comprehensive explanation of, and information on, the types of adoption, the rights of a placing birth parent, and specific local adoption resources and support. Status: Failed, Asm. Education.

SB 381 (Wahab) Vital records: adoptees' birth certificates. This bill makes previously sealed original birth certificates available to adoptees and the descendants of deceased adoptees. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

SB 450 (Menjivar) Adoption: state court jurisdiction. This bill establishes the state court's jurisdiction to include adoption proceedings for California-born minors when 1) proceedings to free the minor from the custody and control of one or both parents is not required to make them available for adoption, and 2) the proceedings to free the minor from the custody and control of one or both parents to make the minor available for adoption is brought in this state. The bill also requires an adoption order issued for unmarried minors to include the names of the adoptive parent or parents and any existing parent or parents who will maintain their parental rights after the finalization of the adoption. Status: Chap. 757, Stats. 2025.

SB 927 (Choi) Intercountry adoption finalized in a foreign country. This bill authorizes a person of any age born in a foreign country and adopted by a U.S. citizen in another country to petition the family court for a record establishing the facts of the adoption, if the person's parents and adoption agency that facilitated the adoption failed to file such a petition, and authorizes a court to grant a petition for readoption for a person adopted through an intercountry adoption, even if the petitioner does not submit all the required documentation. Status: Chap. 127, Stats. 2026.

Dependency and Foster Care

AB 243 (Ahrens) Juveniles: case file inspection: postsecondary education: student financial aid. This bill authorizes inspection of a juvenile case file by personnel at institutions of higher education to facilitate the minor's attendance at the institution. The bill requires all information received by the personnel to be confidential and used for certain limited purposes, and would make an intentional violation of this confidentiality provision a misdemeanor. Status: Chap. 610, Stats. 2025.

AB 373 (Rubio) Dependency proceedings: counsel. This bill removes from existing law the exception that allows court-appointed counsel of a non-minor dependent to advocate for something other than the stated wishes of their adult client in a foster care proceeding, "when advocating for those wishes conflicts with the protection or safety of the nonminor dependent." As a result, court-appointed counsel of non-minor dependents are required to always represent the stated wishes of their clients in a client-directed manner. Status: Chap. 146, Stats. 2025.

AB 448 (Patel) Short-term residential therapeutic program: requirements. As referred to the Committee, this bill required, among other things, a short-term residential therapeutic program to

ensure that a child or youth residing in the program facility was at all times able to make confidential telephone calls to their parent or legal guardian. The bill also subjected the short-term residential therapeutic program to civil penalties for violating those requirements. The bill was subsequently amended to focus on loan repayment by nondesignated hospitals, removing it from the jurisdiction of the Committee. Status: Dead, Asm Appropriations.

AB 494 (Davies) Nonminor dependents: transfer of county of residence. This bill authorizes the residence of a nonminor dependent to be changed to another county where the nonminor dependent were living if the nonminor dependent requested the transfer of jurisdiction to the new county and demonstrated an intent to remain in the new county by establishing a significant connection to the new county, as specified. The bill also requires a court to issue orders within specified time periods. Status: Dead, Asm Human Services.

AB 651 (Bryan) Juveniles: dependency: incarcerated parent. This bill requires notice to, and the opportunity for an incarcerated parent to be physically present at, specified dependency hearings related to their child, or the opportunity to participate in those proceedings by videoconference or teleconference when their physical presence is waived. Status: Chap. 274, Stats. 2025.

AB 926 (Gipson) Juvenile court: visitation. This bill makes unsupervised visitation the default option for contact between a foster child and their parent or legal guardian. It places the burden on the social worker assigned to the case, or the county child welfare agency more generally, to provide evidence that unsupervised visitations would endanger the child in a case where supervised visits were recommended. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

AB 1201 (Jackson) Family reunification services. This bill requires, in lieu of the current rule that a parent convicted of a felony is presumed to be ineligible to reunify with their child, a more individualized, holistic, and tailored examination of the parent's conviction so that the conviction alone would not have made the parent ineligible for reunification services. Status: Chap. 514, Stats. 2026.

AB 1378 (Rogers) Child welfare services: prevention services: Indian tribes. This bill provides that agreements between the department and a tribe, consortium of tribes, or tribal organization regarding the care and custody of Indian children and jurisdiction over Indian child custody proceedings include agreements to prevent foster care, and authorizes agreements to be made for the sole purpose of administering prevention programs under the Family First Prevention Services program. Status: Vetoed.

AB 1689 (Quirk-Silva) Juvenile courts: temporary probate guardianship. This bill explicitly allows a dependency court to terminate a temporary probate guardianship at any dependency hearing if it is in the best interest of the minor. Status: Chap. 276, Stats. 2026.

AB 1846 (Stefani) Dependency: placement of child with relative. This bill clearly establishes that preferential consideration should be given to a request by a relative for placement of a dependent at every stage of the dependency court proceedings. Status: Chap. 276, Stats. 2026.

AB 1967 (Zbur) Juveniles. This bill requires a social worker to assess the safety of the home and those who hold custodial rights of the minor when conducting a safety assessment in

response to an application to commence proceedings in juvenile court is submitted by a minor on their own behalf, and where the minor is currently residing at a residential facility. The bill also facilitates nonminor access to extended foster care services when the nonminor's guardians or adoptive parents have failed to provide the nonminor with financial support, as specified. Status: Vetoed.

AB 2451 (Elhawary) Dependency: victims of human trafficking. This bill authorizes the court to deem a child who is or was a victim of human trafficking, as specified, a dependent of the juvenile court. Status: Dead, Asm Human Services.

AB 2478 (Schultz and Solache) Kinship family approval. Establishes a Kinship Family Approval process within the California Department of Social Services as a streamlined, separate pathway for relatives, nonrelative extended family members, and extended family members of Indian children to become approved foster care providers. Status: Chap. 611, Stats. 2026.

AB 2684 (Nguyen) Juveniles: nonminor dependents: out-of-state placement: visitation. This bill creates a process to allow nonminor dependents who are placed out of state the option to have their required monthly visits with their social worker or probation officer virtually rather than in-person. Status: Chap. 957, Stats. 2026.

AB 2767 (Ahrens) Juveniles: family finding. This bill expands family finding and engagement obligations by extending the requirement to identify, locate, and notify relatives and kin to include any case in which a child is accepted for services, including substantiated referrals, voluntary agreements, diversion cases, and prevention cases. The bill also explicitly authorizes counties to disclose specified information to relatives and kin for family funding purposes. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

SB 413 (Allen) Juveniles: case file inspection. This bill provides specified attorneys access to a juvenile case file without a court order for specified purposes. Specifically, it allows attorneys in a case involving the subject of a juvenile case file to view the case file without a court order; adds protections for information in a case file relating to individuals' immigration status; and limits access to information about minors who are not the subject of the case. Status: Chap. 221, Stats. 2025.

SB 452 (Weber Pierson) Child welfare services: prevention legal services. This bill requires the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to establish and implement the three year-long Family Advocacy Pilot Program to provide grants to qualified organizations that would provide legal services to vulnerable families with the goal of preventing petitions being filed in a juvenile court and reports being made to the county child welfare department. Status: Dead, Asm Human Services.

SB 1234 (Alvarado-Gil) Dependency: fentanyl use. This bill requires a juvenile court that finds a risk of fentanyl use by a parent or guardian, as specified, to order the parent or guardian to submit to testing for fentanyl. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

Child Custody and Visitation

AB 1375 (Hoover) Consideration when determining child custody: human trafficking. This bill requires, when making a determination of the best interests of a child, a court to consider any relevant, admissible evidence that a parent has caused human trafficking of the child or other parent. Status: Chap. 452, Stats. 2025.

AB 1449 (C. Rodriguez) Children: temporary custody. This bill decreases the amount of time prospective adoptive parent or parents have to file an adoption request with a court from 10 to 7 days when a peace officer takes a child into temporary custody who is in the hospital if the release of the child to the prospective adoptive parent or representative poses an immediate danger to the child's health or safety. Status: Dead, Asm Human Services.

AB 1978 (Johnson) California Equal Shared Parenting Act. This bill establishes a rebuttable presumption that equal parenting time is in the best interest of the child if both parents are found fit, willing and able, and both parents reside within 35 miles of the child's primary school or educational institution. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

AB 2789 (Committee on Judiciary) Mediation: child custody and visitation. This bill expands the ways in which a court may issue notice of mediation in child custody and visitation proceedings, including via email with the consent of the parties. Status: Chap. 118, Stats: 2026.

SB 1364 (Menjivar) Child custody. This bill expands existing limitations on when a biological parent may be awarded custody of their child, when a parent-child relationship can be established, and when a parent may be deemed unfit to parent their child, to incorporate circumstances when a parent has committed an act of sexual assault against the other parent that resulted in the child's conception but has not been convicted of the sexual assault. Status: Chap. 848, Stats. 2026.

Marriage

AB 1134 (Bains) Coerced marriage. This bill permits, beginning January 1, 2027, a court to extend, upon a showing of good cause, the time in which a party who was forced into a marriage can commence a proceeding to nullify the marriage; updates the crime of forced marriage to remove outdated sexist language; and makes the crime applicable to persons of all genders. Status: Chap. 633, Stats. 2025.

AB 1267 (Pellerin) Child marriage. This bill prohibits any person under 18 years old from marrying or entering into a domestic partnership, and strikes provisions of existing law that require the State Registrar to track and maintain records of marriages involving minors that occurred in the state, disaggregated by county. Status: Chap. 850, Stats. 2026.

AB 1875 (Hart) Dissolution of marriage. This bill authorizes courts to reduce or waive the six-month waiting period currently required in both dissolution and summary dissolution cases upon a showing of good cause. Status: Chap. 556, Stats. 2026.

Paternity and Child, Family and Spousal Support

AB 1643 (Nguyen) Child support. This bill requires that every court order for payment of child support be deemed an application for child support enforcement services authorized pursuant to Title IV-D, and requires the court to transmit a copy of the child support order and the contact information of the obligor and obligee to the local child support agency. The bill also requires that all child support payments be directed to the State Disbursement Unit, and authorizes the court to direct local child support agencies to appear on behalf of the minor beneficiary to enforce the order. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

AB 2195 (C. Rodriguez) Child support: license suspensions. This bill prohibits any license held by someone who owes child support from being suspended if their annual household income is at or below 70% of the median income for a household of one person in their county of residence. Status: Chap. 291, Stats. 2026.

AB 2395 (Sharp-Collins) Child support: compromise of arrears program. This bill establishes statewide procedures for accepting, processing, and responding to applications to the compromise of arrears program. Status: Vetoed.

Domestic Violence

AB 561 (Quirk-Silva) Restraining orders. This bill makes various changes to the laws governing the issuance of protective orders that prevent abuse and harassment in order to expedite and facilitate issuance of such orders, including by requiring, as of January 1, 2027, the electronic submission of documents at no charge to the petitioner and remote hearings at no charge to the parties. The bill also allows service of a protective order preventing elder or dependent adult abuse to be made by means other than personal service in limited circumstances. Finally, the bill clarifies that there shall be no fee for service by law enforcement of specific protective orders preventing abuse and harassment. Status: Chap. 267, Stats. 2025.

AB 824 (Stefani) Protective orders: firearms and ammunition. This bill makes a number of changes to existing law in order to facilitate the issuance of civil protective orders and the seizure of ammunition, as well as firearms, from persons who are subject to such orders. The bill requires that (1) hearings on protective orders – whether to prevent civil harassment, elder and dependent abuse, domestic violence, or gun violence – are available to petitioners by remote means at no charge to the petitioner; (2) persons who are subject to these protective orders must relinquish all ammunition, as well as firearms at the time the orders are issued; and (3) law enforcement officers must seize ammunition in plain sight pursuant to a consensual or otherwise lawful search. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

AB 1363 (Stefani) Protective orders: Wyland's Law. This bill authorizes, subject to an appropriation, the California Department of Justice (DOJ) to establish, or contract with a vendor to establish, an automated protected person information and notification system to provide a petitioner or protected person in a protective order case with automated access to information maintained in DOJ's database about such protective orders. Status: Chap. 574, Stats. 2025.

AB 1657 (Rogers) Domestic violence: restraining orders. This bill prohibits a court from requiring that notice be provided to the party to be restrained in advance of an application for an

ex parte restraining order. The bill also prohibits a court from requiring an explanation or declaration for not providing notice in advance. Finally, the bill prohibits a court from adopting or maintaining any rule, form, or practice that is inconsistent with these prohibitions. Status: Chap. 368, Stats. 2026.

AB 2534 (Kalra) Domestic Violence Prevention Act: forced marriage. This bill incorporates forced marriage as grounds to petition the court for a domestic violence restraining order. Status: Chap. 950, Stats. 2026.

AB 2542 (Patterson) Human remains: disposition. This bill transfers the right of control over the remains of a deceased person that is vested by operation of existing law to the next of kin in accordance with existing law when the funeral director or cemetery authority knows that the person with the right of control was subject to a restraining order for domestic violence against the deceased at the time of their death or specified forms of documentation demonstrate that vesting right of control to that person would have been contrary to the decedent's best interests. Status: Chap. 951, Stats. 2026.

AB 2701 (J. Gonzalez) Domestic Violence Offender Registration Act. This bill requires the Department of Justice to create and maintain a domestic violence offender registration database and develop regulations, forms, and protocols necessary to implement the bill's provisions. Status: Dead, Asm Public Safety.

SB 1192 (Rubio) Domestic Violence: Reclaim Act. This bill authorizes victims of domestic violence to petition the court to establish the respondent as a vexatious litigant and imposes restrictions on how that party may pursue civil claims against the survivor. Status: Chap. 847, Stats. 2026.

IMMIGRATION ISSUES

AB 15 (Gipson) State government: immigration enforcement. As referred to the Committee, this bill prohibited the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation from detaining on the basis of a hold request, providing an immigration authority with release date information, or responding to a notification request, transferring to an immigration authority, or facilitating or assisting with a transfer request any individual who is eligible for release and meets specified criteria. The bill was later amended to address a different topic - review and reinvestigation of open unsolved homicides – removing it from the jurisdiction of the Committee. Status: Vetoed.

AB 49 (Muratsuchi) Schoolsites: entry requirements: immigration enforcement. This bill implements a number of protections for immigrant children in schools. First, it prohibits school officials and employees from allowing an officer or employee of an agency conducting immigration enforcement to enter a nonpublic area of a schoolsite without providing a warrant, subpoena, or court order. The bill also prohibits a local educational agency and its personnel from disclosing education records of or any information about a student or their family without their parents' or guardians' consent or warrant, subpoena, or court order. Finally, the bill requires the Attorney General to update existing model policies to align with the bill's provisions. Status: Chap. 122, Stats. 2025.

AB 324 (Sanchez) CA Values Act: exception. This bill expands the exceptions to the California Values Act to include any California law enforcement agency performing any responsibilities under the scope of its jurisdiction regarding any person who is alleged to have committed certain crimes related to sex trafficking. Status: Dead, Asm Public Safety.

AB 419 (Connolly) Educational equity: immigration enforcement. This bill requires local educational agencies to post information related to immigration enforcement in their administrative buildings and on their websites, and at each schoolsite. Status: Chap. 663, Stats. 2025.

AB 421 (Solache) Immigration enforcement: prohibitions on access, sharing information, and law enforcement collaboration. This bill prohibits California law enforcement agencies from collaborating with, or providing any information in any manner, to immigration authorities about potential or current immigration enforcement actions if the action could or is taking place within a one-mile radius of any childcare or daycare facility, religious institution, place of worship, hospital, or medical office. Status: Dead, Asm Public Safety.

AB 1066 (Castillo) Immigration services: grants. This bill prohibits state funds from being used to obstruct or interfere with federal enforcement actions or legal proceedings against individuals convicted of a felony who are present in the United States in violation of federal immigration laws. Status: Failed, Asm Human Services.

AB 1261 (Bonta) Unaccompanied minors: right to counsel. This bill requires the state to provide legal counsel to every immigrant youth in the state, and authorizes the Department of Social Services to contract with authorized nonprofit organizations and county offices of the public defender to provide such counsel. Status: Chap. 665, Stats. 2025.

AB 1300 (Caloza) State and local government: data protection: immigration. This bill prohibits state or local government agencies from collecting immigration-related personally identifiable information unless explicitly required by law. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

AB 1655 (Bryan) CalWORKs: temporary absence: immigration detention. This bill establishes that when a child or other member of the assistance unit is unlawfully detained in a federal immigration detention facility, they are considered temporarily absent from the home for the duration of the detention for the purposes of calculating a CalWORKS benefit amount. Status: Chap. 742, Stats. 2026.

AB 1807 (Gabriel) Immigration enforcement: use of state-owned property. Prohibits the use of most state-owned property for the purposes of immigration enforcement, requires the Attorney General's office to design standardized signage for use by an individual seeking to lawfully restrict activities related to immigration enforcement and make the signage available to download free of charge, and requires state agencies to make educational materials available regarding the rights of employees, tenants, and security staff if federal agents enter state-owned property. Status: Chap. 744, Stats. 2026.

AB 2379 (Solache) Family daycare homes: Fourth Amendment training. This bill requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) to designate a statewide entity to develop and provide a training program on a person's rights under the Fourth Amendment, and requires licensed family

daycare home providers to complete this training within 60 days of the bill's effective date. Status: Dead, Sen Inactive File.

AB 2465 (Ortega) State government: benefits. This bill makes a business ineligible to receive any state-provided grant, loan, or tax credit in any year in which the business is directly invested in, owns, operates, or manages a private detention facility or contracts with a private detention facility or agency engaging in immigration enforcement to provide covered services, as specified. Status: Vetoed.

AB 2495 (Kalra) Unlawful immigration-related practices. This bill clarifies that an existing law that prohibits retaliation against an employee for exercising any right under any local, state, or federal statute or regulation, extends as well to retaliation based upon an employee's actual or perceived immigration status. The bill makes an employer or other person who violates these provisions liable for a civil penalty not exceeding $10,000 per employee for each violation, as specified. Status: Chap. 748, Stats. 2026.

AB 2500 (C. Rodriguez) Immigration services: immigration bonds. This bill expands the authorized use of One California funds to include assistance with immigration bonds. Status: Dead, Asm Human Services.

AB 2600 (Bonta) Immigration: access to legal counsel. This bill requires the state, subject to the availability of funding, to provide legal counsel to every qualified individual in immigration removal proceedings. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

AB 2624 (Bonta) Privacy for immigration support services providers. This bill expands the Safe at Home Program, beginning October 1, 2027, to include immigration support services providers. Status: Chap. 117, Stats. 2026.

AB 2662 (Carrillo) Working Group on Civil Rights Accountability. This bill establishes the Working Group on Civil Rights Accountability to provide recommendations to the Legislature and the Attorney General to strengthen oversight, improve data transparency, and protect the civil and constitutional rights of individuals and communities impacted by immigration enforcement activities. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

AJR 17 (C. Rodriguez) Renewing Immigration Provisions of the Immigration Act of 1929. This resolution states the Legislature's support for H.R. 1511 and S. 2606. Status: Res. Chap. 210, Stats. 2026.

SB 48 (Gonzalez) Immigration enforcement: schoolsites: prohibitions on access and sharing information. As referred to Committee, this bill prohibited primary educational institutions, to the extent possible, from granting permission to an immigration authority to access the nonpublic areas of a schoolsite or make a student available for questioning by an immigration authority unless presented with a valid warrant or court order. The bill was subsequently amended to require the Office of Civil Rights to employ discrimination prevention coordinators, removing it from the jurisdiction of the Committee. Status: Chap. 429, Stats. 2025.

SB 307 (Cervantes) Public postsecondary education: immigration enforcement. This bill requires the California State University system implement precautionary measures related to

immigrant students' ability to continue to access the university's educational resources. The bill also makes the same request of the University of California. Status: Chap. 668, Stats. 2025.

SB 580 (Durazo) AG: immigration enforcement policies. This bill requires the Attorney General, in consultation with relevant stakeholders, to publish model policies relating to interacting with immigration enforcement, and publish recommendations relating to databases operated by state and local agencies, and requires state and local agencies to implement the model policies on or before January 1, 2027. Status: Chap. 670, Stats. 2025.

SB 841 (Rubio) Immigration enforcement. This bill enacts the Keep Safe Spaces Safe Act and prohibits, to the extent possible, employees at various sensitive locations from allowing access to the nonpublic areas of those facilities, except as required by law or pursuant to a warrant or court order, for purposes of immigration enforcement. Status: Dead, Asm Inactive File.

SB 957 (Perez) Civil detention facilities. This bill establishes the Protecting Vulnerable Immigrant Detainees Model Act, which requires the Attorney General to submit a report to the Legislature detailing a proposed oversight plan for private civil detention facilities on or before December 31, 2027. Status: Chap. 756, Stats. 2026.

SB 995 (Perez) Involuntary residential facilities: health and safety inspections. This bill authorizes the Department of Public Health (CDPH) to inspect involuntary residential facilities to ensure sanitary, hygienic, and safe conditions, applying standards and inspection protocols consistent with existing residential health facilities. The bill also makes a facility liable for a violation through an administrative proceeding imposed by the department, and authorizes the department to refer violations to the Attorney General who may subsequently bring a civil action for declaratory or injunctive relief. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

SB 1103 (Perez) Large retail stores: immigration enforcement: reporting. This bill establishes the REPAIR Act of 2026, and requires large retailers to provide the Attorney General with specified documentation of immigration enforcement activity recovered in the normal course of business within 14 days of an administrative subpoena issued by the Attorney General, and authorizes counties to request access to surveillance videos and other documentation from large retailers. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

SB 1194 (Caballero) Immigration Legal Fellowship Project. This bill codifies the Immigration Legal Fellowship Project (ILFP) as a permanent program for the purpose of expanding access to high-quality immigration legal services in rural and underserved regions of California. Status: Vetoed.

SB 1257 (Arreguin) Federal immigration enforcement: report. This bill requires the Attorney General to disseminate an annual report summarizing reports of immigration enforcement incidents the agency receives from its civil rights violation reporting platform and other designated sources, as specified. The bill also authorizes the Attorney General to engage in enforcement actions and imposes civil penalties "as needed" against agencies and facilities that are required to submit reports of immigration enforcement activities under existing law. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

SB 1323 (Rubio) Health care providers: patient access: immigration enforcement. This bill requires health care providers to inform staff on how to respond to requests by a person in the custody of immigration enforcement to notify a family member or support person about their location, and strengthens existing provisions of law requiring health care facilities to post notices at entrances regarding visitation and access policies. Status: Chap. 698, Stats. 2026.

SB 1399 (Durazo) Locked detention facilities: civil immigration: reviews. (See ATTORNEY GENERAL – ENFORCEMENT AND OVERSIGHT)

SJR 8 (Arreguin) The Renewing Immigration Provisions of the Immigration Act of 1929. This resolution states the Legislature's support for House Resolution No. 1511 and Senate Bill 2606 that propose to modify the Immigration and Nationality Act to allow undocumented immigrants who meet specified criteria and who entered the United States at least seven years before their application to apply for legal permanent residency. Status: Res. Chap. 183, Stats. 2026.

LIABILITY AND RELATED MATTERS

Damages and Civil Penalties

AB 2 (Lowenthal) Injuries to children: civil penalties. This bill augments, until January 1, 2035, the penalties large social media platforms may face if they violate existing law by causing injury to a minor through failure to exercise ordinary care. Specifically, this bill imposes statutory damages on a social media company that fails to exercise its duty of care of up to $5,000 per violation, up to a maximum of $1 million per child, or three times the child's actual damages. Status: Chap. 180, Stats. 2026.

AB 290 (Bauer-Kahan) Emergency services and care. As referred to this Committee, this bill imposed civil penalties on hospitals found by the Department of Public Health to have violated provisions of law regarding the provision of emergency services. The bill was subsequently amended out of this Committee's jurisdiction to focus on the California FAIR Plan. Status: Chap. 475, Stats. 2025.

AB 392 (Dixon) Pornographic internet websites: consent. This bill requires operators of pornographic internet websites to exercise ordinary care and reasonable diligence to prevent the display of sexually explicit content depicting individuals who did not consent to the making or uploading of the material or were minors at the time of creation. Uploaders would be required to certify that depicted individuals were adults who consented, and to provide contact information, with operators obligated to retain this documentation for seven years and verify user email addresses. A depicted individual harmed by a violation would be able to bring a civil action for damages, fees, and injunctive relief, while public prosecutors would be authorized to seek civil penalties of $25,000 per violation. Status: Held, Sen. Appropriations.

AB 426 (Dixon) Civil penalty for impeding emergency response with a drone. This bill prohibits a person from operating an unmanned aerial vehicle, remote piloted aircraft, or drone at the scene of an emergency that impedes emergency response teams in the performance of their duties. This bill authorizes public prosecutors to bring a civil claim to enforce against a violation and to recover civil penalties. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

AB 521 (Carrillo) Legal fees and costs: Contractors State License Board: bond deposits: liability for legal fees and costs. This bill specifies that the Contractors State License Board is not responsible for any legal fees or costs accrued by a claimant in a civil action against a deposit in lieu of bond while a court determines whether payment should be made against the deposit. Status: Chap. 265, Stats. 2025.

AB 621 (Bauer-Kahan) Deepfake pornography. This bill strengthens Civil Code Section 1708.86 by expanding liability for nonconsensual deepfake pornography. It extends liability to aiders and abettors, including intermediaries such as hosting providers, payment processors, or content promoters who knowingly or recklessly facilitate the creation or dissemination of such content. It creates evidentiary presumptions to ease enforcement: operators of deepfake pornography services are presumed in violation if they cannot produce written consent, and service providers are presumed to have knowledge if they continue supporting services after receiving evidence of illegal activity. The bill also provides express standing for public prosecutors and authorizes enhanced remedies, including penalties of up to $25,000 per violation—or $50,000 if committed with malice—and recovery of attorney's fees. It clarifies that disclaimers do not shield operators from liability, exempts passive internet service providers, and includes a savings clause to preserve consistency with the First Amendment and Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act. Status: Chap. 673, Stats. 2025.

AB 634 (J. Gonzalez) Tianeptine. This bill prohibits the manufacturing, distribution, or sales of tianeptine in California and imposes civil penalties for violations of the prohibition. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

AB 712 (Wicks) Housing reform laws: enforcement actions: fines and penalties. This bill entitles housing development applicants that prevail in an action over a local agency to reasonable attorney's fees, and subjects local agencies to increased fines for violating housing reform laws under specified circumstances. Status: Chap. 496, Stats. 2025.

AB 750 (Quirk-Silva) Homeless shelters: safety regulations. As heard by this Committee, this bill required cities and counties to perform annual inspections on homeless shelters and gave the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) more enforcement authority, including the authority to bring civil actions to enforce the bill's requirements. The bill was subsequently amended to allow HCD to make loans and grants for housing projects. Status: Chap. 789, Stats. 2026.

AB 820 (Pellerin) Homelessness: transport. This bill prohibits an employee of a local government or law enforcement agency, when acting in their official capacity, from transporting and dropping off, or arranging for or funding the transport and drop off, a homeless individual within a jurisdiction, unless the employee first coordinated shelter or long-term housing for the homeless individual. It makes a local government or law enforcement agency liable for a civil penalty of $10,000 for each violation. Status: Dead, Asm Housing & Community Development.

AB 928 (Rogers) Roosters: restrictions. This bill prohibits individuals from keeping more than 25 roosters that are movement constrained and makes someone who violates the prohibition liable for a civil penalty of up to $2,500 per violation. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

AB 973 (Hoover) Recycling: plastic trash bags: plastic packaging and products. This bill repeals the existing Rigid Plastic Packaging Container recycling law and replaces the law with a new statutory scheme for incorporating postconsumer recycled materials into rigid and flexible packaging and adopts a modernized civil penalty structure. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

AB 1018 (Bauer-Kahan) Automated decision systems. This bill enacts the Automated Decisions Safety Act to regulate covered automated decision systems (ADS) used to make or facilitate consequential decisions. Developers would be required to conduct and retain periodic impact assessments, begin independent third-party audits by 2030, provide deployers with use instructions and compliance documentation, designate compliance leads, and refrain from advertising capabilities not supported by assessments. Deployers would be required, starting January 1, 2027, to give pre- and post-decision notices to affected individuals, disclose ADS use and key factors, provide avenues to correct data and appeal outcomes within defined timelines, maintain records, and designate compliance leads; high-impact or substantially modified uses would trigger developer-level duties. The Attorney General and specified public enforcers could seek injunctive and declaratory relief, fees, and civil penalties up to $25,000 per violation; AG access to unredacted assessments would be required, with trade-secret confidentiality. The measure includes exemptions (e.g., cybersecurity, fraud detection, and certain financial services). Separately, the bill amends the Unruh Civil Rights Act to clarify that a party's compliance with the bill is relevant but not conclusive to liability under Unruh and that noncompliance alone does not create a presumption of unlawful intent. Status: Dead, Sen Third Reading File.

AB 1064 (Bauer-Kahan) Leading Ethical AI Development (LEAD) for Kids Act. As heard by the Committee, this bill established a risk-based regulatory framework for artificial intelligence systems used by or on children, prohibiting the most harmful applications, requiring transparency, assessments, and audits for high-risk systems, and creating a public oversight board to enforce safety, privacy, and accountability standards. The bill was later amended to regulate only "companion chatbots"—GenAI systems that simulate sustained, personalized, emotion-based relationships with users. The bill prohibits an operator from making a companion chatbot available to a child unless the system is not foreseeably capable of (1) encouraging self-harm, suicide, violence, illegal activity, disordered eating, or substance use; (2) offering mental-health therapy without direct professional supervision or discouraging help-seeking; (3) engaging in erotic or sexually explicit interactions; (4) prioritizing validation over factual accuracy or a child's safety; or (5) optimizing engagement in ways that override required safety guardrails. Before January 1, 2027, liability turns on the operator's actual knowledge that a user is a child; beginning January 1, 2027, liability turns on whether the operator has reasonably determined the user is not a child. The Attorney General could seek civil penalties of $25,000 per violation, injunctive or declaratory relief, and attorney's fees; a harmed child (or parent/guardian) could bring a civil action for actual and punitive damages, fees, and equitable relief. Status: Vetoed.

AB 1065 (Ortega) Credit card transaction fees: tax payments: Consumer Inflation Reduction and Tax Fairness Act. This bill prohibits issuers, payment card networks, acquirer banks, and processors from charging interchange fees on the tax portion of an electronic payment transaction when the merchant transmits the tax amount during authorization or settlement; merchants that do not transmit the tax at that time would be allowed to submit tax documentation within 180 days, triggering a required credit of the interchange charged on the tax within 30 days. The measure bars fee "workarounds" by increasing rates on the non-tax portion, disclaims

liability for networks regarding merchant-reported tax accuracy, and provides UCL enforcement for knowing patterns or practices of assessing interchange on tax. Status: Failed, Asm Banking and Finance.

AB 1127 (Gabriel) Firearms: converter attachments. Among other things, this bill expands the definition of "reasonable controls" that a firearms industry member must practice, to include "prevent[ing] the installation and use of a pistol converter" with a firearm. Under the bill, a court would have the authority to award the prevailing plaintiff any or all of the remedies available to a plaintiff under existing law, including damages, if a firearm industry member were determined to have failed to prevent the installation or use of a pistol converter in a firearm and the plaintiff were injured by such a firearm. Status: Chap. 572, Stats. 2025.

AB 1148 (Sharp-Collins) Food packaging: hazardous chemicals. This bill prohibits the intentional addition of bisphenols or ortho-phthalates to food packaging sold in California, and imposes civil penalties upon those found to have violated the prohibition. Status: Dead, Sen Inactive File.

AB 1159 (Addis) Student personal information. This bill establishes, commencing July 1, 2027, the Higher Education Student Information Protection Act governing the collection, use, disclosure, retention, and protection of postsecondary student data by educational technology operators. It further modifies the K-12 Pupil Online Personal Information Protection Act (KOPIPA) and the Early Learning Personal Information Protection Act (ELPIPA) to regulate the use of pupil data in artificial intelligence (AI) systems, applies their respective provisions to entities acting on behalf of an operator, and makes other changes related to protecting pupil information. The bill creates a private right of action for specified violations of pupil and student privacy protection. Status: Chap. 182, Stats. 2026.

AB 1243 (Addis) Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act of 2025. This bill creates the Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act of 2025 and requires responsible parties, as determined by the California Environmental Protection Agency, to pay the state for all damages associated with climate harms accrued since January 1, 1990. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

AB 1263 (Gipson) Firearms: ghost guns. Among other things, this bill imposes additional obligations and duties on firearm industry members under the Firearm Industry Responsibility Act with regard to firearm accessories and firearm manufacturing devices and establishes new civil penalties related to the unlawful manufacture of a firearm. Status: Chap. 636, Stats. 2025.

AB 1325 (M. Rodriguez) Lubricants and waste oil: producer responsibility. This bill repeals the California Oil Enhancement Program and replaces it with a Lubricant and Waste Oil Producer Responsibility Program, which would establish an expanded producer responsibility program for used oil and other automotive fluids. The bill adopts a civil penalty regime for violations of the Waste Oil Producer Responsibility Program. Status: Dead, Asm Natural Resources.

AB 1382 (Castillo) Animals: sale of pets: intentional genomic alterations. This bill prohibits the importation for profit, sales, or offering for sales a pet animal that has been modified or

developed by intentional genomic alterations, as specified. The bill imposes civil penalties for a violation of the above provisions. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

AB 1557 (Papan) Vehicles: electric bicycles. This bill revises and recasts the definition of a Class 1 electric bike and prohibits a manufacturer from equipping any device labeled as an electric bike with a motor capable of exceeding 750 watts of peak power and imposes civil penalties upon parties that mislabel a Class 1 electric bike. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

AB 1604 (Stefani) Product safety: proofs of purchase: intentionally added bisphenols. This bill prohibits paper proof of purchase receipts from containing intentionally added bisphenols, and when heard by this Committee adopted civil penalties for violations of the prohibition. Subsequent amendments recast the enforcement provisions to provide for administrative penalties. Status: Chap. 882, Stats. 2026.

AB 1705 (Bauer-Kahan) Pornographic internet websites. This bill specifies that the operator of a website must exercise a duty of ordinary care with respect to pornographic content displayed on its site, and requires the operator of a pornographic internet website to obtain from its users a verification that content the user uploads to the site does not include a depiction of a person who was a minor at the time the material was created, who did not consent to be in the material, or who did not consent to have the material uploaded. Allows a depicted individual and public prosecutors to bring civil actions. Status: Chap. 890, Stats. 2026.

AB 1749 (Dixon) Impeding emergency response with a drone. This bill prohibits the use of a drone to knowingly or recklessly interfere with wildfire suppression efforts or emergency response efforts related to an incident with a temporary flight restriction, and authorizes a public prosecutor to bring civil action for each violation. Status: Chap. 762, Stats. 2026.

AB 1859 (Ortega) Public works. This bill requires that a joint labor-management committee be granted reasonable access to a public works worksite to monitor compliance with prevailing wage law and permits a joint labor-management committee to bring a suit for a civil penalty of up to $1,000 for a willful violation of this requirement. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

AB 1864 (Berman) Gene synthesis equipment manufacturers and providers. This bill prohibits manufacturers of benchtop nucleic acid synthesis equipment and providers of synthetic nucleic acid sequences from producing, selling, or distributing the equipment or nucleic acids within the state unless the provider or manufacturer adheres to the federal Framework for Nucleic Acid Synthesis Screening as revised by the National Science and Technology Council in 2024, and attests to doing so on a public website. The bill makes a provider or manufacturer who violates this prohibition subject to a civil penalty of up to $5,000 per day that the violation continues. Status: Chap. 852, Stats. 2026.

AB 1918 (Dixon) Human trafficking: body art practitioners. This bill requires body art facilities to post a specified notice regarding recognizing the signs of human trafficking and how to report it, and requires body artists to complete a 20-minute training on the same. Status: Chap. 837, Stats. 2026.

AB 1946 (Wicks) Reporting mechanism: child sexual abuse material. This bill modifies existing provisions relating to social media platform's obligation to provide a mechanism to

report child sexual abuse material (CSAM) on the platform, including harmonizing certain requirements with federal law, and modifies the conditions under which a social media platform can be held liable for facilitating or aiding and abetting commercial sexual exploitation. Status: Chap. 185, Stats. 2026.

AB 2007 (Bauer-Kahan) Youth programs: identifying information of youth. This bill requires youth-focused programs, such as extracurricular and after-school programs, to obtain parental consent before using images of a child or other protected information in their communications, marketing, educational, or training materials. It prohibits youth-focused programs from making a youth's enrollment or participation contingent on parental consent. Allows a parent or guardian to bring a civil action against a covered entity. Status: Chap. 914, Stats. 2026.

AB 2030 (Lowenthal) Dietary supplements for weight loss and over-the-counter diet pills. This bill prohibits dietary supplements for weight loss or muscle building and over-the-counter diet pills from being sold, delivered, or given away to any person under 18 years of age without a prescription. Public prosecutors are authorized to seek injunctive relief, fees, costs and civil penalties up to $500 per violation. Status: Chap. 720, Stats. 2026.

AB 2047 (Bauer-Kahan) Firearms: 3-dimensional printing blocking technology. This bill requires the Department of Justice to check whether ASTM International, as defined, has published industry standards for equipping three-dimensional printers with firearm blocking technology and requires the department to publish written guidance or regulations, which describe minimum performance standards for firearm blocking technology that must be equipped in three-dimensional printers in order for those printers to be lawfully sold or offered for sale in California, within 24 months after determining that ASTM International has published these standards. Status: Chap. 461, Stats. 2026.

AB 2076 (Lowenthal) The Parent's Accountability and Child Protection Act: online marketplaces: nitrous oxide. This bill expands the Parent's Accountability and Child Protection Act (PACPA) by adding nitrous oxide to the list of highly dangerous products that are banned for minors, prohibiting the use of gift card or store credit to purchase such products, and enhancing liability for businesses that make over $25 million a year. Status: Chap. 920, Stats. 2026.

AB 2101 (Gipson) Human trafficking: notice and training: disaster sites. This bill requires a privately operated entity that operates in a designated disaster site or mitigation site to post a specified notice regarding human trafficking and to provide specified training to their employees. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

AB 2318 (Elhawary) Law enforcement: facilitating medical care. This bill prohibits a federal, state, or local law enforcement officer from denying or delaying access to medical care for an individual under law enforcement control if it is safe and reasonable to provide access to care, and requires officers to document when they do deny or delay access to medical care. Following amendments taken in Public Safety Committee, this Committee waived hearing. Status: Chap. 747, Stats. 2026.

AB 2346 (Wilson) Vehicles: electric bicycles and speed limits. This bill establishes speed limits for electric bicycles and requires the manufacturers, sellers, and distributors of electric bicycles to equip electric bicycles with speedometers, lights, and provide specified disclosures regarding safety. As heard by this Committee the bill made various violations subject to civil penalties, however, subsequent amendments deemed violations of the bill an infraction. Status: Chap. 842, Stats. 2026.

AB 2393 (Addis) False imprisonment: false arrest: remedies. This bill allows a prevailing plaintiff in a case involving claims of false imprisonment or false arrest to seek statutory damages in lieu of actual damages when the defendant committed specific acts during the commission of the tort. Status: Chap. 602, Stats. 2026.

AB 2598 (Krell) Health care facilities: notification of next of kin. This bill requires a general acute care hospital or a skilled nursing facility to make a reasonable attempt to notify any known next of kin that the person has died in the hospital or facility, or, if the body of a person is transferred to a hospital after death, requires the hospital to make a reasonable attempt to notify any known next of kin that the person's body is being held by the hospital. If after a reasonable attempt the facility cannot notify next of kin, the bill requires a facility to give notice to the public administrator of the county in which the death occurred. The bill makes a hospital or facility that fails to notify any known next of kin liable for a continuing civil penalty of $200 per day, up to a maximum of $50,000 and allows a licensee to dispute the assessment of the civil penalty by the California Department of Public Health through an administrative hearing. Status: Chap. 627, Stats. 2026.

AB 2617 (Schiavo) Protecting Kids from Online Gambling Act. This bill prohibits operators of internet websites, online services, online applications, or mobile applications from making available, or advertising, online gambling activities or prediction market wagering to minors. The bill also authorizes the Attorney General or city attorney to bring a civil action for a violation and to obtain civil penalties. Status: Dead, Asm Governmental Organization.

SB 243 (Padilla) Companion Chatbots. This bill requires operators of companion-chatbot platforms to clearly disclose when users might mistake a bot for a human; maintain and publish protocols that prevent suicidal or self-harm content and refer users to crisis services; and, for known minors, disclose AI use, default to periodic (every three hours) reminders to take breaks and that the bot is not human, and block sexually explicit content or directions to engage in it. Beginning July 1, 2027, operators annually report to the Office of Suicide Prevention the number of crisis referrals and the protocols used to detect, remove, and prohibit suicidal-ideation responses. Operators are required to use evidence-based methods and warn that companion chatbots may not be suitable for some minors. The bill creates a private right of action for injunctive relief, the greater of actual damages or $1,000 per violation, and attorney's fees. Status: Chap. 677, Stats. 2025.

SB 378 (Wiener) Online marketplaces: illicit cannabis: reporting and liability. This bill places obligations on online marketplaces where advertising or sales of illicit cannabis or hemp products occur, including by requiring the marketplaces to have disclosures, reporting mechanisms, and warnings on their internet websites. This bill prohibits "unlawful paid online advertising," as defined, related to unlicensed sellers of cannabis or cannabis products,

intoxicating hemp products, or unregistered hemp products and imposes robust civil penalties for violations of its requirements. Status: Chap. 411, Stats. 2025.

SB 623 (Umberg) Automobile accidents: civil actions: transportation network companies. This bill caps the maximum recovery of a plaintiff for damages for any expense for services rendered by a lien-based provider not to exceed 70th percentile of FAIR Health, Inc.'s billed charges, or the 70th percentile of a comparable commercially recognized billed charges database for the same or similar service, as specified, and makes several other changes to the existing law to improve safety for ride share users. Status: Chap. 17, Stats. 2026.

SB 771 (Stern) Personal rights: liability: social media platforms. This bill authorizes civil penalties against large social media platforms that knowingly or recklessly contribute to violations of existing state civil rights laws through their algorithmic content delivery systems. Status: Vetoed.

SB 786 (Padilla) Fire and residential property insurance. This bill authorizes the Insurance Commissioner to order a person who engages in an unfair method of competition or an unfair or deceptive act or practice to provide restitution and if the facts and equity permit, rescission for loss arising from their conduct. Status: Chap. 526, Stats. 2026.

SB 957 (Pérez) Privacy: social media companies: administrative subpoenas: remedies. As first heard by this Committee, this bill, the Stopping Harmful Information Exploitation and Lawless Data Sharing (SHIELD) Act, required social media companies to notify users when they received an administrative subpoena under the Tariff Act of 1930 or the Immigration and Nationality Act. It required that individuals be given 30 days to respond to the request, and that social media companies review the subpoenas for validity. If a social media company discloses a user's information, they must report that disclosure to the Attorney General. Both the Attorney General and an individual who has had their information disclosed in violation of the bill may seek injunctive and declaratory relief. The bill was subsequently amended to focus on civil detention facilities. Status: Chap. 756, Stats. 2026.

SB 997 (Caballero) North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency: lien authority. This bill authorizes the North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency to seek civil penalties from any person who extracts groundwater in excess of the amount that person is authorized to extract under a rule, regulation, ordinance, or resolution adopted by the agency. Status: Chap. 86, Stats. 2026.

SB 1032 (Reyes) Staffing agencies: registration. This bill requires a staffing agency, as defined, to register with the Labor Commissioner before conducting any business in this state and annually thereafter. The bill requires, among other things, that the staffing agency has a current workers' compensation policy adequate to its workforce. Finally, the bill authorizes a registered staffing agency to bring an action against an unregistered staffing agency for injunctive relief, actual damages, and statutory damages, as specified. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

SB 1247 (Padilla) Social media platforms: child influencers. This bill requires a social media platform to provide a clear and conspicuous mechanism by which a child influencer who is at

least 18 years of age can request a vlogger to delete or edit certain paid content that features the child influencer as a minor. Allows a child influencer to bring a civil action against a vlogger who violates the bill. Status: Chap. 1022, Stats. 2026.

SB 1315 (Cabaldon) Advanced driver assistance systems. This bill prohibits a manufacturer of an automobile in this state from requiring or providing a software update that either removes, disables, or materially restricts a driver's ability to manually engage or disengage an advanced autonomous driving system in a vehicle, and makes a violation of the prohibition subject to a civil penalty of up to $25,000. Status: Dead, Asm Inactive.

SB 1425 (Cortese) High-Speed Rail Authority: property: operating right-of-way. This bill authorizes the California High-Speed Rail Authority to issue permits for activities that encroach on the Authority's right-of-way and authorizes specified civil penalties for violations of those permits. Status: Chap. 713, Stats. 2026.

Immunity, Scope of Liability and Related Issues

AB 365 (Schiavo) The Justin Kropp Safety Act: AED availability at worksites. This bill requires electric utilities, and their contractors and subcontractors, to have an automated external defibrillator (AED) available for emergency use at each worksite where two or more utility workers are performing work on electrical transmission and distribution lines above 601 volts and provides qualified immunity for acquiring and using such AEDs in emergency situations. Status: Chap. 361, Stats. 2025.

AB 369 (M. Rodriguez) Emergency services: liability. This bill encourages the administration of anti-seizure rescue medication by providing immunity to any unlicensed person who administers such medication. Status: Chap. 33, Stats. 2025.

AB 980 (Arambula) Health care: medically necessary treatment. Under existing law, a health care service plan or managed care entity has a duty of ordinary care to arrange for the provision of medically necessary health care services to its subscribers or enrollees and is liable for all harm legally caused by its failure to exercise that ordinary care when the failure resulted in the denial, delay, or modification of the health care service recommended for, or furnished to, a subscriber or enrollee and the subscriber or enrollee suffers substantial harm, as defined. This bill defines "medically necessary health care service" for purposes of the above-described provision to mean legally prescribed medical care that is reasonable and comports with the medical community standard. Status: Dead, Asm Health.

AB 1037 (Elhawary) Public health: substance use disorder. The bill exempts a person who administers an opioid antagonist in good faith, whether or not they were trained, from liability for civil damages, as specified. It also provides qualified immunity to a health care provider who acts in good faith and with reasonable care to train a third party to administer the opioid antagonist for any injuries caused by such administration. Status: Chap. 569, Stats. 2025.

AB 1172 (Nguyen) Adult day programs: administration of inhalable emergency anti-seizure medication. This bill authorizes individuals with developmental disabilities to receive inhalable emergency antiseizure medication (antiseizure medication) from personnel on the premises of licensed adult day program facilities by creating a training pathway for employees of

those facilities that choose to volunteer to administer the medication. This bill provides qualified immunity, subject to specific limitations, to volunteers who administer anitiseizure medication. Status: Chap. 448, Stats. 2025.

AB 1488 (Flora) Self-defense. Among other things, this bill specifies that there shall not be any civil liability on the part of, and no cause of action shall accrue against, a person who uses force to protect from wrongful injury the person or property of oneself, or of a spouse, child, parent, or other relative, or member of one's family, or of a ward, servant, master, or guest. Status: Dead, Asm Public Safety.

AB 1722 (Hadwick) California Endangered Species Act: take prohibition: self-defense. Allows an individual to "take" a species listed under the California Endangered Species Act if the individual is acting in self-defense, or defense of another individual, when threatened with immediate bodily harm by the listed species. Status: Vetoed.

AB 1819 (Sanchez) Automated external defibrillators: liability. This bill requires senior centers, as defined, to install AED devices and grants qualified immunity to building owners, employees, managers, and volunteers, as specified. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

AB 1903 (Wicks) Construction defects. This bill makes various changes to construction defect law, including: providing the builder an opportunity to obtain a release or waiver, upon agreement with the claimant, in exchange for repairs effective one year after repairs; providing a builder the ability to bring a motion to dismiss for failing to substantially comply to pre-litigation requirements; and increasing the requirements for notices of claims. Status: Dead, Asm Concurrence.

AB 1911 (Rogers) Advertising: environmental marketing claims: carbon credits. This bill establishes a rebuttable presumption that an environmental marketing claim is valid so long as the claim complies with specified standards. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

AB 1932 (Elhawary) DSS: C.R.I.S.E.S. Grant Pilot Program 2.0. This bill reauthorizes the Community Response Initiative to Strengthen Emergency Systems (C.R.I.S.E.S.) Grant Pilot Program to reflect the repeal of the prior program on June 30, 2026. Status: Chap. 562, Stats. 2026.

AB 2073 (Johnson) Child protection: safe surrender. This bill exempts an individual who voluntarily places a child 72-hours old or younger in an infant safety device at a safe-surrender site from civil and criminal liability. Status: Dead, Asm Public Safety.

AB 2075 (Bennett) Forestry: safety requirements: fire equipment: internal combustion engines. This bill establishes new fire safety and equipment standards for those operating internal combustion engines in fire prone areas and clarifies that the rules apply to a natural person, partnership, firm, association, corporation, limited liability company, or other legal entity. Status: Chap. 766, Stats. 2026.

AB 2418 (M. Gonzalez) Local building permits: nonresidential private permitting review. Authorizes the applicant for a nonresidential building permit to retain a private professional provider to check the applicant's building plans and specifications for their compliance with the

requirements of state and local building law in the event of an excessive delay by a local agency in reviewing those documents, and provides a local government that is forced to accept the findings of a private professional provider limited liability protections. Status: Chap. 828, Stats. 2026.

AB 2442 (Patterson) Peptides. As referred to this Committee, the bill created a Peptide and novel compound research and therapeutic program that provided immunity from civil liability. The bill was amended to require the California Department of Public Health to convene a working group for the purpose of studying and making recommendations on the creation of a state-authorized research and investigational therapeutic framework that complements the existing federal regulatory structure while expanding opportunities for scientific research and medically supervised investigational therapeutic access. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

AB 2584 (Flora) Self-defense. This bill provides there will not be any civil liability on the part of, and no cause of action will accrue against, a person who lawfully resists a public offense. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

SB 297 (Hurtado) Valley Fever Screening Prevention Act of 2025. This bill requires an adult patient receiving primary care services in specified health care settings in high-incidence regions for valley fever to be offered valley fever screening and protects from disciplinary action and all civil or criminal liability, any health care provider who determines, based upon their professional judgement, that screening was not appropriate. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

SB 394 (Allen) Water theft: fire hydrants. This bill authorizes a utility to commence a civil action to impose liability against a person who diverts water by tampering with a fire hydrant, fire hydrant meter, or fire detector check. Status: Chap. 540, Stats. 2025.

SB 414 (Ashby) School financial audits: chartering authority: tort liability. This bill modifies oversight, auditing, and funding systems for "non-classroom-based" (NCB), and renames NCB charter schools to "flex-based" charter schools. The bill included a liability exemption for charter schools within the Government Claims Act. This provision was subsequently deleted from the bill, removing it from the jurisdiction of the Committee. Status: Vetoed.

SB 466 (Caballero) Drinking water: primary standard for hexavalent chromium: exemption. This bill prohibits a public water system that is implementing a State Water Resources Control Board approved compliance plan to obtain a drinking water standard for hexavalent chromium from being held, considered or otherwise deemed in violation of the primary drinking water standard. Status: Chap. 320, Stats. 2025.

SB 601 (Allen) Water: waste discharge. This bill preserves, in state law, the requirements of the federal Clean Water Act for nexus waters, as they existed before May 25, 2023. The bill also authorizes the Attorney General, the State Water Resources Control Board, an applicable regional water board, or a district attorney, county counsel, or city attorney to enforce specified provisions of the Water Code related to nexus waters. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

SB 839 (Laird) Oil spills: fishing: water closure: grants: liability. This bill modernizes the Lempert-Keene-Seastrand Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act to, among other reforms,

remove the liability protections for private pleasure boats that cause an oil spill. Status: Chap. 237, Stats. 2025.

SB 1153 (Caballero) Disaster preparedness: urban retail water suppliers and public water systems: wildfire. Requires, beginning January 1, 2028, urban retail water suppliers serving 3,300 or more persons and serving a high or very high fire hazard severity zone to include incident-specific response procedures for wildfires as part of their disaster preparedness plans, and clarifies that nothing in the creation of the plan is to be construed to impose a duty on public water systems, including wholesale water systems, to design, construct, or maintain a water system for wildfire defense or suppression. After amendments taken in the Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials, this Committee waived hearing. Status: Chap. 776, Stats. 2026.

CIVIL, CONSTITUTIONAL, AND PERSONAL RIGHTS

Civil/ Constitutional Rights

AB 7 (Bryan) Postsecondary education: admissions: descendants of enslaved persons. This bill permits the California State University (CSU), the University of California (UC), independent institutions of higher education, and private postsecondary educational institutions to consider providing a preference in admissions to an applicant who is a descendant of slavery, as defined, to the extent it does not conflict with federal law. Status: Vetoed.

AB 25 (DeMaio) California Voter ID and Election Integrity Act. Among other things, this bill repeals a provision in existing law that prohibits a local government from enacting or enforcing any charter provision, ordinance, or regulation requiring a person to present identification for the purpose of voting. Status: Failed, Asm Elections.

AB 57 (McKinnor) Home Purchase Program: descendants of enslaved persons. This bill requires that at least 10% of funds available for the California Dream for All Program, administered by the California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA), be made available to qualifying applicants who are also descendants of formerly enslaved people once a certification process for the descendants of American slavery is created by the anticipated Bureau for Descendants of American Slavery. Status: Vetoed.

AB 62 (McKinnor) Eminent domain: racially motivated. This bill establishes procedures by which a person who lost property because of racially motivated eminent domain, as defined, may apply to the Civil Rights Division (CRD) for the return of the property, if available, other public property of equal value, or financial compensation. Status: Vetoed.

AB 282 (Pellerin) Discrimination: housing: source of income. As heard by the Committee, this bill provided that the establishment by a public agency or other entity of policies or preferences in favor of an applicant or tenant who qualifies for or participates in federal, state, or local housing subsidy programs, as specified, does not constitute discrimination based on source of income for purposes of specified provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act. The bill was subsequently amended to deal with the seizure of election materials. Status: Chap. 330, Stats. 2026.

AB 449 (Jackson) Civil Rights Department: antidiscrimination campaigns. This bill requires the Civil Rights Department, subject to an appropriation of funds, to convene a working group and develop and implement media campaigns for the purpose of discouraging discrimination. Status: Vetoed.

AB 742 (Elhawary) Department of Consumer Affairs: licensing: descendants of enslaved persons. This bill requires state licensing boards within the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) to expedite applications from individuals seeking licensure if the applicants are descendants of American slaves. Status: Vetoed.

AB 932 (Irwin) Community youth athletics programs: sex or gender discrimination. This bill extends existing gender discrimination prohibitions in youth sports to local educational agencies as it relates to accessing school and recreation facilities and resources. Status: Chap. 628, Stats. 2025.

AB 972 (Wilson) Postsecondary education: discrimination: sex. This bill modifies the list of protected characteristics for purposes of discrimination in programs conduction by postsecondary educational institutions to include sex. Status: Dead, Sen Education.

AB 1098 (Fong) Postsecondary education: undergraduate and graduate students: pregnancy or pregnancy-related issues. As heard by this Committee, the bill expanded existing law to provide parity between pregnant undergraduate and graduate students by extending existing leave of absences to undergraduate students and requiring other reasonable accommodations. The bill was subsequently amended to establish the California Education Interagency Council (Council) to align education and workforce development policies and to address the changing nature of work and the economy. Status: Chap. 446, Stats. 2025.

AB 1369 (Ramos) Pupil rights: school graduation ceremonies: adornments. This bill clarifies the existing authorization for students to wear specified adornments at school graduation ceremonies by explicitly authorizing students and their families to determine what adornments are deemed to be traditional tribal regalia or recognized objects of religious or cultural significance. The bill prohibits local educational agencies from requiring students to undergo a preapproval process in order to wear the adornment or requiring students to wear a graduation cap that is incompatible with the specified adornment. Status: Chap. 133, Stats. 2025.

AB 1584 (Jackson) State Air Resources Board: Office of Civil Rights. This bill establishes the Office of Civil Rights within the California Air Resources Board and assigns the office various tasks related to environmental justice and protecting the rights of frontline communities. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

AB 1730 (Fong) Community colleges: civil rights: managing entity. This bill requires the California Community Colleges (CCC) Board of Governors to contract with an external "managing entity" to provide services for civil rights compliance and requires the CCC districts to designate a civil rights coordinator. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

AB 1784 (Pellerin) Postsecondary education: nondiscrimination: pregnancy or pregnancy-related issues. Expands, beginning September 1, 2027, existing law to provide parity between undergraduate and graduate students experiencing pregnancy and pregnancy-related conditions

by expanding academic protections related to leave of absence policies to undergraduate students and by requiring reasonable accommodations for all pregnant students and students experiencing pregnancy related conditions. Status: Chap. 895, Stats. 2026.

AB 1845 (Krell) Student safety: human trafficking. This bill establishes specific policies and procedures that postsecondary educational institutions must adopt to address incidents of human trafficking on campus, including providing training for employees of postsecondary educational institutions about human trafficking prevention and ensuring that all incidents of human trafficking are recorded and reported to law enforcement. Status: Chap. 834, Stats. 2026.

AB 1854 (Krell) Legally protected health care activities. This bill prohibits a state or local law enforcement agency from knowingly affecting the arrest of any person for performing, supporting, or aiding in in the performance of a legally protected health care activity, and who the Governor has declined to surrender, as specified. The bill also extends to financial institutions an existing law that prohibits a California corporation that provides electronic communication services or remote computing services to the general public from complying with an out-of-state subpoena, warrant, wiretap order, pen register trap and trace order, other legal process, or request by a law enforcement agent or entity seeking records that reveal the identity of the customers using legally protected health services, as specified. Status: Chap. 485, Stats. 2026.

AB 1876 (Addis) Health care coverage: nondiscrimination. This bill prohibits the exclusion of a subscriber, enrollee, or policy holder from enrollment or participation in, or being subjected to discrimination by, any health care service plan or health insurer licensed in this state, on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex. Status: Chap. 903, Stats. 2026.

AB 1881 (Ramos) California Indian Freedom Act of 2026. This bill prohibits a governmental agency from substantially burdening a California Indian or California Native American tribe's exercise of religious beliefs or spiritual practices on state lands, except as necessary to protect public safety and security, unless the governmental agency demonstrates that application of the burden is in furtherance of a compelling governmental interest and uses the least restrictive means of furthering that interest. The bill requires the Department of General Services and others, to the greatest extent possible, to uphold the religious freedom, ceremonial practices, sacred sites, cultural patrimony, and cultural landscapes of tribes when accessing the State Capitol grounds. Status: Vetoed.

AB 1928 (Fong) Sex-equity: sexual harassment complaints. This bill requires grievance procedures in Title IX and related provisions in the California Education Code to afford each student party the opportunity to have a support person and an advisor of their choice accompany the student party during any stage of the process. The bill also requires the governing body of a postsecondary educational institution that receives state financial assistance and state student financial aid to allow each complainant or respondent of a sexual harassment complaint to have a support person, in addition to an advisor, accompany the parties of a sexual harassment complaint during the grievance procedures that provide for the prompt and equitable resolution of sexual harassment complaints, as specified. Status: Chap. 134, Stats. 2026.

AB 1937 (Quirk-Silva) Discrimination: business establishments. This bill specifies that the term "business establishments of every kind whatsoever," as used in the Unruh Civil Rights Act, includes entities and individuals that provide early childcare and education services to the public for consideration. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

AB 1984 (Rogers) Corporate powers: political spending power. This bill redefines the powers of corporations to specify that those powers do not include political spending power. It declares void any act undertaken by a corporation beyond the scope of its granted powers and would require that corporation to forfeit all granted powers. The bill authorizes reinstatement of granted powers after, among other things, disgorgement of all money used in the exercise of political spending power. Status: Dead, Asm Banking & Finance.

AB 2064 (Sharp-Collins) Discrimination: criminal history. This bill adds "criminal history" to the list of characteristics protected under the Unruh Civil Rights Act and the Fair Employment and Housing Act. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

AB 2115 (Ramos) California Native Americans: formal apology. This bill provides that the State of California recognizes and accepts responsibility for all of the harms and atrocities committed by its representatives who promoted, permitted, facilitated, and enforced policies of violence against California Native Americans, including policies enacted, sanctioned, or tolerated by the Legislature. The bill requires installation of a plaque memorializing this apology in the State Capitol Building and imposes specific duties relating to the installation and maintenance of the plaque. Status: Chap. 448, Stats. 2026.

AB 2119 (Jackson) Criminal procedure: gender bias in sexual assault and domestic violence investigations. This bill establishes rights for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence to a fair, unbiased, and complete law enforcement investigation, requires state and local law enforcement agencies to adopt gender bias prevention policies, establishes a district attorney reinvestigation process, and requires a statewide public education campaign on sexual assault and domestic violence across all genders. After amendments taken in this Committee, this Committee waived hearing. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

AB 2563 (Pacheco) Sex discrimination: scope. This bill creates a consistent definition of "sex discrimination" across several codes, thereby implementing recommendations of the California Law Revision Commission. Status: Chap. 952, Stats. 2026.

AB 2599 (Bryan) Slavery: corporate disclosures. This bill requires certain companies to verify, under the penalty of perjury, that they have searched their records to determine if the company, or any related entity, bought or sold persons subjected to slavery, used persons subjected to slavery as collateral, provided loans to purchase persons subjected to slavery, insured such transactions, or provided related or other services to facilitate those transactions. Status: Chap. 954, Stats. 2026.

AB 2664 (Bauer-Kahan) Places of religious worship: unlawful activities. This bill makes it unlawful for a person to, within a radius of 100 feet from an entrance or exit of a place of religious worship, as defined, intentionally approach another person seeking to enter or exit a place of religious worship within eight feet of that person to either pass a leaflet or handbill to,

display a sign to, or engage in oral protest or education or to harass, obstruct, threaten, or intimidate the person or occupant. For purposes of determining that distance, the bill measures from the body of the person seeking to enter or exit, or the exterior of a motor vehicle they occupy, to the body of, or any sign or object held by, the other person. Status: Chap. 442, Stats. 2026.

ACA 7 (Jackson) Proposition 209. This proposed constitutional amendment, if approved by the voters, would replace the phrase "public education" with the phrase "higher education admissions and enrollment" for purposes of subdivision (a) of Section 31, of Article I of the California Constitution. This constitutional provision (commonly known as Proposition 209) prohibits state entities discriminating against, or giving preferential treatment to, any individual on the basis on the basis of race sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in the areas of public employment, public contracting, or public education. Status: Res. Chap. 223, Stats. 2026.

AJR 5 (Lee) Birthright citizenship. This resolution declares the Legislature's opposition to President Trump's Executive Order No. 14160 that sought to end birthright citizenship as established in the United States Constitution. The resolution also affirms the Legislature's commitment to birthright citizenship and lauds the importance of the United States Supreme Court's decision in *United States v. Wong Kim Ark* (1868) 169 U.S. 649. Status: Res. Chap. 178, Stats. 2025.

AJR 18 (Ramos) Wrongdoings committed against California Native Americans. This resolution calls upon the California Legislature to acknowledge its culpability in the long record of violence, land theft, and other wrongs committed against California Native Americans. The resolution commends and honors the resilience of indigenous Californians in resisting and surviving in the face of such hostility. Finally, the resolution calls upon the federal government to reaffirm and strengthen its collaboration with California tribes by recognizing tribal sovereignty, upholding treaty obligations, preserving cultural heritage, advancing economic opportunities, and ensuring equitable access to resources, healthcare, education, and environmental stewardship. Status: Dead, Sen Judiciary.

SB 418 (Menjivar) Health care coverage: nondiscrimination. Among other things, this bill prohibits a health care service plan or health insurer from taking specified actions relating to providing access to health programs and activities, including, but not limited to, denying or limiting health services to an individual based upon the individual's sex assigned at birth, gender identity, or gender otherwise recorded. Status: Vetoed.

SB 437 (Weber Pierson) CSU: claim eligibility: genealogy and descendants of enslaved persons. This bill authorizes up to $6 million of funds appropriated in the 2025 Budget Act for purposes of enabling the California State University (CSU) to explore options to determine how to confirm an individual's status as a descendant of an enslaved person. The bill requires CSU to annually submit a report to the Legislature and Governor on pending and completed research projects, along with a final report that includes recommendations for statewide implementation. Status: Chap. 755, Stats. 2025.

SB 518 (Weber Pierson) Descendants of enslaved persons: reparations. This bill, contingent upon appropriation of sufficient funding by the Legislature, establishes the Bureau for

Descendants of American Slavery (Bureau) within state government, and establishes the Bureau's duties relating to determining an individual's status as a descendant. Status: Chap. 586, Stats. 2025.

SB 747 (Wiener) Civil rights: deprivation of federal constitutional rights, privileges, and immunities. This bill provides that that every natural person who, under color of any law, statute, ordinance, regulation, custom, or usage, subjects, or causes to be subjected, any citizen of this state or any person within the jurisdiction thereof to the deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the United States Constitution, is to be liable to the party injured in an action at law, suit in equity, or other proper proceeding for redress. Status: Chap. 752, Stats. 2026.

SB 998 (Gonzalez) Educational equity: discrimination prevention coordinators. This bill requires the Office of Civil Rights (OCR), within the Government Operations Agency, to employ a Disability Discrimination Prevention Coordinator to be appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. The bill requires each coordinator to, among other things, develop, consult on, and provide discrimination education to teachers, staff, governing board and body members, administrators, and other local educational agency personnel. The bill also requires the OCR to employ a Deputy Coordinator on Anti-Black Racism, a Deputy Coordinator on Anti-Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (Anti-AANHPI) Discrimination, a Deputy Coordinator on Anti-Latino Discrimination, and a Deputy Coordinator on Anti-Native American Discrimination. Status: Chap. 670, Stats. 2026.

SB 1078 (Laird) Civil rights violations: service of process: Civil Rights Department. As heard by this Committee this bill added the Director of the Civil Rights Department to the list of persons who must be served a copy of a party's brief or petition associated with civil actions to enforce state civil rights statutes. The bill was subsequently amended to deal with gift certificate redemption value. Status: Chap. 420, Stats. 2026.

SB 1164 (Cervantes) Voting rights. This bill broadens the California Voting Rights Act of 2001 (CVRA), which prohibits at-large election methods that impair voting rights, to permit challenges to be brought against election methods or systems that result in voter suppression or voter dilution. The bill requires local government agencies that violate specified laws related to voting rights to receive preapproval from the Attorney General before implementing certain changes to election practices for a 10-year period. Status: Chap. 338, Stats. 2026.

SB 1237 (Blakespear) Civil Rights Department. This bill amends the Equal Pay Act by increasing penalties for employer noncompliance with pay data reporting requirements, and requires the Civil Rights Department to publish the number of total pay data reports submitted annually. Status: Chap. 1019, Stats. 2026.

SB 1387 (Stern) State agencies: collection and reporting of demographic data: Jewish identity. This bill requires a state agency that collects demographic data about ancestry or ethnic origin to include a separate category and tabulation for Jewish ancestry or ethnicity and makes corresponding changes in various code sections. Chap. 1033, Stats. 2026.

SCR 66 (Umberg) Law Day. This resolution recognizes May 1 as "Law Day," to not only commemorate the importance that law plays in California, but to stand in solidarity with the legal community. The resolution makes findings and declarations about the history of Law Day and about the current U.S. President's alleged assaults on the rule of law. Status: Res. Chap. 150, Stats. 2025.

SCR 89 (Smallwood-Cuevas) Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. This resolution affirms the Legislature's commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) and encourages local, state, and federal policymakers, among others, to adopt and uphold DEI principles. Status: Res. Chap. 159, Stats. 2026.

SJR 1 (Wiener) Rescinding previous applications for a federal constitutional convention. This resolution purports to rescind, nullify, and supersede all applications previously made by the California Legislature asking the United States Congress to call a convention for proposing amendments to the United States Constitution. Status: Res. Chap. 174, Stats. 2025.

Disability Rights

AB 649 (Lowenthal) Disability access: construction-related accessibility claims. This bill creates the Small Business Right to Cure Program, which allows businesses with 25 or fewer full-time employees to remediate within 120 days most construction-related accessibility violations on their premises for a period of six years after the business obtains a certified access specialist (CASp) inspection of the premises after January 1, 2026, and corrects all violations that are noted in the CASp report. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

AB 780 (Castillo) Disability access: construction-related accessibility claims. This bill prohibits a construction-related accessibility claim for statutory damages from being initiated in a legal proceeding against a defendant who employs 50 or fewer individuals, unless the defendant had been served with a letter specifying each alleged violation, and the alleged violations were not corrected within 120 days of service of the letter. The bill provides that a defendant would not be liable for statutory damages, plaintiff's attorney's fees, or costs for an alleged violation that were corrected within 120 days of service of a letter alleging the violation. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

AB 2190 (Wallis) Internet website accessibility. This bill provides an entity an affirmative defense to a civil action seeking statutory damages stemming from accessibility barriers on an entity's internet website if the entity publishes a digital accessibility report on the accessibility page of its internet website disclosing the specific access barrier and updates that report to reflect remediation of the access barrier and complies with various requirements to remedy access barriers. Status: Dead, Asm Inactive.

SB 84 (Niello) Disability access: construction-related accessibility claims. This bill prohibits a construction-related accessibility claim for statutory damages from being initiated in a legal proceeding against a defendant who employs 50 or fewer individuals, unless the defendant had been served with a letter specifying each alleged violation, and the alleged violations were not corrected within 120 days of service of the letter. The bill provides that a defendant would not be liable for statutory damages, plaintiff's attorney's fees, or costs for an alleged violation that were

corrected within 120 days of service of a letter alleging the violation. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

Personal Rights

AB 54 (Krell, Aguiar-Curry) Access to Safe Abortion Care Act. This bill prohibits a manufacturer, distributor, authorized health care provider, pharmacist, or individual from being subject to civil or criminal liability, or professional disciplinary action, for accessing, mailing, shipping, receiving, transporting, distributing, dispensing, or administering brand name or generic mifepristone or any drug used for medication abortion that is lawful under the laws of the state after January 1, 2020. Status: Dead, Sen Inactive File.

AB 67 (Bauer-Kahan) Attorney General: Reproductive Privacy Act: enforcement. This bill authorizes the Attorney General to enforce the Reproductive Privacy Act. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

AB 82 (Ward) Health care: legally protected health care activity. This bill expands safe haven protections against adverse action for aiding and assisting the access of legally protected health care activities in California, prohibits the reporting of testosterone and mifepristone to California's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, and requires bail to be set at zero dollars for an individual who is arrested in connection with a proceeding in another state regarding the individual performing, supporting, or aiding in the performance of "a legally protected health care activity," as defined. Status: Chap. 679, Stats. 2025.

AB 302 (Bauer-Kahan) Confidentiality of Medical Information Act: out of state court orders. As heard by the Committee, this bill specified the types of court orders that mandate a provider of health care to release medical information in response to a court order. It also prohibited a provider of healthcare from selling a patient's medical information for marketing purposes, or disclosing medical information to a person or entity that is not engaged in providing direct health care services to the patient or the patient's provider of health care or health care service plan or insurer or self-insured employer, unless expressly authorized by the patient to do so. The bill was subsequently amended to deal with addictive feeds in schools. Status: Chap. 181, Stats. 2026.

AB 935 (Ransom) State agencies: demographics. This bill requires the California Civil Rights Department to collect, publish, and transmit demographic information relative to ethnicity, race, gender, age, and other critical demographic information from complainants, as specified. Status: Chap. 717, Stats. 2025.

AB 1084 (Zbur) Change of name and gender and sex identifier. This bill, commencing July 1, 2026, streamlines the process for legally changing one's name, including a change of name to match a person's gender identity. Status: Chap. 723, Stats. 2025.

AB 1137 (Krell) Reporting mechanism: child sexual abuse material. This bill strengthens and clarifies AB 1394 (Wicks, 2023), which established a first-in-the-nation statutory framework to require social media platforms to remove child sexual abuse material (CSAM) reported by victims and to impose civil liability on platforms that knowingly facilitated the commercial sexual exploitation of minors through harmful design choices. This bill (1) allows any user—not

just the depicted minor—to report CSAM; (2) requires human review when automated systems fail to detect reported content; (3) enables public enforcement when a reporting mechanism is inaccessible or nonfunctional; and (4) ensures that platforms claiming a liability safe harbor have conducted independent, third-party audits that are made public. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

AB 1186 (Patel) Data collection: race and ethnicity: minimum categories. This bill requires any state agency, board, or commission that directly or by contract collects demographic data on the ethnic origin, ethnicity, or race of Californians to collect data on at least the minimum categories of race and ethnicity. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

AB 1930 (Zbur) Abortion or gender-affirming health care services: subpoenas, discovery requests, or other requests for information. This bill requires a person or entity that is located, headquartered, incorporated, or otherwise conducting business in California and receives, is served with, or is subject to a subpoena, discovery request, or other request for information that is part of a legal process related to a civil, criminal, regulatory, or legislative investigation regarding abortion or gender-affirming health care services to provide notice to the Attorney General at least seven business days prior to producing records in response to the request unless a shorter response time is required by federal law. Status: Chap. 468, Stats. 2026.

AB 2164 (Bauer-Kahan) Legally protected activities. This bill extends the protections applicable to persons who engage in legally protected health care activities to a person who has assisted or encouraged individuals in attempting to engage in reproductive health care services or gender-affirming health care in another U.S. jurisdiction, if their actions were permissible under the laws of that jurisdiction at the time of the occurrence, and prohibits the Governor from recognizing an extradition demand that is based in whole or in part on a theory that imposes liability for any legally protected health care activity unless required by federal law. Status: Vetoed.

SB 403 (Blakespear) End of Life Option Act: sunset. This bill repeals the January 1, 2031, expiration date of the End of Life Option Act, thereby extending the operation of the Act indefinitely. Status: Chap. 315, Stats. 2025.

SB 497 (Wiener) Legally protected health care activity. This bill enacts various safeguards against the enforcement within California of other states' laws that purport to penalize individuals from obtaining gender-affirming care that is legal to obtain in California. Status: Chap. 764, Stats. 2025.

SB 934 (Wiener) Sexual orientation or gender identity change efforts. This bill defines ″sexual orientation or gender identity change efforts″ to mean any practices of a licensed mental health provider that seek, during the provision of mental health services, to direct a patient toward a predetermined sexual orientation or gender identity outcome, regardless of the direction of the intended change and prohibits providers from engaging in these change efforts with a patient under 18 years of age. Status: Chap. 469, Stats. 2026.

SB 1088 (Blakespear) Health care decisions: life-sustaining treatment. This bill makes updates to existing law regarding life-sustaining treatment by replacing the term "Physician

Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment" with "Portable Orders Listing Scope of Treatment" (i.e., POLST); allowing electronic signatures on POLSTs; specifying that additional providers are authorized to sign requests regarding resuscitative measures; and providing that out-of-state requests regarding resuscitative measures or substantially similar instruments are valid and enforceable to the same extent as a POLST executed in this state. Status: Chap. 677, Stats. 2026.

SB 1189 (Valladares) Advance health care directive of a skilled nursing facility patient. This bill removes the provision in existing law permitting a "patient advocate" in lieu of an "ombudsman" to witness the advance health care directive of a person in a skilled nursing facility, leaving an ombudsman designated by the California Department of Aging as the only permissible witness for this purpose. Status: Dead, Asm Inactive.

Privacy Rights

AB 45 (Bauer-Kahan) Privacy: health data: location and research. This bill prohibits the use of geofencing technology near healthcare facilities and expands protections for personally identifiable data collected within them to cover both patients and visitors. The bill also enhances research privacy protections by preventing the release of personally identifiable information if the subpoena is issued under a law that conflicts with California′s legal standards. Status: Chap. 134, Stats. 2025.

AB 1043 (Wicks) Age verification signals. This bill establishes an operating-system and app-store age-signal framework to help developers comply with youth protections. Operating system providers collect a user's birth date/age from the account holder at setup and transmit a real-time API "age bracket" signal (under 13; 13–15; 16–17; 18+) to requesting applications, sending only the minimum data necessary and not sharing it beyond what the bill requires. Developers must request the signal at download/launch, are deemed to have actual knowledge of the user's age range, must treat the signal as the primary indicator unless they possess clear and convincing internal information to the contrary, and may not seek or share more information than necessary. Legacy devices and apps must be brought into compliance by July 1, 2027. The bill provides for civil penalties and shields good-faith OS/app-store efforts from liability for erroneous signals or developer conduct. The bill includes antitrust and nondiscrimination safeguards (including parity for first-party apps), limits additional data collection, excludes broadband, telecom, and physical products, and disclaims liability for use by someone other than the signaled user. Delays implementation until January 1, 2027. Status: Chap. 675, Stats. 2025.

AB 1303 (Valencia) Communications: lifeline telephone service program. This bill prohibits the California Public Utilities Commission and providers and administrators of the California LifeLine program from sharing program applicant or subscriber information with local, state, or federal agencies without a court-ordered subpoena or judicial warrant; prohibits the LifeLine program from requiring applicants and subscribers to provide social security numbers; and declares the LifeLine program a state law within the meaning of a specified federal law. Status: Chap. 347, Stats. 2025.

AB 1355 (Ward) Location privacy. This bill prohibits specified entities from collecting or processing location information of an individual user unless doing so is necessary to provide goods or services requested by that user and makes an entity that violates the bill's provisions

liable for actual or statutory damages, and authorizes public prosecutors to bring a claim to recover a civil penalty. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

SB 50 (Ashby) Connected devices: survivor protections. This bill addresses tech-enabled abuse by letting survivors (or their designees) submit a "device protection request" to cut off an abuser's access to connected devices or accounts. Specifically, this bill requires that within two business days of receiving a device protection request that the account manager for the device deny access to any person listed in the protection request. Status: Chap. 676, Stats. 2025.

SB 313 (Cervantes) Vital records: birth certificates. Requires the birthplace of each parent, beginning July 1, 2027, to be contained in the medical and social information section of the live birth certificate, which is confidential, rather than the publicly available section containing items necessary to establish the fact of the birth. States that it is necessary to limit the public's right of access to this information in order to protect the privacy of persons with regard to information about the birthplace of their parents, except for access by authorized entities or individuals for health-related or other limited purposes. Status: Chap. 669, Stats. 2025.

SB 683 (Cortese) Privacy: use of a person's name, voice, signature, photograph, or likeness: injunctive relief. This bill clarifies that individuals whose identity is commercially exploited without consent may seek injunctive relief; and establishes a statutory timeline for compliance with a temporary restraining order. Status: Chap. 590, Stats. 2025.

Employment Rights

AB 427 (Jackson) Social workers: interstate compact. This bill ratifies and approves the Social Work Licensure Compact. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

AB 672 (Caloza) Public employment: notifications and right of intervention. This bill required plaintiffs who seek to prevent a public employee strike, petitioning a superior court for an injunction, to notify the Public Employment Relations Board (PERB) of their petition. The bill authorized PERB to intervene in the plaintiffs' civil action in superior court, granted PERB the right to intervene in injunctive relief petitions involving trial court employees, and required the Judicial Council to adopt related rules. The bill was subsequently amended to deal with taxation. Status: Chap. 868, Stats. 2026.

AB 692 (Kalra) Employment: contracts in restraint of trade. This bill makes it unlawful to include in any employment contract, or to require a worker to execute as, a condition of employment, a contract that that requires a worker to assume a debt if the employment is terminated, except as provided. The bill also specifies that such a contract is an unlawful contract in restraint of trade and provides for a private right of action. Status: Chap. 703, Stats. 2025.

AB 845 (Arambula) Office of the State Farmworker Ombudsperson. As referred to this Committee, this bill established the Office of the State Farmworker Ombudsperson. The bill required the Office to field and respond to complaints from agricultural employees, among other tasks. The bill was subsequently amended to require multiple agencies to collaborate to respond to employee complaints, removing it from the jurisdiction of the Committee. Status: Chap. 624, Stats. 2025.

AB 1002 (Gabriel) Contractors: failure to pay wages: discipline: enforcement. This bill authorizes the Attorney General to bring a civil claim and impose discipline on a contractor for failing to pay its workers appropriately or failing to fulfill a wage judgment. Status: Chap. 567, Stats. 2025.

AB 1221 (Bryan) Workplace surveillance tools. This bill prohibits the use of workplace surveillance tools in various contexts as well as an employer's use of worker data in specified ways. The bill requires enforcement by the Labor Commissioner and authorizes an employee to bring a civil action and recover civil penalties. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

AB 1234 (Ortega) Employment: nonpayment of wages: complaints. This bill makes changes to the process by which the Labor Commissioner investigates and adjudicates employee complaints of wage theft, as specified, and authorizes the Labor Commissioner to impose an administrative fee with any order, decision, or award, as specified. Status: Dead, Sen Inactive File.

AB 1331 (Elhawary) Workplace surveillance. This bill limits the use of workplace surveillance tools by employers in specified employee-only areas of a workplace or in employer-controlled off-site locations. The bill authorizes the Labor Commissioner and public prosecutors to enforce its provisions through civil actions and recover civil penalties. Status: Chap. 851, Stats. 2026.

AB 1803 (Lowenthal) Employment training and education: anti-hate speech. This bill adds to the sexual harassment and abusive conduct training requirement for employers of five or more employees, a component on anti-hate speech. The bill specifies that the anti-hate speech training shall provide supervisors and employees with practical guidance on recognizing, reporting, and confronting workplace speech that vilifies, humiliates, or incites hatred against people based on the protected characteristics provided under the Fair Housing and Employment Act. Status: Chap. 547, Stats. 2026.

AB 1870 (Flora) Private Attorneys General Act: penalties: reduction. This bill creates a rebuttable presumption that an employer subject to a PAGA action took all reasonable steps to avoid a violation if they engage in specified compliance activities within the 24 months preceding the alleged violation, provide documentation to the Labor and Workforce Development Agency, and certify under penalty of perjury that the violation has been cured, as specified. Status: Dead, Asm Labor and Employment.

AB 1883 (Bryan) Workplace surveillance tools. This bill regulates the use of specified workplace surveillance tools, including by prohibiting an employer from using a workplace surveillance tool that uses artificial intelligence to collect neural data or recognize an individual's emotional state. The bill also authorizes a public prosecutor to bring a civil action to enforce against a violation of its provisions and collect civil penalties. After amendments taken in Privacy Committee, this Committee waived hearing. Status: Chap. 853, Stats. 2026.

AB 1898 (Schultz) Workplace artificial intelligence tools. This bill requires employers to provide written notice to workers that a workplace artificial intelligence tool was used to assist the employer in making employment-related decisions or surveil workers in the workplace. The

bill also authorizes a public prosecutor to bring a civil action to enforce against a violation of its provisions and collect civil penalties. After amendments taken in Privacy Committee, this Committee waived hearing. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

AB 1940 (Calderon) Unlawful practices: discrimination: menopause. This bill expands the definition of ″sex" as a protected category under the Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA), to include perimenopause, menopause, or postmenopause or medical conditions related to perimenopause, menopause, and postmenopause. The bill also provides that "medical condition," as used in connection with the definition of "sex" in the Unruh Civil Rights Act and FEHA includes, but is not limited to, the conditions included in FEHA's definition of "medical condition." Status: Vetoed.

AB 1992 (Dixon) Private Attorneys General Act: notice and cure: filing fees. This bill exempts a nonprofit organization from the provisions of an existing law that requires an employer to pay a fee when responding to a notice of violation filed with the Labor and Workforce Development Agency. Status: Dead, Asm Labor & Employment.

AB 2021 (Schiavo) California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018: whistleblower complaints. This bill authorizes a person to submit a whistleblower complaint to the California Privacy Protection Agency, and makes the whistleblower eligible for an award if the agency designates the complaint for administrative enforcement. Status: Dead, Asm Privacy and Consumer Protection.

AB 2027 (Ward) Worker data: prohibitions: artificial intelligence. This bill prohibits an employer or third-party vendor from using a worker's personal information to train an artificial intelligence system to replicate, automate, or replace the workers job. The bill also authorizes a public prosecutor to bring a civil action to enforce against a violation of its provisions and collect civil penalties. After amendments taken in Privacy Committee, this Committee waived hearing. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

AB 2095 (Lee) Employment discrimination: criminal conviction history. This bill makes certain changes to the Fair Chance Act relating to employment discrimination on the basis of an applicant's or an employee's conviction history. The bill, among other things, revises the list of practices that are unlawful for employers with five or more employees to undertake, adding requirements to the individualized assessment procedures, and removing the exemption for a position as a farm labor contractor. Status: Dead, Asm Inactive File.

AB 2529 (Johnson) Civil claims: public entities and employees: declaration. This bill requires that a claim against a public entity or public employee under the Government Claims Act include a declaration that, upon information and belief, the contents of the claim are true and correct. Status: Chap. 618, Stats. 2026.

A**B 2530 (Caloza) Employment: Cal/WARN Act: plant closings and layoffs.** This bill applies to public employers the provisions of the Cal/WARN Act, which currently requires private employers to notify employees of the sale or planned closings of a business establishment. The bill clarifies who is responsible for providing notice in the event of the sale of a covered establishment. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

SB 7 (McNerney) Automated Decision Systems in the Workplace. This bill sets baseline workplace AI guardrails: requires plain-language notice and transparency (including data sources and quotas), gives workers post-decision notice and access to ADS-used data, prohibits undisclosed or discriminatory uses and sole reliance on ADS for adverse actions (requiring human review), and bar retaliation. Enforcement would lie with the Labor Commissioner and public prosecutors (injunctive relief and a per-violation penalty), with coordination to CCPA rules. This bill was triple referred to Labor, Privacy, and Judiciary. After amendments taken in prior committees, the Committee waived hearing. Status: Vetoed.

SB 261 (Wahab) Division of Labor Standards Enforcement: orders, decisions, and awards. This bill imposes a civil penalty on an employer who has an outstanding order, decision, or award of up to three times the outstanding amount. Additionally, the bill requires a public prosecutor as an assignee of the judgment creditor to be awarded any court costs and reasonable fees for enforcing a judgment stemming from an ODA. Status: Chap. 747, Stats. 2025.

SB 294 (Reyes) The Workplace Know Your Rights Act. This bill establishes the Workplace Know Your Rights act which requires an employer, on specified dates and intervals, to provide written notice to employees of certain rights in the workplace, including workers' compensation benefits, rights related to immigration inspections and enforcement in the workplace, and the right to unionize. Status: Chap. 667, Stats. 2025.

SB 355 (Perez) Judgment debtor employers: EDD. This bill requires, within 60 days of a final judgment being entered against an employer, a judgment debtor to provide documentation to the Labor Commissioner that the judgment is fully satisfied or other specified requirements have been met. In the event that the employer does not provide the required documentation, this bill makes the employer liable for a civil penalty collected by the Labor Commissioner. Status: Vetoed.

SB 400 (Cortese) Labor: elective compensation under the Inflation Reduction Act. This bill authorizes, until January 1, 2029, a taxpayer, employer, contractor, or subcontractor to elect to make elective retroactive wage payments to workers who perform work on a qualified renewable clean energy facility pursuant to the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 that is not a public works project. The bill clarifies that such a payment does not, by itself, constitute a violation of existing provisions of the Labor Code. Status: Chap. 220, Stats. 2025.

SB 464 (Smallwood-Cuevas) Employer pay data. This bill requires an employer to collect and store any demographic data gathered by an employer or labor contractor for the purpose of submitting the pay data report separately from personnel records and, beginning January 1, 2027, also increases the number of job categories. Additionally, the bill authorizes a court to impose a civil penalty against an employer that fails to file the required report if requested by the Civil Rights Department. Status: Chap. 760, Stats. 2025.

SB 597 (Cortese) Labor-related liabilities: direct contractor and subcontractor. This bill revises and recasts existing provisions imposing joint liability on direct contractors and subcontractors for failure to pay workers at any level of contracting. Specifically, the bill makes the existing provisions relating to joint liability for unpaid fringe payments to more closely adhere to mechanics' lien statutes. Status: Chap. 774, Stats. 2025.

SB 642 (Limon) Employment: payment of wages. This bill makes various clarifying changes to the Equal Pay Act and Pay Transparency Act, including defining "pay scale" for purposes of job postings to mean the wage range an employer reasonably expects to pay the position upon hire. Additionally, the bill modifies the statute of limitations for the Equal Pay Act to be extended to three years. Finally, the bill authorizes plaintiffs who bring a claim under the Equal Pay Act to recover for an ongoing violation for a period of up to 10 years. Status: Chap. 468, Stats. 2025.

SB 648 (Smallwood-Cuevas) Employment: gratuities: enforcement. This bill authorizes the Labor Commissioner to investigate and issue a citation or file a civil action for gratuities owed to a worker. Status: Chap. 93, Stats. 2025.

SB 809 (Durazo) Employees and independent contractors: construction trucking. This bill establishes the Construction Trucking Employer Amnesty Program which allows an eligible construction contractor to be relieved of liability for some statutory or civil penalties related to misclassification of workers if they complete a specified settlement agreement with the Labor Commissioner. Status: Chap. 659, Stats. 2025.

SB 847 (Reyes) Workers' compensation: uninsured employer: transfer of real property. This bill authorizes the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations to determine, according to the evidence available, whether a transfer of real property by an uninsured employer or a substantial shareholder was intended to retain a beneficial interest in the real property with a resulting trust for the benefit of such transferor. If such a determination is made, the bill requires the Director to record a certificate of lien attached to that resulting trust in the property. Status: Chap. 790, Stats. 2025.

SB 947 (McNerney) Employment: automated decision systems. This bill, beginning July 1, 2027, regulates an employer′s use of automated decision systems (ADS), as specified, including prohibiting an employer from relying solely on an ADS to make disciplinary, termination, or deactivation decisions. Status: Chap. 859, Stats. 2026.

SB 1316 (Smallwood-Cuevas) Employment. This bill authorizes the Labor Commissioner (LC) to renew for an additional period of ten years a lien on an employer's property for an unsatisfied wage judgment and precludes employers, including public works contractors or subcontractors, from introducing certain evidence at administrative or writ hearings if the employer previously failed to provide that evidence to the LC upon request, subject to certain exceptions. Status: Chap. 157, Stats. 2026.

SB 1371 (Durazo) Solid waste handling services: labor dispute. This bill, commencing for all agreements entered into on or after January 1, 2027, prohibits and deems any force majeure provisions in a franchise contract, license, or permit for solid waste handling services void and unenforceable to the extent that it excuses or suspends performance due to a work stoppage arising out of or in connection with a labor dispute. Status: Chap. 704, Stats. 2026.

PROBATE AND RELATED MATTERS

Civil Commitment, Conservatorship and Guardianship

AB 416 (Krell) Involuntary commitment: emergency physician. This bill requires a county behavioral health director to include emergency physicians (EPs) as professionals who are eligible to be designated by the county when it develops procedures for designating and training professionals to initiate involuntary detentions pursuant to Section 5150 of the Welfare & Institutions Code. It also provides that an EP who detains a person in a county-designated facility has qualified immunity from civil and criminal liability for any action by a person released at or before the end of the period for which the person was admitted pursuant to the provisions of the appropriate article. Status: Chap. 691, Stats. 2025.

AB 495 (C. Rodriguez) Family Preparedness Plan Act of 2025. This bill establishes the Family Preparedness Plan Act. The Act involves various changes to existing law to bolster protections for immigrant parents and their children. First, the bill revises the definition of a relative who is allowed to execute a caregiver's authorization affidavit to conform with existing provisions of the Family Code and grants them the same rights as a guardian for purposes of authorizing medical care. Second, the bill expands existing provisions authorizing joint guardianship to also be available for parents who may be absent or unavailable to parent a child in the future. Third, the bill imposes requirements on licensed day care and child care facilities as those required of public schools related to authorizing entry and access of agents for immigration activity. Finally, the bill requires disclosure of information by school districts to the Attorney General related to immigration enforcement activity, and requires revisions to the Attorney General's guidance on how districts should respond to immigration enforcement. Status: Chap. 664, Stats. 2025.

AB 1025 (Pellerin) Standby guardianship of minors. This bill establishes the Standby Caretaker Act. The Standby Caretaker Act would authorize, subject to specified conditions, a custodial parent of a minor to nominate another person to serve as a standby caretaker of a minor child upon the occurrence of an activating event, and further nominate a second person to serve as an alternate standby caretaker. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

AB 1105 (Quirk-Silva) Conservatorships. This bill expands the types of residential facilities a conservator may have selected to authorize the placement of a conservatee to include certain facilities with a secured perimeter, delayed egress device, or both. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

AB 1676 (Stefani) Mental health services: AOT. This bill authorizes a county behavioral health director to file a petition for an order authorizing the use of involuntary psychotropic medication independent of, or concurrently with, a petition for assisted outpatient treatment (AOT) and authorizes a court to issue an order for the use of involuntary medication if a licensed mental health treatment provider has determined the person who is the subject of the petition has a serious mental disorder. The bill also authorizes a licensed mental health provider, as described, to request that first responders take the subject of the petition into custody and transport the person to a designated facility for the administration of the court-ordered medication if certain conditions are met. Status: Dead, Asm Health.

AB 1824 (Ramos) Indian children: guardianship or conservatorship proceedings. This bill codifies certain provisions of the federal Indian Child Welfare act of 1978 (ICWA) into the Probate Code and creates consistency between the Probate Code and existing state law across the

Family Code and Welfare and Institutions Code currently referred to as the California Indian Child Welfare Act (CalICWA). Status: Chap. 454, Stats. 2026.

AB 2090 (Macedo) Guardianships and conservatorships: accounting exemptions. This bill increases the financial threshold for when a court may exempt a conservator or guardianship from presenting an accounting of the estate to the court or posting a bond with the court. Status: Chap. 72, Stats. 2026.

SB 16 (Blakespear) Mental health: involuntary commitment. This bill requires, rather than permits, a county behavioral health director to establish and implement procedures for designating and training professionals to initiate involuntary detentions pursuant to Section 5150 of the Welfare & Institutions Code. Status: Chap. 314, Stats. 2026.

SB 27 (Umberg) CARE Act. This bill makes numerous changes to the Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act, including by allowing persons who are found incompetent to stand trial and charged with felonies to be diverted from criminal proceedings and referred to a CARE Act court; expanding the mental health criteria for a person to be eligible for participation in the CARE program to include "bipolar I disorder with psychotic features, except psychosis related to current intoxication"; and allowing a nurse practitioner and physician assistant to be a licensed behavioral health professional for purposes of individuals authorized to prepare an affidavit supporting a CARE process petition. Status: Chap. 528, Stats. 2025.

SB 28 (Umberg) CARE Court program. This bill makes numerous changes to the Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act, including expanding the scope of evidence a court may consider as part of a CARE petition; requiring the Department of Health Care Services to develop a model exit plan for individuals who need a higher level of care than is available through the CARE process; and establishing a CARE Court ombudsperson to oversee complaints regarding the program, among other things. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

SB 331 (Menjivar) Substance abuse. As referred to this Committee, this bill permitted an original petitioner to be assigned ongoing rights by the court throughout the CARE process; and defined "mental health disorder" for purposes of the Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act as any condition outlined in the current edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders. This bill was subsequently amended to focus on health care coverage for hearing aids. Status: Chap. 966, Stats. 2026.

SB 471 (Menjivar) Office of the Lanterman Ombudsperson. This bill establishes the Office of the Developmental Services Ombudsperson (Office) as an independent and autonomous entity within the Department of Developmental Services (DDS); specifies rules regarding information and records obtained and disclosed by the Office; and provides governmental immunity to the Ombudsperson. Status: Chap. 223, Stats 2025.

SB 561 (Blakespear) Appointment of public guardians. This bill requires the public guardian of a county to acknowledge receipt of a referral for conservatorship or guardianship, to complete an investigation within a reasonable period of time, and to provide status updates of the investigation to the referring party upon request. Status: Chap. 649, Stats. 2026.

SB 989 (Blakespear) CARE court program. This bill authorizes a first responder to request that a county behavioral health agency file a petition to commence the CARE process for an individual they believe meets the program's criteria and requires the agency to review the request and determine whether to file a petition within 30 business days. Status: Chap. 667, Stats. 2026.

SB 1016 (Blakespear) CARE court program and court-ordered evaluations. This bill authorizes a court to order the county to conduct a pre-petition screening pursuant to the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act, if it intends to dismiss a CARE Act petition because a respondent needs a higher level of services and hold the CARE petition open until the pre-petition screening by the county is complete. This bill also requires a county behavioral agency's report to the court about a respondent to include a determination regarding whether the respondent needs a higher level of care than is available through the CARE process and removes the authorization for a court to dismiss the petition if the respondent is only likely to enroll in behavioral health treatment. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

SB 1242 (Choi) CARE court program. This bill allows the original petitioner of a CARE Act petition to provide various information regarding a respondent, including a respondent's condition, treatment history and housing status, to the CARE team and requires the CARE team to receive, and review information. Status: Chap. 687, Stats. 2026.

Elder Abuse

AB 251 (Kalra) Elders and dependent adults: abuse or neglect. This bill authorizes a court to reduce the standard of proof required to prove abuse, abandonment, or neglect of an elder or dependent adult in a civil action from clear and convincing evidence, to preponderance of the evidence, in cases where the defendant has engaged in spoliation of the evidence substantiating the abuse. Status: Chap. 433, Stats. 2025.

AB 871 (Stefani) Mandated reporters of suspected financial abuse of an elder or dependent adult. This bill requires a financial institution to provide annual training to its mandated reporters of suspected financial abuse of an elder or dependent adult on how to report suspected abuse to the relevant authority. It also requires a federal institution to share information on reporting mechanisms upon discovering potential financial abuse and encourage clients to submit timely complaints. Status: Chap. 360, Stats. 2026.

AB 909 (Schiavo) Financial abuse of an elder or dependent adult: mandated reporters. This bill establishes comprehensive consumer protections for elders and dependent adults who are victims of fraudulently induced financial transactions. It caps an injured consumer's liability at $50 or the amount transacted before the financial institution had notice, places the burden of proof on financial institutions in disputes, and requires provisional recrediting of accounts pending investigation. Financial institutions that failed to comply could be subject to civil liability, treble damages, statutory damages, and attorney's fees. The bill creates reimbursement rights against recipients of fraudulent transfers and joint liability among financial institutions that received proceeds. It also authorizes injured consumers to assert fraud-related defenses in debt collection actions, with treble damages against creditors or debt collectors who pursued debts despite notice of fraud. Status: Dead, Asm Banking & Finance.

Probate

AB 586 (Flora) Professional fiduciaries. This bill authorizes licensed professional fiduciaries to form professional fiduciary corporations under the Moscone-Knox Professional Corporation Act, subject to specified requirements. Each corporation would be required to register with the Secretary of State, ensure that only actively licensed fiduciaries provide services, and prohibit disqualified or unlicensed persons from serving as officers, directors, or shareholders. Corporate names would be required to include the name of a qualified licensee, who would have served as the primary contact with the bureau. The bill bars fiduciary corporations from billing clients for incorporation costs or name changes, and authorizes the bureau to adopt implementing regulations. Corporations would be required, upon request, to submit a corporation-wide report containing information on licensees, entity filings, client case logs, and aggregate managed assets, with failure to respond within 60 days deemed unprofessional conduct. The report would be treated as an investigatory licensing record, subject to limited disclosure exceptions. Finally, the bill prohibits superior courts from appointing a fiduciary or fiduciary corporation unless duly licensed, exempt, or organized under Moscone-Knox. Status: Held, Sen. Appropriations.

AB 1660 (Schiavo) Public guardians and public administrators. This bill permits a court to award sanctions of no less than $1,000 per violation if a financial institution or other person fails to comply with existing requirements to provide information or surrender property of a decedent, minor, or conservatee to a public administrator or public guardian that is authorized to take possession and control of such property. The bill also specifies that a financial institution must receive notice of violation and makes written certifications valid for 60 days, as specified. Status: Chap. 369, Stats. 2026.

AB 1939 (Flora) Professional fiduciaries: corporate practice. This bill establishes a registration pathway for professional fiduciary corporations formed under the Moscone-Knox Professional Corporation Act, requiring licensees to notify the Professional Fiduciaries Bureau (PFB) of such service and submit specified annual reports. It also clarifies which entities a superior court may appoint to fiduciary positions, while requiring licensees to resign from any unlawful appointments and forfeiting their right to payment for services rendered under them. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

AB 2199 (Macedo) Statutory form power of attorney. This bill modernizes the statutory form power of attorney by aligning the new form with the Revised Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act, authorizing the appointment of a successor attorney-in-fact, and reorganizes the exiting statutory form power of attorney to make the form more user friendly. Status: Chap. 47, Stats. 2026.

AB 2283 (J. Gonzalez) State Public Guardian. This bill requires the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), upon appropriation by the Legislature, to establish a full-time position known as the State Public Guardian to assist county public guardians and public conservators in performing their duties under the Probate Code, including by providing technical assistance, developing a standardized referral form, and exploring a standardized statewide reporting system. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

SB 1264 (Valladares) Probate: notice of death for child support obligations. Expands existing obligations of a personal representative or estate attorney to provide notice to the Department of Child Support Services of the death of an individual with a child support obligation to include notice when an heir or beneficiary of the estate is subject to a child support order. Status: Chap. 427, Stats. 2026.

Trusts and Estates

AB 565 (Dixon) Representation of trust beneficiaries. This bill modifies existing law to allow that, for the purpose of establishing, modifying, or executing a trust, notice provided to a person authorized to represent and bind another person is sufficient to comply with notice requirements for actions regarding a trust, subject to specified limitations and requirements. Status: Chap. 39, Status. 2025.

AB 2658 (Ellis) Community property in trust. This bill clarifies that a spouse may establish a trust and fund that trust by transferring to it that spouse's half of the community real property, community personal property, and quasi-community personal property for the purpose of disposing of that spouses half on that spouse's death. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

PROPERTY AND RELATED MATTERS

Mortgage Lending and Foreclosure

AB 238 (Harabedian) Mortgage forbearance: state of emergency: wildfire. This bill enacts the Mortgage Forbearance Act to provide temporary relief for borrowers financially impacted by the January 2025 Eaton and Palisades wildfires. Eligible borrowers may request up to 12 months of mortgage payment forbearance in 90-day increments, without late fees, default interest, or foreclosure activity during the forbearance period. Servicers must respond promptly to requests, provide written explanations for denials, and allow borrowers to cure curable defects. Forborne payments must ultimately be repaid, but lump-sum repayment is prohibited if the borrower was current at entry into forbearance. The bill requires credit reporting to treat accounts in forbearance as current and prohibits foreclosure while forbearance terms are met. Provisions defer to federally backed servicing guidelines where compliance would otherwise conflict. The Department of Financial Protection and Innovation must provide borrowers with guidance and resources online. The bill is an urgency statute and takes immediate effect. Status: Chap. 128, Stats. 2025.

AB 1158 (Chen) Mortgages. This bill seeks to address widespread concerns about the misuse of California's post-foreclosure bidding framework enacted under SB 1079 (Skinner, 2020), which was intended to allow tenants, affordable housing nonprofits, and public entities to acquire residential properties after foreclosure. This bill narrows the definition of "eligible property" to exclude uninhabitable, high-value, and junior lien properties; eliminates the categories of prospective owner-occupants and nonprofit corporations from the list of eligible post-sale bidders; and imposes enhanced documentation requirements on tenant buyers, including a recorded one-year occupancy covenant. In response to reports of manipulation and suppression of foreclosure auction activity, the bill requires successful SB 1079 bidders to pay a 1.2% time-value reimbursement to the original auction winner and authorizes the high bidder to bring a

private right of action against fraudulent post-sale bidders. The bill codifies liability protections and clarifies post-sale duties, including timely return of funds and final disbursements. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

AB 1842 (Harabedian) California Emergency Mortgage Relief Act. This bill requires a mortgage servicer to offer mortgage payment forbearance of a period of up to an initial 180 days, to be extended at the request of the borrower in 90-day increments, up to a maximum forbearance period of 12 months during a federally declared emergency. The bill also authorizes a borrower to request forbearance on a residential mortgage, as specified, and prohibits a mortgage servicer from assessing any late fees to the borrower′s account or charging a default rate of interest during the forbearance period. Status: Chap. 241, Stats. 2026.

AB 1847 (Harabedian) Mortgage forbearance: state of emergency: wildfire. This bill extends the maximum period of forbearance required to be offered to mortgage borrowers affected by the 2025 Los Angeles wildfires from 12 months to 24 months and requires a mortgage servicer to offer the borrower the option to defer repayment of forborne amounts to the end of loan term, unless prohibited by investor contract terms or servicing guidelines. Status: Chap. 242, Stats. 2026.

AB 1957 (Pacheco) Mortgages: foreclosure. This bill provides that a trustee's sale of eligible property, as defined, is not final until the earliest of various time periods and makes various changes designed to address potential fraud in trustee sales of foreclosed properties. The bill, among other things, changes the term "eligible tenant buyer" to "eligible tenant bidder," and redefines the term "eligible bidder" to remove prospective owner-occupants and to mean an eligible tenant bidder or an eligible community bidder, as defined. The bill authorizes certain persons to seek a civil penalty to enforce the bill's provisions, as specified, and makes conforming changes. Status: Chap. 279, Stats. 2026.

AB 2145 (Garcia) Housing finance: barriers to downsizing: study. This bill requires the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), upon appropriation by the Legislature, to conduct a study assessing the need and desire among seniors (age 60 or older) to downsize their homes, and to submit a report to the Legislature within one year of appropriation. The study must examine reasons seniors choose to downsize, financial and nonfinancial barriers, housing preference trends across age cohorts, and the feasibility of enabling seniors to transfer their existing mortgage interest rate to a new home. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

SB 750 (Cortese) California Residential Mortgage Insurance Act. This bill, subject to voter approval of a constitutional amendment, establishes the California Housing Finance and Credit Program (Program), a state-backed credit enhancement program for affordable housing construction loans administered by the California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA). Status: Chap. 803, Stats. 2026.

Personal Property

AB 498 (M. Rodriguez) Self-service storage facilities: lien notices: email. This bill, sponsored by the Self Storage Association and the California Self Storage Association, seeks to modernize the methods by which self-storage facility owners may provide statutory lien notices to

occupants. The measure allows a self-storage owner to satisfy their lien notification obligations via email, so long as there is evidence that the occupant actually opened, downloaded, or otherwise acknowledged receipt of the notice. Status: Chap. 369, Stats. 2025.

AB 1447 (Gipson) Unclaimed property: notice. This bill amends the Unclaimed Property Law (UPL) to clarify when the State Controller must provide notice to an apparent owner by mail that the apparent owner appears to be entitled to property that escheated to the Controller. The bill also expands provisions regarding escheatment of intangible interests to include securities, and include in the requirements for escheatment that the owner does not respond to the required notice or otherwise indicate an interest within the specified period of time. Status: Dead, Sen Judiciary.

AB 2335 (Valencia) Unclaimed property: digital financial assets. This bill establishes the Digital Asset Reserve Fund managed by the State Controller and directs the Controller to deposit digital financial assets that have escheated to the state in the Reserve Fund. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

SB 709 (Menjivar) Self-service storage: rental agreement disclosures. This bill, for rental agreements initially entered into on or after January 1, 2026, requires a rental agreement to disclose, in a prescribed manner, certain items, including whether the rental fee is discounted or promotional, whether the rental fee is subject to change, and the maximum rental fee that the owner could charge during the first 12 months following the date of the rental agreement. Status: Chap. 353, Stats. 2025.

SB 822 (Becker) Unclaimed property: digital financial assets. This bill modernizes California's Unclaimed Property Law (UPL) to expressly include digital financial assets—such as cryptocurrency—within the scope of property that may escheat to the state when unclaimed. Specifically, the bill provides that digital financial assets held or maintained by a business association or other entity in the ordinary course of business are subject to escheat to the state under the same conditions and dormancy periods that apply to other forms of intangible personal property. The bill permits the Controller to convert the digital assets to fiat currency within a limited time period, and enables the owner to receive the net proceeds. The bill also permits the Controller to select one or more custodians for the management and safekeeping of digital assets that have escheated to the state in consideration of certain criteria. Status: Chap. 660, Stats. 2025.

SB 1066 (Niello) Unclaimed property. This bill extends the dormancy period after which most unclaimed property is presumed abandoned and escheats to the state, from three years to seven years, and requires the State Controller to maintain escheated property in its escheated form rather than selling the property. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

SB 1112 (Archuleta) Vehicles: towing companies and storage facilities. This bill creates a process allowing the owner, lienholder, or insurer of a towed or stored vehicle to post a bond or other adequate security with the court to obtain release of the vehicle while challenging the towing and storage charges in court. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

SB 1288 (Laird) Property: nonprobate transfer of ownership. This bill requires a registering entity that receives information about the death of all owners of a security designated for

nonprobate transfer to initiate its beneficiary notification process, as specified. The bill requires the registering entity to make a reasonable and good faith effort, as defined, to notify each named beneficiary and to distribute the beneficiary's share within 60 days, subject to certain exemptions and qualifications. Status: Chap. 691, Stats. 2026.

SB 1405 (Smallwood-Cuevas) Unclaimed personal property: employee benefit plan distributions. This bill amends the Unclaimed Property Law to allow forfeited employee benefit plan distributions to escheat to the state's unclaimed property fund under specified conditions and authorizes the State Controller to enter California into a multistate collaborative agreement for ensuring the delivery of escheated employee benefit plan distributions. Status: Chap. 711, Stats. 2026.

Common Interest Developments

AB 21 (DeMaio) Common interest developments: association management and meeting procedures. This bill establishes the Homeowner Association Accountability and Transparency Act of 2025, to make various changes to the Common Interest Development Open Meeting Act, regarding the management and meeting procedures and protocols for homeowner associations. Status: Failed, Asm Housing & Community Development.

AB 1684 (Ward) Common interest developments: cooling systems. This bill clarifies that a homeowner association cannot prohibit or restrict a member from installing a cooling system on their separate property interest so long as the system meets specified safety and operational requirements. Status: Chap. 887, Stats. 2026.

AB 1892 (Davies) Common interest developments: associations. This bill makes numerous changes to the Davis-Stirling Common Interest Development Act regulating common interest developments, including clarifying utility service restoration responsibilities, modifying election nomination notice timelines, and revising notice requirements for electronic secret ballots. Status: Chap. 169, Stats. 2026.

AB 2035 (Dixon) Common interest developments: declarations: amendments. This bill authorizes homeowner associations that are age designated for seniors to amend the association's Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions with a 37 percent quorum vote. Status: Chap. 916, Stats. 2026.

AB 2050 (Caloza) Common interest developments: reserve accounts. This bill requires, beginning January 1, 2032, a homeowners association to include in its three-year reserve study the minimum reserve contribution level to prevent the projected association reserve account balance from falling below zero over the following 30 years and to fund the reserve account on an annual basis in at least the minimum reserve contribution level included in the most recent three-year reserve study. Status: Chap. 796, Stats. 2026.

AB 2429 (Rubio) Common interest developments: governing documents: assessments. This bill modifies the Davis-Stirling Common Interest Development Act by prohibiting a homeowners association from restricting a member's use of public streets, requires delivery of notice to members if the person or entity authorized to receive payments of assessment on behalf

of the association is updated, and imposes liability on the association for failing to follow statutory delinquent lien procedures. Status: Chap. 399, Stats. 2026.

AB 2579 (Petrie-Norris) Common interest developments: discipline. This bill requires the Department of Real Estate to establish a list of violations that permit a homeowner association to fine a member more than $100 dollars. Status: Dead, Asm Inactive.

AB 2692 (Irwin) Common interest developments: reinstatement of terminated declarations: County of Los Angeles. Permits homeowner associations impacted by the 2025 Los Angeles County wildfires to revive lapsed Covenants, Conditions, and Restriction for the number of years of the initial term of the declaration or 20 years, whichever is less. Status: Chap. 124, Stats. 2026.

SB 410 (Grayson) Common interest developments: association records: exterior elevated elements inspection. This bill requires the owner of a separate interest to provide a copy of the report issued from the most recent inspection of exterior elevated elements in a common interest development to a prospective purchaser of the separate interest, requires inspection reports to contain specified information, and requires homeowners associations to preserve inspection reports as association records. Status: Chap. 516, Stats. 2025.

SB 625 (Wahab) Housing developments: disasters: reconstruction of destroyed or damaged structures. This bill streamlines the reconstruction of properties damaged or destroyed in a disaster for which a state of emergency has been declared by limiting discretionary reviews of various aspects of the reconstruction by local governments and the homeowner associations that govern common interest developments. Status: Chap. 548, Stats. 2025.

SB 770 (Allen) Common interest developments: EV charging stations. This bill repeals the provision of existing law requiring a certificate of insurance for an electronic vehicle charging station built within a common interest development to name the homeowners association as an additional insured under the owner's insurance policy. Status: Chap. 525, Stats. 2025.

SB 1007 (Menjivar) Common interest developments: annual reports: assessments: discipline. This bill adds new information to the existing annual budget reporting requirements of a homeowner association and caps the maximum allowable increase of regular assessments without a vote of the homeowner association's membership to eight percent greater than the preceding fiscal year. Status: Dead, Asm Housing and Community Development.

SB 1238 (Wahab) Common interest developments: management. This bill provides that a duty of care for any managing agent, including its employees, that facilitates activities under the Davis-Stirling Common Interest Development Act is owed to the homeowners association and its members, and requires disclosure of specified information related to exterior elevated elements to a prospective purchaser of a separate interest in the common interest development. Status: Vetoed.

SB 1267 (Allen) Common interest developments: electric vehicle charging stations owned by members in common areas. This bill requires the installer of an electric vehicle charging station within a common interest development to indemnify or reimburse the homeowner

association or the members for loss or damage caused by the installation of an electric vehicle charging station. Status: Chap. 350, Stats. 2026.

Real Property

AB 418 (Wilson) Property taxation: tax-defaulted property. This bill amends Revenue and Taxation Code Section 3794.3 to strengthen due process protections in Chapter 8 sales of tax-defaulted property to public agencies or nonprofit organizations. A sale may take place only if the board of supervisors, after noticed hearing, finds based on substantial evidence that the sale price meets or exceeds the property's tax sale value or that no excess proceeds would result from a public auction. The bill requires detailed mailed notice to the assessee and parties of interest at least 45 days before the hearing, with rights to appear and present evidence. Any determination may be challenged through judicial review under Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.5, with the superior court limited to the administrative record. The bill also requires taxing agencies or nonprofits purchasing property to bear the costs of hearings. Status: Chap. 149, Stats. 2025.

AB 455 (Ortega) Real estate: environmental hazards: thirdhand smoke. This bill amends the Homeowners' Guide to Environmental Hazards and real estate disclosure requirements to address thirdhand smoke. It defines "thirdhand smoke" as the toxic chemical residue left behind by tobacco smoke that persists in building materials and exposes occupants to Proposition 65–listed chemicals. The bill requires the Department of Toxic Substances Control to update the Homeowners' Guide to include a section on thirdhand smoke, delegating initial drafting to the Center for Tobacco and the Environment at San Diego State University. It also requires sellers of single-family residential property who have actual knowledge of smoking or vaping on the property, or of residue from those activities, to disclose that knowledge in writing to buyers. Status: Chap. 263, Stats. 2025.

AB 732 (Macedo) Agriculture: neglected or abandoned crops: public nuisances: pests. This bill authorizes county agricultural commissioners, in lieu of imposing a lien on a property that has been determined to be neglected or abandoned, to levy a civil penalty against a person who maintains a pest-related public nuisance on their property in violation of current law. Status: Chap. 440, Stats. 2025.

AB 851 (McKinnor) Real property transactions: County of Los Angeles wildfires. This urgency bill prohibits unsolicited offers to purchase residential property in specified Los Angeles and Ventura County ZIP Codes affected by the January 2025 wildfires. Buyers and sellers must execute and record a written attestation affirming that a purchase agreement did not result from an unsolicited offer, creating a presumption of compliance. Licensed real estate professionals who make such offers are deemed to have violated licensing laws. The Attorney General and local prosecutors may enforce the law, and sellers may cancel unlawful agreements for up to four months. Violators are subject to civil penalties up to $25,000 per violation, misdemeanor liability, and injunctive relief. The measure takes effect 30 days after enactment and sunsets January 1, 2027. Status: Chap. 535, Stats. 2025.

AB 1033 (Lackey) Eminent domain: appraisals: compensation. This bill modifies the statutory definition of "reasonable cost" for retaining a licensed appraiser for the purpose of

appraising a property that is under threat of eminent domain to increase compensation to the appraiser to reflect inflation. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

AB 1050 (Schultz) Unlawfully restrictive covenants: housing developments. This bill expands the existing process whereby a purchaser of a property can remove a covenant, condition, or restriction limiting the property's use for affordable housing to include properties subject to limitations requiring that the property remain exclusively used for commercial purposes. Status: Chap. 504, Stats. 2025.

AB 1240 (Lee) Single-family residential real property: corporate entity. This bill prohibits a business entity, as defined, that has an interest in more than 1,000 single-family residential properties from purchasing, acquiring, or otherwise obtaining an ownership interest in another single-family residential property and subsequently leasing the property. The bill gives the Attorney General authority to enforce this measure by bringing a civil action. It exempts single-family residential property constructed for the purpose of leasing in which the business entity has an ownership interest in the construction or is the initial purchaser of the constructed property. Status: Dead, Sen Judiciary.

AB 1385 (Petrie-Norris) Unlawfully restrictive covenants: housing developments: Palisades Fire. This bill permits an owner of a property subject to a restrictive covenant that limits the size or density of housing on the property and that is located in a county that experienced a major wildfire disaster occurring in January 2025 to record a restrictive covenant modification document making those restrictive covenants unenforceable. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

AB 1406 (Ward) Attached residential condominium sales: liquidated damages. This bill increases the permissible amount of liquidated damages that may be imposed on a buyer who breaches a contract for the purchase of a newly constructed condominium from three to six percent of the purchase price. Status: Dead, Sen Judiciary.

AB 1427 (Calderon) Consumer credit report: sale of property: wildfires. This bill prohibits a consumer credit reporting agency from making a consumer credit report containing information about the sale of property that is located in an area where the Governor has proclaimed a state of emergency due to a natural disaster and the property is rendered uninhabitable as a result of the natural disaster, and further prohibits the sale from being listed as a negative factor when making a credit decision. Status: Dead, Sen Judiciary.

AB 1725 (Caloza) Residential buildings: oil well disclosures: methane mitigation systems. This bill adopts new methane gas disclosure and safety requirements for residential buildings located in close proximity to oil or gas wells. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

AB 1752 (Lackey) Eminent domain: appraisals. This bill increases from $5,000 to $8,000 the reasonable cost of an independent appraisal that a public entity that made a property owner an offer to purchase under the threat of eminent domain must pay the owner, with respect to threats of eminent domain related to the construction of facilities for the isolated transfer of water across the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, or for high-speed rail purposes. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

AB 1850 (Irwin) Real estate: wholesaling. This bill expands the definition of a real estate broker under the Real Estate Law to include a person engaging in real estate wholesaling, prohibits real estate wholesaling without a real estate license, and requires certain disclosures in the procurement process and advertisement of real estate wholesale transactions. The bill was amended to remove any potential enforcement within this Committee's jurisdiction. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

AB 1857 (Aguiar-Curry) Unlawfully restrictive covenants: grocery stores and supermarkets. This bill prohibits, and provides a process for the removal of, any covenant, restriction, or condition that restricts a property from functioning as a grocery store if a grocery store ever existed on the property previously. Status: Chap. 901, Stats. 2026.

AB 1926 (Pacheco) Residential construction costs: regulations. As referred to this Committee, this bill addressed regulations relating to the construction of single-family and multifamily housing. Amendments in the Housing Committee narrowed the bill allowing this Committee to waive hearing. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

AB 2596 (Gipson) Mobilehome parks: federally approved housing programs: compliance with state and local laws. This bill requires an owner, operator, or management of a mobilehome park, in the event they fail to comply with federal law or other federal regulations imposed in connection with a federally approved housing program, to ensure ongoing compliance with the Mobilehome Residency Law, the Unruh Civil Rights Act, and other applicable state and local laws. Status: Chap. 953, Stats. 2026.

SB 237 (Grayson) Single family residential property. As referred to this Committee, this bill required, for any transfer or sale of a single-family residential property on or after January 1, 2026, a seller of a single-family residential property that was rebuilt after the structure previously on the property was destroyed by an event for which a state of emergency or local emergency was declared, to disclose to the buyer specified additional information, including the name and license numbers of any contractors that performed work on the property, the permits obtained to rebuild the property, and the names and license numbers of any third parties that performed work on the property that requires a license. The bill was subsequently amended to address unrelated issues of in-state oil production, removing it from the jurisdiction of the Committee. Status: Chap. 118, Stats. 2025.

SB 255 (Seyarto) County recorders: notification. This bill requires every county, on or before January 1, 2027, to establish a recorder notification program to notify the parties to a deed, quitclaim deed, mortgage, or deed of trust within 30 days of recordation of such a document. Status: Chap. 351, Stats. 2025.

SB 681 (Wahab) Housing. This bill makes several changes to laws governing housing approvals, elements, common interest developments, and building standards. Status: Dead, Asm Housing & Community Development.

SB 697 (Laird) Determination of water rights: stream system. (See CIVIL PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE / *Civil Procedure*)

SB 757 (Richardson) Local government: nuisance abatement. This bill authorizes the legislative body of a city or county to collect fines for specified violations related to a nuisance on a property using a nuisance abatement lien or a special assessment. Status: Vetoed.

SB 880 (Wahab) Residential property: transfers: institutional investors. This bill expands homeownership opportunities for prospective owner-occupants and existing tenants by providing them priority home-purchasing opportunities when institutional investors sell their properties. It is meant to implement requirements and processes that function consistent with the federal 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act. Status: Failed, Asm Judiciary.

SB 911 (Becker) Transfer of real property: fire hazard severity zones: compliance documentation. This bill requires a local fire department or the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, as applicable, if the agency has not received documentation of compliance from a qualified entity or otherwise certified compliance within one year of the date of the close of escrow, to conduct a compliance inspection at the property. Status: Dead, Asm Inactive.

SB 1090 (Perez) Offers of purchase: real property damaged by wildfire disaster. As referred to this Committee, this bill prohibited unsolicited offers to purchase real property in areas affected by a wildfire disaster by an institutional investor, as defined, for five years after the proclamation of the disaster. Subsequent amendments focused the bill on local land use planning and this Committee subsequently waived hearing. Status: Chap. 1006, Stats. 2026.

SB 1091 (Caballero) Community Anti-Displacement and Preservation Program. This bill establishes the Community Anti-Displacement and Preservation Program to fund the acquisition and rehabilitation of unrestricted housing and attachment of long-term affordability restrictions on the housing, while safeguarding against the displacement of current residents. The bill requires the Department of Housing and Community development to adopt regulations for the operation of the program on or before July 1, 2028. Status: Chap. 807. Stats. 2026.

SB 1365 (Allen) Price gouging. This bill revises the existing exemptions to the prohibition against rental housing price gouging following a declared state of emergency by expanding the definition of rental housing, narrowing the scope of the repairs-and-improvements exemption in existing law, and capping the price of housing that is newly converted to a daily rate. Status: Chap. 1028, Stats. 2026.

Rental Property

AB 246 (Bryan) State of Emergency: rental increases. As first heard by this Committee, this bill, in response to the wildfires in the Los Angeles area, imposed a rent freeze in Los Angeles County through March 1, 2026, as specified. The bill was later amended to create the Social Security Tenant Protection Act and was heard a second time by this Committee. Status: See below.

AB 246 (Bryan) Social Security Tenant Protection Act. This bill establishes the Social Security Tenant Protection Act of 2025. The Act authorizes a tenant of residential real property to assert a "Social Security hardship" (defined as an interruption in the payment of Social Security benefits due to the action or inaction of the federal government) as an affirmative

defense in an unlawful detainer proceeding based on the nonpayment of rent. Status: Chap. 337, Stats. 2025.

AB 311 (McKinnor) Dwelling units: persons at risk of homelessness. As heard by the Committee, this bill allowed a tenant, with the written approval of the landlord, to permit a person who is at risk of homelessness, as defined, to occupy their dwelling unit notwithstanding the terms of the rental agreement. The bill was subsequently amended to deal with consumer driving data. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

AB 414 (Pellerin) Residential tenancies: return of security. This bill requires a landlord who receives a security deposit or rental payments by means of electronic transfer to return the security deposit by electronic transfer, unless the landlord and tenant agree to a different method of returning the security deposit. Status: Chap. 340, Stats. 2025.

AB 474 (Ward) Tenancy: caregivers and lodgers: nonprofit home-sharing program. This bill creates incentives for persons to participate in nonprofit home-sharing programs, as defined. Among other things, the bill excludes income received through renting bedrooms or units through a nonprofit home-sharing program from consideration as income for the purposes of determining eligibility for certain social services and benefits. In addition, the bill specifies that "discrimination," under state housing law, does not include refusal to rent or lease a portion of an owner-occupied single-family house to a person as a roomer, boarder, or tenant living within the household if, among other things, the owner is participating in a nonprofit home-sharing program. Status: Vetoed.

AB 628 (McKinnor) Hiring of real property: dwellings: untenantability. This bill requires a rental unit, for leases entered into, amended, or extended on or after January 1, 2026, to have a working stove and refrigerator, subject to certain exemptions, in order to be deemed tenantable (or habitable). Status: Chap. 342, Stats. 2025.

AB 635 (Ahrens) Mobilehome Residency Law: Protection Program: Attorney General. This bill requires the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to refer up to 25 alleged violations, as specified, from the Mobilehome Residency Law Protection Program (MRLPP) in any given fiscal year to the office of the Attorney General (AG), authorizes the AG to use funds from the Mobilehome Dispute Resolution Fund (the Fund), and extends the sunset date of the MRLPP from 2027 to 2030. Status: Chap. 866, Stats. 2026.

AB 768 (Avila Farias) Mobilehome parks: rent and protections: local rent control. This bill prohibits the application of local rent control laws to mobilehome spaces that are not the only or principal residence of a homeowner. The bill deletes a presumption that a mobilehome is a homeowner’s principal residence if they receive a homeowner’s tax exemption for that mobilehome, among other changes. Status: Dead, Sen Judiciary.

AB 806 (Connolly) Mobilehomes: cooling systems. This bill prohibits management or ownership of mobilehome parks from restricting a homeowner′s ability to install a cooling system in their mobilehome, with some exceptions. Specifies that management may prohibit a homeowner or resident from installing, upgrading, replacing, or using a cooling system if a

permit from a designated permitting authority is required, and that permit is not granted. Status: Chap. 343, Stats. 2025.

AB 863 (Kalra) Residential rental properties: language requirements. This bill requires the Judicial Council to create, by January 1, 2027, a single summons form for mandatory use in an action for unlawful detainer to remove a tenant from a residential property in English, Spanish, Chinese, Tagalog, Vietnamese, and Korean. The bill also requires the Judicial Council to publish the form on its internet website. Status: Chap. 344, Stats. 2025.

AB 878 (Kalra) Victims of abuse or violence: reasonable accommodations: tenancies. This bill requires a landlord or a landlord's agent, upon request, to make best efforts to provide reasonable accommodations, as defined, to a tenant who is a victim, or whose family or household member is a victim, of specified acts, including domestic violence or sexual assault. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

AB 924 (Davies) Leases: termination of tenancy: abuse or violence: security deposit. This bill requires a landlord to pay a calculated share of the security deposit, as provided, to a victim of domestic violence or other specified crime who terminates a tenancy because another tenant committed the specified crime. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

AB 1157 (Kalra) Tenancy: just cause terminations: rent increases. This bill amends the Tenant Protection Act (TPA) to lower the allowable annual increase to 5%, as specified; eliminate the exemption for single-family housing in the existing TPA; and remove the TPA sunset date, thereby making the TPA permanent. Status: Failed, Asm Judiciary.

AB 1183 (Lowenthal) Residential tenancy: habitability: right to cure. This bill allows a landlord to elect to have an inspection performed to verify that the dwelling unit satisfies the habitability requirements, as specified. If the inspection is performed, the bill establishes a presumption that the dwelling unit meets that standard for an unspecified period of time. The bill authorizes a local agency that performs an inspection at the request of a landlord to charge the landlord a fee sufficient to cover its cost. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

AB 1248 (Haney) Hiring of real property. This bill limits the fees that a landlord may charge in addition to rent and requires that any housing services provided by the landlord must be included in the rent and not charged as a separate fee. The bill prohibits a landlord from using a ratio utility billing system to allocate, demand, or collect fees or charges from a tenant, except as provided. Status: Dead, Asm Inactive File.

AB 1414 (Ransom) Landlord tenant: internet provider. This bill prohibits a landlord from requiring a tenant to use a particular internet service provider and allows a tenant to deduct the cost of the internet subscription from rent if a landlord violates this provision. Specifically, the bill requires a landlord, for any tenancy commenced, renewed, or continuing on a month-to-month basis, on or after January 1, 2026, to allow the tenant to opt out of any subscription from a third-party internet service provider for specified services. The bill also specifies that if the landlord or their agent violates this provision, the tenant may deduct the cost of the subscription from the rent. Status: Chap. 506, Stats. 2025.

AB 1693 (Zbur) Accelerated retailer building plan approval: tenant improvements. This bill allows permit applicants for a tenant improvement relating to a retailer to utilize a qualified professional certifier to review and certify that the tenant improvement plan is in compliance with all applicable building, health, and safety codes, as specified, and requires that the local building department approve or deny an application for a certified tenant improvement within 20 business days. After amendments taken in the Committee on Business and Professions, this Committee waived hearing. Status: Chap. 827, Stats. 2026.

AB 1817 (Addis) Mobilehome parks: termination of tenancy. This bill specifies the manner in which management of a mobile home park must serve a mobilehome owner or resident with written notice of an alleged failure to comply with a reasonable rule or regulation of the park, as specified, prior to terminating the tenancy. Status: Chap. 793, Stats. 2026.

AB 1963 (McKinnor) Hiring of real property: portable screening reports. This bill requires a landlord to accept from a prospective tenant a portable screening report approved by the Department of Housing and Community Development and prohibits a landlord from charging the prospective tenant fees for processing the rental application or requiring an additional background check, as specified. If the landlord rejects an application after reviewing the portable screening report, the bill requires the landlord to provide the prospective tenant with a written explanation for the rejection and to provide other disclosures, as specified. The bill requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to post specified information for prospective tenants on its internet website. The bill makes a landlord who violates the provisions in this bill liable in a civil action, as provided, subject to an opportunity to cure the violation. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

AB 2238 (Rubio) Mobilehome Residency Law: commencement of actions: notices. This bill authorizes management of a mobilehome park to move to dismiss with prejudice a claim that alleges a failure to maintain or service a physical improvement if that physical improvement is not actually present within the mobilehome park, nor provided or under the control of the park owner or manager. The bill, upon petition by the management, requires a court that grants a motion to dismiss for this reason to award management reasonable attorney's fees and imposes a civil penalty and other sanctions to be paid by the attorney filing the action, as specified. Status: Dead, Sen Judiciary.

AB 2350 (McKinnor) Consumer loans: residential real property rental payments. This bill provides requirements for licensees under the California Financing Law (CFL) when providing a loan agreement to advance rent payments for residential real property under a split loan agreement (Rent Now Pay Later). This Committee waived hearing. Status: Dead, Sen Banking & Financial Institutions.

AB 2609 (Caloza) Tenancy: additional rents: household pets. This bill prohibits the owner of residential rental property from charging a tenant or prospective tenant additional amounts in rents or security deposits for keeping a common household pet in the dwelling unit. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

AB 2616 (McKinnor) Hiring of real property: indoor temperatures. This bill requires that a residential rental unit be maintained at a maximum indoor temperature of 82 degrees Fahrenheit

in order to be deemed tenantable. The bill specifies that this requirement only applies to leases entered into after January 1, 2028. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

SB 346 (Durazo) Local agencies: transient occupancy tax: short-term rental facilitator. This bill enacts the Short-Term Rental Facilitator Act of 2025, which permits local agencies to enact ordinances to require short-term rental facilitators to provide specified information on their platform's rentals to the local agency. Status: Chap. 751, Stats. 2025.

SB 436 (Wahab) Unlawful detainer: notice to terminate tenancy. This bill provides that a notice to terminate a tenancy, or the notice to "pay rent or quit," shall permit the tenant at least 14 days (instead of the current three days) to pay the amount that is due or vacate the premises. Status: Failed, Asm. Judiciary.

SB 522 (Wahab) Housing: tenant protections. This bill exempts housing built to replace a previous housing unit from the 15-year rolling exemption for new construction relative to the just cause eviction provisions of the TPA if the following criteria are met: the previous unit was substantially damaged or destroyed by a disaster that the Governor determined presented a threat to public safety; the previous unit was issued a certificate of occupancy before the unit was substantially damaged or destroyed; and the previous unit was subject to the just cause eviction provisions of the TPA before the disaster. Status: Dead, Asm Inactive File.

SB 610 (Perez, Allen, Wahab) Disaster assistance: tenants: mobilehome parks. This bill makes various changes to landlord-tenant law, to the Mobilehome Residency Law regarding mobilehome parks, and to the Subdivision Map Act in order to provide additional protections to tenants and mobilehome owners during disasters. Status: Chap. 547, Stats. 2025.

SB 749 (Allen) Mobilehome parks: closure or change of use. This bill requires a mobilehome park owner to provide notice to tenants and affected public entities regarding the closure or change of use of a mobilehome park. The bill prohibits a park owner from proceeding with a change without first providing qualified entities an opportunity to purchase the park. In addition, the bill specifies that a mobilehome park resident is not obligated to pay rent during the time they are unable to live in the mobilehome park following a wildfire or other natural disaster. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

SB 1092 (Allen) Mobilehome parks: resident option to purchase. This bill requires management of a mobilehome park to provide notice to residents and other specified entities of management's intent to sell, lease, or transfer a mobilehome park and establishes a right-to-purchase a mobilehome park for a resident organization associated with the park, as specified. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

SB 1093 (Allen) Mobilehome parks: disaster assistance. This bill requires management of a mobilehome park to take certain actions in the wake of a natural disaster that temporarily displaces residents. Among other things the bill: (1) requires management to make a good faith effort to notify residents on the status of reopening the park; (2) prohibits management from denying residents reasonable access to collect belongings and inspect damages; (3) requires management, prior to closing the park, to evaluate the costs of rebuilding and reopening; and (4)

requires management to conduct certain investigations if they elect to close or cease using the property as a mobilehome park. Status: Chap. 775, Stats. 2026.

SB 1296 (Durazo) Real property: rentals: pet policy. This bill requires a landlord to have a written pet policy and to provide access to the property's pet policy on the property's internet website, in digital advertisements, and in information provided to a residential rental search engine, as prescribed. The bill also requires a landlord to provide a written copy of the property's established pet policy with any rental application form. The bill establishes conditions for a landlord to substantially comply with these provisions and specifies that a nonmaterial error or omission that is corrected upon notice does not constitute a violation. The bill requires any landlord who charges an application fee but fails to disclose the established pet policy, as specified, to refund the application fee to the applicant upon request. The bill's provisions become operative on April 1, 2027. Status: Chap. 1025, Stats. 2026.

Intellectual Property

AB 412 (Bauer-Kahan) Generative AI: training data: copyrighted materials. This bill establishes new obligations for developers of generative artificial intelligence (GenAI) models that were trained on copyrighted materials. Developers would be required to document covered materials used in training, identify rights owners, and make available online tools for generating and submitting digital "fingerprints" of copyrighted works. Rights owners would be able to submit verified requests for information, and developers would be required to respond within 30 days by disclosing whether the owner's works were documented or likely present in training datasets. Each day of noncompliance would constitute a separate violation. Rights owners denied information could bring civil actions for statutory damages, injunctive relief, attorney's fees, and other remedies. Exemptions would apply to models trained solely on public domain data, developer-owned works, or for noncommercial academic or governmental research. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

MISCELLANEOUS

AB 1170 (Dixon) Maintenance of the codes. This bill is the annual maintenance of the codes bill that is sponsored by the Office of Legislative Counsel to make nonsubstantive changes to various codes. Status: Chap. 67, Stats. 2025.

AB 1521 (Committee on Judiciary) Omnibus. This bill makes numerous minor, technical and non-controversial updates to the codes falling within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Judiciary, including requiring notice to the Department of Child Support Services of probate petitions, standardizing discovery timelines in unlawful detainer procedures, and various other clarifying amendments. Status: Chap. 200, Stats. 2025.

AB 2782 (Committee on Judiciary) Judiciary omnibus. Makes minor, technical, and non-controversial updates to the Civil Code, Code of Civil Procedure, Family Code, Labor Code and Probate Code within the jurisdiction of this Committee. Status: Chap. 640, Stats. 2026.

ACR 168 (Pacheco) California Law Revision Commission: studies. Authorizes the California Law Revision Commission to continue its study of 14 topics specified by the Legislature and

adds two new additional areas of law for the Commission to review. Status: Res. Chap. 148, Stats. 2026.

SB 1433 (Committee on Judiciary) Maintenance of the codes. This bill corrects grammatical errors and other technical issues identified by the Office of Legislative Counsel in the state's statutes without altering their substantive meaning. Status: Chap. 57, Stats. 2026.