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## **County of Orange Positions on Proposed Legislation**

The Legislative Bulletin provides the Board of Supervisors with analyses of measures pending in Sacramento and Washington that are of interest to the County. Staff provides recommended positions that fall within the range of policies established by the Board. According to the County of Orange Legislative Affairs Program Guidelines adopted by the Board of Supervisors on January 25, 2022, staff recommendations for formal County positions on legislation will be agendaized and presented in this document for Board action at regular Board of Supervisors meetings. When the Board takes formal action on a piece of legislation, the CEO will direct the County's legislative advocates to promote the individual bills as approved by the Board. The Legislative Bulletin also provides the Board of Supervisors with informative updates on State and Federal issues.

The 2025-2026 Legislative Platform was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on November 19, 2024.

On August 11, 2026, the Board of Supervisors will consider the following actions:

### **RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

1. **Receive and File Legislative Bulletin**
2. **SUPPORT – AB 1617 (Alanis) Household hazardous waste: reporting.**
3. **SUPPORT – AB 2051 (Wicks) Public resources: Coastal Resilience Permitting Working Group.**
4. **OPPOSE – SB 28 (Umberg) Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) court program.**

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. **County Position Matrix: CEO-LA**
2. **Sacramento Legislative Report**
3. **Washington DC Legislative Report**

1. SUPPORT – AB 1617 (Alanis) Household hazardous waste: reporting.

**CEO/Office of Legislative Affairs**  
**Bill Analysis**



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| <b>BILL NUMBER:</b>                                       | Assembly Bill (AB) 1617                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>INTRODUCED/AMENDED DATE:</b> | Introduced: January 21, 2026<br>Amended: July 2, 2022 |
| <b>AUTHOR:</b>                                            | Assemblymember Juan Alanis (AD – 22)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                 |                                                       |
| <b>SUBJECT:</b>                                           | Household hazardous waste: reporting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                 |                                                       |
| <b>BILL SPONSOR:</b>                                      | Rural County Representatives of California                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                 |                                                       |
| <b>STATUS:</b>                                            | Senate Floor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                 |                                                       |
| <b>REQUESTING DEPARTMENT/AGENCY:</b>                      | OC Waste & Recycling                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                 |                                                       |
| <b>REQUESTING DEPARTMENT/AGENCY RECOMMENDED POSITION:</b> | SUPPORT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                 |                                                       |
| <b>CEO-LA RECOMMENDED POSITION:</b>                       | SUPPORT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                 |                                                       |
| <b><u>Current Law:</u></b>                                | <p>Existing regulations require each public agency that is responsible for household hazardous waste management to complete and submit a “Form 303 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Report” (Form 303) electronically to the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) each year.</p> <p>Existing regulations require the reporting timeframe to be July 1 of the previous fiscal year through June 30 of that fiscal year, with the information required to be submitted to the state by October 1 of the following fiscal year.</p> <p>Existing law requires a public agency, or its contractor, operating a household hazardous waste collection facility to, on or before October 1 of each year, submit a copy of the completed Form 303 to the officer or agency authorized to implement and enforce specified hazardous materials laws.</p> <p>Existing law requires that the completed Form 303 also be submitted to the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) until specified</p> |                                 |                                                       |

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|                                             | regulations adopted by the Secretary for Environmental Protection are effective and other conditions are met.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b><u>Proposed Law:</u></b>                 | <p>This bill requires the Form 303 to report information for the previous calendar year rather than the previous fiscal year.</p> <p>This bill requires a copy of the completed Form 303 to be submitted to CalRecycle. It requires CalRecycle to provide a copy of the completed form to DTSC upon request.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b><u>Prior Legislative Votes:</u></b>      | <p>Sen Environmental Quality (Y:7 N:0 A:0)</p> <p>Asm Floor (Y:68 N:0 A:12)</p> <p>Asm Approps (Y:14 N:0 A:1)</p> <p>Asm Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials (Y:7 N:0 A:0)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b><u>Vote Threshold:</u></b>               | Majority                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b><u>State Mandated Local Program:</u></b> | No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b><u>Fiscal Committee:</u></b>             | Yes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b><u>Support and Opposition:</u></b>       | <p><b>Support</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rural County Representatives of California (sponsor)</li> <li>• Alameda County Board of Supervisors</li> <li>• Alameda; County of</li> <li>• California Chapters of the Solid Waste Association of North America's (SWANA) Legislative Task Force</li> <li>• California State Association of Counties (CSAC)</li> <li>• Californians Against Waste</li> <li>• Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts</li> </ul> <p><b>Opposition</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul> |

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| <p><b><u>Background:</u></b></p>                                                                                        | <p>Orange County operates four Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Centers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anaheim Collection Center</li> <li>• Huntington Beach Collection Center</li> <li>• Irvine Collection Center</li> <li>• San Juan Capistrano Collection Center</li> </ul> <p>Leftover household products that contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable or reactive ingredients are considered HHW. Products such as paints, cleaners, oils, batteries, smoke detectors, and pesticides that contain potentially hazardous ingredients require special handling when disposed.</p> <p>Per state law, the County reports information on the collection of HHW to various state agencies, including the Department of Toxic Substances and Control (DTSC) and the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle).</p> <p>For example, the County annually reports information on universal waste and treated wood waste to DTSC. The County also reports information on covered E-waste, the Electronic Annual Report, and the Used Oil Annual Report to Cal Recycle. All the reports mentioned above use data from the previous calendar year.</p> <p>A Form 303 captures the type and quantity of HHW received by HHW collection centers. This information is based on the previous fiscal year, rather than the previous calendar year.</p> <p>AB 1617 would align reporting requirements for CalRecycle and DTSC by changing the Form 303 reporting timeframe from a fiscal year to a calendar year.</p> <p>Aligning reporting deadlines would ease administrative burdens, make data clearer for the public, and streamline compliance with reporting requirements.</p> |
| <p><b><u>Department      Comments,</u></b><br/><b><u>Impact on Area(s) of</u></b><br/><b><u>Responsibility:</u></b></p> | <p>By shifting to calendar-year reporting, OC Waste and Recycling can better align its hazardous waste data with other programs and datasets that already use the calendar year. This reduces the need to reconcile mismatched time periods, which can simplify analysis and long-term planning.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p><i>Mandates:</i></p>                                                                                                 | <p>The County will need to adjust internal databases as well as contractor reporting timelines.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <p><i>Operations:</i></p>                                                                                               | <p>OC Waste and Recycling (OCWR) will need to shift how we track and comply data from a fiscal-year basis to a calendar-year basis. This means staff may have to update reporting workflows, reconfigure databases, and coordinate with contractors to ensure all collection data is submitted on the new timeline. There could be a short transition period where staff are managing overlapping datasets or reconciling partial-year information.</p> <p>Operationally, this legislation will have minimal impact on OCWR's day-to-day HHW services.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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| <i>Estimated Costs:</i>                   | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <i>Estimated Revenues:</i>                | Potential revenue associated with reducing administrative barriers.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b><u>Policy Platform References:</u></b> | <u>GS-6: Burdensome Regulatory Requirements:</u><br>Support proposals that minimize burdensome requirements and legal obstacles, facilitate streamlined and efficient regulatory review and permitting for public agency/government projects, eliminate duplicative or contradictory regulations, and mitigate redundancy in reporting requirements. |

**2. SUPPORT – AB 2051 (Wicks) Public resources: Coastal Resilience Permitting Working Group.**

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**Bill Analysis**



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| <b>BILL NUMBER:</b>                  | Assembly Bill (AB) 2051                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>INTRODUCED/AMENDED DATE:</b> | Introduced: February 18, 2026<br>Amended: March 25, 2026<br>Amended: July 6, 2026 |
| <b>AUTHOR:</b>                       | Assemblymember Buffy Wicks (AD – 14)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                 |                                                                                   |
| <b>SUBJECT:</b>                      | Public resources: Coastal Resilience Permitting Working Group.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                 |                                                                                   |
| <b>BILL SPONSOR:</b>                 | Bay Area Council, Bay Planning Coalition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                 |                                                                                   |
| <b>STATUS:</b>                       | Senate Appropriations Committee – Suspense File                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                 |                                                                                   |
| <b>REQUESTING DEPARTMENT/AGENCY:</b> | <b>CEO Legislative Affairs</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                 |                                                                                   |
| <b>CEO-LA RECOMMENDED POSITION:</b>  | <b>SUPPORT</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                 |                                                                                   |
| <b><u>Current Law:</u></b>           | Current law establishes the Natural Resources Agency and vests the agency with jurisdiction over various public resources. Existing law establishes the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) and sets out its mission for programs, policies, and standards. Under existing law, various state entities, including the California Coastal Commission, the CalEPA and the Department of Fish and Wildlife have responsibilities with respect to coastal permitting and development.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                 |                                                                                   |
| <b><u>Proposed Law:</u></b>          | <p>Requires the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency, in consultation with the Secretary for Environmental Protection, to convene a Coastal Resilience Permitting Working Group for the purpose of developing a Coastal Resilience Permitting Roadmap for coastal resilience projects proposed in specified areas.</p> <p>Requires the Coastal Resilience Permitting Working Group to consist of representatives from federal, state, and local agencies, including the California Regional Water Quality Control Boards of Santa Ana and San Diego.</p> <p>On or before January 1, 2028, requires the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency to submit the Coastal Resilience Permitting Roadmap to the Governor and the relevant fiscal and policy committees of the Legislature.</p> |                                 |                                                                                   |

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|                                             | Requires, on or before April 1, 2027, the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency, in collaboration with the California Coastal Commission, the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the California Regional Water Quality Boards with jurisdiction over the coast and the San Francisco Bay, to convene a Coastal Resilience Permit Advisory Group to support the deliberations of the Coastal Resilience Permitting Working Group.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b><u>Prior Legislative Votes:</u></b>      | Sen. Approps 08/03/26 (Y:7 N:0 A:0)<br>Sen. Natural Resources & Water 07/01/26 (Y:7 N:0 A:0)<br>Asm. Floor 05/28/26 (Y:65 N:6 A:9)<br>Asm. Approps 05/14/26 (Y:12 N:2 A:1)<br>Asm. Water, Parks, and Wildlife 04/14/26 (Y:12 N:0 A:1)<br>Asm. Natural Resources 03/23/26 (Y:12 N:1 A:1)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b><u>Vote Threshold:</u></b>               | Majority                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b><u>State Mandated Local Program:</u></b> | No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b><u>Fiscal Committee:</u></b>             | Yes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b><u>Support and Opposition:</u></b>       | <p><b>Support</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bay Area Council (co-sponsor)</li> <li>• Bay Planning Coalition (co-sponsor)</li> <li>• AltaSea</li> <li>• California Shore &amp; Beach Preservation Association</li> <li>• California State Association of Counties</li> <li>• City and County of San Francisco</li> <li>• City of Oceanside</li> <li>• City of Port Hueneme</li> <li>• City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County</li> <li>• Coastal Quest</li> <li>• County of Los Angeles</li> <li>• County of Marin</li> <li>• County of Monterey</li> <li>• East Bay Dischargers Authority</li> <li>• East Bay Regional Park District</li> <li>• EConcrete</li> <li>• Filoli</li> <li>• Kiewit Infrastructure West Company</li> <li>• Marin Community Foundation</li> <li>• McFadden Finch Holdings Company</li> <li>• One Shoreline</li> <li>• Orange County Transportation Authority</li> <li>• Planning and Conservation League (if amended)</li> <li>• Port of Redwood City</li> <li>• Port of San Francisco</li> <li>• San Francisco Bay Ferry</li> <li>• San Francisco International Airport</li> <li>• Santa Clara Valley Water District</li> </ul> |

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|                                                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Save the Bay (if amended)</li> <li>• SPUR Bay Area (if amended)</li> <li>• The Exploratorium</li> <li>• The Honorable Todd Gloria, Mayor, City of San Diego</li> <li>• The Nature Conservancy</li> <li>• Wareham Development</li> <li>• WILDCOAST</li> </ul> <p><b>Opposition</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b><u>Background:</u></b>                                               | <p>AB 2051 establishes a Coastal Resilience Working Group to identify administrative actions and recommendations to streamline and accelerate permitting for coastal resilience and sea level rise adaptation projects.</p> <p>The bill was amended on July 6, 2026 to include the California Regional Water Quality Control Boards of Los Angeles, Santa Ana, and San Diego as workgroup members. With this amendment, this bill was expanded to include the Southern California coast. The permitting and development of coastal resilience projects in Orange County could benefit from the formation and recommendations of this newly-established working group.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b><u>Department Comments, Impact on Area(s) of Responsibility:</u></b> | <p>OCPW supports AB 2051 because it advances coastal resilience, promotes interagency coordination, and streamlines permitting for critical shoreline and flood protection projects. AB 2051 does not provide funding, but it will shape future funding eligibility and expectations. This bill aligns with our commitment to preserve beaches, protect coastal infrastructure, and enhance public safety along the coast.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Enhances Coastal Resilience Planning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ AB 2051 establishes a Coastal Resilience Permitting Working Group to streamline permitting and planning for projects that protect the shoreline, reduce flood risk, and address coastal erosion.</li> <li>○ The bill promotes coordinated efforts across federal, state, and local agencies, ensuring a unified approach to coastal resilience.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Streamlines Permitting Processes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ By developing a Coastal Resilience Permitting Roadmap, the bill helps counties and local agencies understand regulatory requirements, reducing delays for critical coastal projects.</li> <li>○ Supports timely implementation of beach nourishment, shoreline preservation, and flood risk reduction projects.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Aligns With County Policy Priorities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Supports the County's platform for beach preservation, coastal erosion control, and predictable funding for coastal projects.</li> <li>○ Facilitates access to federal, state, and technical expertise to enhance local project outcomes.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Promotes Efficiency Without Mandates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Participation is collaborative; AB 2051 does not impose a state-mandated local program.</li> <li>○ Encourages counties to be engaged in planning and advisory roles to shape permitting processes that affect local projects.</li> </ul> </li> </ol> |

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| <i>Mandates:</i>                                           | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <i>Operations:</i>                                         | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <i>Estimated Costs:</i>                                    | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <i>Estimated Revenues:</i>                                 | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <b><u>Policy Platform</u></b><br><b><u>References:</u></b> | <b><u>IN-4 Beach Preservation &amp; Coastal Funding</u></b><br><br>The County supports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Funding and efforts for coastal resiliency research, planning, jurisdictional coordination, engineering, design, streamlined permitting, and implementation, beach and sand nourishment, coastal erosion control, and shoreline and beach preservation.</li><li>• Dedicated and predictable funding for coastal flood risk and storm damage reduction projects.</li><li>• Sharing of federal outer continental shelf revenues with coastal states to support conservation, coastal infrastructure resiliency and wildlife protection programs.</li></ul> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

3. **OPPOSE – SB 28 (Umberg) Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) court program.**

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| <b>BILL NUMBER:</b>                                       | Senate Bill (SB) 28                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>INTRODUCED/AMENDED DATE:</b> | <u>Amended:</u><br>July 2, 2026 |
| <b>AUTHOR:</b>                                            | Senator Thomas J. Umberg (SD 34)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                 |                                 |
| <b>SUBJECT:</b>                                           | Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) court program                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                 |                                 |
| <b>BILL SPONSOR:</b>                                      | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                 |                                 |
| <b>STATUS:</b>                                            | Assembly Appropriations Committee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                 |                                 |
| <b>REQUESTING DEPARTMENT/AGENCY:</b>                      | Health Care Agency                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                 |                                 |
| <b>REQUESTING DEPARTMENT/AGENCY RECOMMENDED POSITION:</b> | <b>OPPOSE</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                 |                                 |
| <b>CEO-LA RECOMMENDED POSITION:</b>                       | <b>OPPOSE</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                 |                                 |
| <b><u>Current Law:</u></b>                                | <p>Senate Bill 1338 (Umberg), Chapter 319, Statutes of 2022, established the Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act, which provides community-based behavioral health services and supports, by means of a civil court process, to Californians living with untreated schizophrenia spectrum or other psychotic disorders.</p> <p>Under existing law, the CARE Act authorizes specified persons, including a person with whom the respondent resides, family members, and first responders, among others, to petition a civil court to create a voluntary CARE agreement or a court-ordered CARE plan. CARE agreements and CARE plans are designed to identify a range of appropriate community-based services and supports, which can include behavioral health care, housing and other supportive services. The CARE agreement is defined as a voluntary settlement agreement, which the court can modify and</p> |                                 |                                 |

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|                                    | <p>approve; by contrast, the court orders the parties to develop a CARE plan if a CARE agreement is unlikely to be reached.</p> <p>Existing law authorizes a court to terminate a respondent's participation in the CARE process if the court determines that the respondent is not participating in the CARE process or is not adhering to their CARE plan. Under existing law, a court is authorized to order an evaluation under the Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act to ensure the respondent's safety. Existing law requires the court to consider the respondent's failure to successfully complete their CARE plan and the reasons for that failure in a subsequent hearing under the LPS Act, provided that the hearing occurs within 6 months of the termination of the CARE plan, and creates a presumption that the respondent needs additional intervention beyond the supports and services provided by the CARE plan.</p> <p>The LPS Act authorizes a conservator of the person, of the estate, or of the person and the estate to be appointed for a person who is gravely disabled as a result of a mental health disorder, severe substance use disorder, co-occurring mental health disorder and severe substance use disorder, or impairment by chronic alcoholism. Under existing law, the officer providing the conservatorship investigation, which may include a public guardian or a county mental health program, is required to investigate all available alternatives to conservatorship and to recommend conservatorship to the court only if no suitable alternatives are available. Existing law requires a conservatorship under these provisions to terminate after one year; however, it also specifies procedures if the conservator determines conservatorship is still required.</p> |
| <p><b><u>Proposed Law:</u></b></p> | <p>This bill proposes significant changes to the CARE Act.</p> <p>SB 28 would create new pathways to the CARE Court program following conservatorship termination or long-term participation in voluntary treatment. Specifically, it would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorize a conservator to request referral of the conservatee to CARE court when conservatorship ends if the person is no longer gravely disabled and appears to meet CARE criteria.</li> <li>• Allow a CARE petition to include evidence that the respondent was detained for a minimum of two involuntary 5150 holds in the previous 120 days, or the respondent was referred to a full-service partnership program more than once but not enrolled due to inability or unwillingness to engage in the previous 120 days.</li> <li>• Require counties to develop an "expedited assessment" as an alternative to the existing 14-day assessment for referrals from an LPS- designated facility to the CARE program when there is concern of imminent discharge and foreseeable challenges with locating the respondent.</li> <li>• Require a behavioral health professional or their designee to confirm that they believe the individual meets or is likely</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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|  | <p>to meet the CARE Act eligibility criteria for a referral from an LPS designated facility to the CARE program.</p> <p>SB 28 would expand the scope of the CARE Court program by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing the court with additional authority to adopt a (voluntary) CARE agreement as a (court ordered) Care plan if the three following circumstances are met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The respondent has stopped engaging with the CARE process for 60 days or more despite document attempts by county, local agency, or treatment providers to maintain engagement with the respondent.</li> <li>○ All elements of the CARE agreement have been provided to the respondent by the county or other local agency, as required; and</li> <li>○ The court finds that a CARE plan would be a more effective alternative than potential dismissal from the CARE process.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Prohibiting the court from terminating the respondent's participation in the CARE process solely due to a failure of the county or other local government entity to properly engage with the CARE process.</li> <li>• Requiring the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), no later than July 1, 2028, to develop, with input from a stakeholder group, a CARE Act model exit plan that identifies appropriate services and ongoing monitoring of an individual with a petition dismissed from the CARE Act because the court determined that they need a higher level of services.</li> <li>• Requiring the stakeholder group to include, at a minimum, county behavioral health agencies, county CARE courts, racial justice experts, and other appropriate stakeholders, including providers and CARE court participants.</li> <li>• Authorizing the court, beginning July 1, 2028, to order the county to develop an exit plan for the respondent if the court dismisses a CARE petition because a respondent needs a higher level of services.</li> </ul> <p>SB 28 significantly expands data tracking requirements by specifying that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The same data tracked for former participants pursuant to existing law must also be tracked for cases involving dismissed respondents.</li> <li>• The annual CARE Act report must include additional information compiled from county behavioral health departments and courts such as the number of individuals who were referred to a full-service partnership program after dismissal or termination from the CARE Act program; the number of individuals who were enrolled in a full-service partnership program postreferral; and the number of individuals who maintained enrollment in a full-service partnership program for a year following the date of enrollment.</li> </ul> |
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|                                               | <p>SB 28 also provides for increased sharing of confidential health information with various new parties as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides that consistent with existing law, the county behavioral health agency may disclose to a provider of health care, or a covered entity, any information, including protected health information, and mental health records excluding psychotherapy notes, in its possession about the respondent that is relevant to the provider or entity's provision, coordination, or management of services and supports, including, but not limited to, the preparation of any required investigations, evaluations, or reports.</li> <li>• Specifies that such a disclosure is a disclosure for treatment purposes, which may be made only to the extent permitted under existing law and may include substance use disorder patient records only to the extent permitted by federal law.</li> <li>• Specifies that the county behavioral health agency cannot be held civilly or criminally liable for any disclosure authorized or required.</li> <li>• Requires the county behavioral health agency to notify the respondent of a disclosure of health information.</li> <li>• Specifies that all information, including the facts and records, or summary thereof, shared must further be disclosed to the respondent and the respondent's counsel and with the consent of the respondent, to the supporter, and the original petitioner, if participating in the ongoing proceedings.</li> <li>• Specifies that information disclosed to a provider of health care or a covered entity by a county behavioral health agency is confidential and not subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act.</li> <li>• Allows reports generated by the county behavioral health agency during the CARE process to be disclosed to a provider of health care or a covered entity, if necessary to assist with ongoing treatment of the respondent.</li> </ul> <p>SB 28 would expand oversight of the CARE Court program by the California Health and Human Services (HHS) Agency by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requiring HHS to annually release a list identifying overperforming counties, known as CARE Champions, and annually provide a written notice identifying areas of concern and opportunities for improvement for underperforming counties.</li> <li>• Establishing within HHS the position of CARE Court Ombudsperson, to be appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate, who will oversee and investigate complaints by petitioners, respondents, participants, and governmental agencies involved in the CARE process, including, but not limited to, judges, county staff, first responders, and city staff.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b><u>Prior Legislative Votes:</u></b></p> | <p><b><u>Assembly Judiciary Committee (6/30/26) -</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ayes: 11</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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|                                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noes: 0</li> <li>• Abstentions: 1</li> </ul> <p><u>Assembly Health Committee (6/23/26) -</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ayes: 14</li> <li>• Noes: 0</li> <li>• Abstentions: 2</li> </ul> <p><u>Senate Floor (5/29/25) -</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ayes: 38</li> <li>• Noes: 0</li> <li>• Abstentions: 2</li> </ul> <p><u>Senate Appropriations Committee (5/23/25) -</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ayes: 6</li> <li>• Noes: 0</li> <li>• Abstentions: 1</li> </ul> <p><u>Senate Public Safety Committee (3/25/25) -</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ayes: 6</li> <li>• Noes: 0</li> <li>• Abstentions: 0</li> </ul>     |
| <b><u>Vote Threshold:</u></b>               | Majority                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b><u>State Mandated Local Program:</u></b> | Yes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b><u>Fiscal Committee:</u></b>             | Yes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b><u>Support and Opposition:</u></b>       | <p><u>Support:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• California State Association of Psychiatrists</li> <li>• Two individuals</li> </ul> <p><u>Opposition:</u></p> <p>Over 40 organizations/entities that include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cal Voices</li> <li>• California Public Defenders Association</li> <li>• County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California</li> <li>• California State Association of Counties</li> <li>• California State Association of Public Administrators, Public Guardians, and Public Conservators</li> <li>• Coalition on Homelessness</li> <li>• Disability Rights California</li> <li>• Independent Defense Counsel Office, County of Santa Clara</li> </ul> |

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|                                                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mental Health America of California</li> <li>• National Alliance to End Homelessness</li> <li>• People’s Homeless Task Force Orange County</li> <li>• Rural County Representatives of California</li> <li>• Urban Counties of California</li> <li>• Western Regional Advocacy Project</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b><u>Background:</u></b>                                               | <p>The CARE Act created a voluntary, civil court-based engagement process designed to prevent individuals with schizophrenia or another psychotic disorder from becoming subject to an LPS conservatorship or incarcerated in a jail or psychiatric facility by providing clinically appropriate, community-based services that may include court-ordered stabilization medications, wellness and recovery support, help with finding social services and housing for up to 12 months, with possible extensions. The CARE process was designed to be a less restrictive alternative, structured as a service-oriented model with judicial oversight intended to help facilitate access to care.</p> <p>As established in 2022, the CARE Act does not independently authorize involuntary detention or conservatorship, and participation outcomes are not determinative of LPS Act eligibility under existing law. For purposes of involuntary mental health or substance use disorder treatment, the LPS Act ensures due process when determining if an individual is considered a danger to themselves, others, or gravely disabled. The LPS Act, since its inception in 1967, has been administered under a local control model with counties retaining discretion in how the law is implemented given the Act does not include any state funding.</p> |
| <b><u>Department Comments, Impact on Area(s) of Responsibility:</u></b> | <p>Reforms proposed by SB 28 include numerous new, unfunded mandates highlighted below. In addition to the increased workload and associated costs, the Health Care Agency (HCA) has identified additional concerns.</p> <p>Under current law, individuals can become connected with CARE Court if the court refers an individual from an LPS conservatorship to the program. This bill specifies that if upon the termination of a conservatorship, the conservator determines that additional help for the conservatee may still be warranted, the conservator can request that the court refer the conservatee to CARE court. In order to do so, the bill requires a licensed physician or psychologist to confirm the conservatee is no longer gravely disabled and meets the CARE Act eligibility criteria. The logistics of the referral process is concerning because once a person is determined to be “no longer gravely disabled,” the court is required to act immediately which could mean potentially ending the conservatorship before the County has had a chance to connect them to CARE Court.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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|                         | <p>This bill also provides for various disclosures of protected health information with health care providers and covered entities for the purpose of facilitating treatment and care for respondents. Under existing law, counties can already share sensitive medical information with other providers for the purpose of care coordination. Consideration of state and federal privacy laws is a requirement for county behavioral health and other covered entities; however, some provisions of the bill suggest that evaluations done by the County can be provided to a licensed behavioral health professional that provides a declaration as part of the initial petition, even if that professional is not involved in the respondent's ongoing treatment and care without consideration of state and federal privacy protections. Under current practice, court reports are not released to external providers or covered entities. However, limited information is shared pursuant to existing laws to support and coordinate treatment.</p> <p>SB 28 expresses the intent of the Legislature to identify appropriate metrics of success to measure counties successfully implementing the CARE Act and counties experiencing challenges with implementation and in need of technical support and training. The bill requires the annual release of a list identifying overperforming counties, known as CARE Champions, and the provision of annual written notice to underperforming counties identifying areas of concern and opportunities for improvement. In March of this year, 10 counties were identified as "CARE Champions" based on the highest rates of petitions on a per capita basis. Metrics of success should be developed using independent and valid measures of quality and not reliant on petition rates per capita.</p> <p>Public Defender reports that the bill would detract from the original principles of the CARE Act: to preserve the self-determination of the respondent and to connect respondents with services in the community through voluntary participation. SB 28 dilutes the voluntariness of the CARE Act. For example, where a respondent does not want to participate in CARE Court, the court would now have the authority to order a CARE plan against the respondent's wishes when they have stopped participating in the CARE process. The bill effectively prioritize petitioners over the respondent and will thwart the public defender's ability to gain the trust of the respondent and encourage participation. The oversight and performance measures also appear misplaced and lack specificity.</p> |
| <p><i>Mandates:</i></p> | <p>This bill would expand the information on CARE Act petitions to include the efforts, timeframes of efforts, and outcome of efforts made by county and noncounty providers to voluntarily engage the respondent prior to the filing of the petition and document how attempts in the prior 120 days failed, cognitive deficits, and unmet mental health needs were assessed. The bill would also prohibit the court from terminating the respondent's participation in the CARE</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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|                           | <p>process solely due to a failure of the county or other local government entity to properly engage with the CARE process.</p> <p>This bill would require counties to develop an “expedited assessment” when receiving a referral from an LPS- designated facility to the CARE program where there is concern of imminent discharge and foreseeable challenges with locating the respondent. Existing law currently provides a 14-day timeframe for conducting assessments and the imposition of a vague new standard could pose workforce challenges and significantly increase costs.</p> <p>In addition to providing for the disclosure of confidential health information with new parties, county behavioral health agencies would be required to provide notice to respondents by mail, to their counsel, and by including a copy of the notification with the next notice of hearing when protected health information is shared. Expanding notice requirements as specified would be costly and increase administrative workload volume, as coordinating notifications through counsel and attaching to hearing notices adds logistical challenges requiring both funding and structural support.</p> <p>The bill expands the data included in the annual CARE Act report by requiring information compiled from county behavioral health departments and courts such as the number of individuals who were referred to a full-service partnership program after dismissal or termination from the CARE Act program; the number of individuals who were enrolled in a full-service partnership program postreferral; and the number of individuals who maintained enrollment in a full-service partnership program for a year following the date of enrollment. As the specified data may not be readily accessible by HCA staff, funding and resources would be needed to put in place a mechanism for tracking data related to services provided outside of County-operated systems.</p> <p>The bill would also require the data collected from county behavioral health departments and courts to be collected for cases involving dismissed respondents, where available. Tracking outcome data for individuals who were dismissed or disengaged would require significant staff time and funding to put in place the necessary resources to comply with this requirement.</p> <p>This bill would require, by January 1, 2028, all counties to establish a process for electronic submission of CARE Act documents using a secure portal.</p> |
| <p><i>Operations:</i></p> | <p>The mandates described above would result in significant operational and staffing impacts that include creating new mechanisms for tracking, sharing, and reporting new data; providing increased notice to respondents; and developing a new “expedited assessment” timeframe.</p> <p>This bill would also authorize courts, beginning July 1, 2028, when dismissing a CARE petition because a respondent needs a higher level of services, to order the county to develop an exit plan for the respondent. The bill would require the State Department of Health Care Services, by July 1, 2028, to develop, with input from certain stakeholder groups, a CARE Act model exit plan that identifies appropriate services and ongoing monitoring of an individual with a petition dismissed because the individual needed a higher level of services. Currently, HCA staff coordinate discharge plans and referrals across the continuum of care for CARE participants. It is not known how the creation of a new exit plan may alter this existing process, nor is it clear if exit plans will be required for respondents who are not participants due to the timing of their petition dismissal</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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|                                           | <p>which would require costly infrastructure not currently in place to monitor individuals who are not patients or CARE participants.</p> <p>This bill would also impact court operations in several ways including, among others, expanding the scope of evidence in a petition to support the contention that the respondent meet CARE eligibility criteria, increasing a court's authority to adopt a CARE agreement as a CARE plan, and authorizing all parties and witnesses to appear remotely through the use of remote technology while preserving the court's discretion to order a party or witness to appear in person if necessary.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <i>Estimated Costs:</i>                   | While no funding is included, unknown but potentially significant costs borne by HCA are anticipated due to increased workload associated with complying with the above-described mandates and likely increased caseloads.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <i>Estimated Revenues:</i>                | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b><u>Policy Platform References:</u></b> | <p><u>CS-8: CARE Act Implementation</u><br/>As a Cohort One County, support legislation addressing the timelines for outreach and engagement of respondents, and ensuring the Public Defender receives regular, predictable funding to perform required activities. Ensure sufficient resources and flexibility to serve the gravely disabled population.</p> <p><u>CS-33: Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act</u><br/>Support reform of the LPS Act and related laws in a manner that would provide services and whole person care, protect patients' rights, promote patient engagement in their behavioral health treatment, and provide sufficient and ongoing funding for mandated services including additional resources for public guardians and conservators to manage and treat gravely disabled conservatees.</p> <p><u>GS-23: State &amp; Federal Mandates</u><br/>Support full funding for state and federal mandates on the County and pursue revisions to streamline the process for local government.</p> |

## INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

### 1. County Position Matrix: CEO-LA

The tables below list the bills the Board of Supervisors has taken positions on in the 2025-26 legislative session.

State Legislation

*As of Thursday, August 6, 2026*

| Measure               | Author               | Topic                                                                                                                                                                               | Date of Board Action | Board Position            | Status                                  |
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| <b><u>AB 28</u></b>   | <u>Schiavo</u>       | Solid waste landfills: subsurface temperatures.                                                                                                                                     | 06/24/2025           | <b>Oppose</b>             | 08/04/2026 - Senate Third Reading       |
| <b><u>AB 35</u></b>   | <u>Alvarez</u>       | Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024: Administrative Procedure Act: exemption: program guidelines and selection criteria. | 03/24/2026           | <b>Support</b>            | 07/16/2026 - Chaptered                  |
| <b><u>AB 282</u></b>  | <u>Pellerin</u>      | Discrimination: housing: source of income.                                                                                                                                          | 05/06/2025           | <b>Support</b>            | 09/11/2025 - 2 Year                     |
| <b><u>AB 283</u></b>  | <u>Haney</u>         | In-Home Supportive Services Employer-Employee Relations Act.                                                                                                                        | 08/26/2025           | <b>Support if Amended</b> | 09/11/2025 - 2 Year                     |
| <b><u>AB 760</u></b>  | <u>Ta</u>            | Income taxes: exclusions: 2026 Garden Grove chemical leak.                                                                                                                          | 06/23/2026           | <b>Support</b>            | 08/03/2026 - Senate Appr. Suspense File |
| <b><u>AB 762</u></b>  | <u>Irwin</u>         | Disposable, battery-embedded vapor inhalation device: prohibition and penalties.                                                                                                    | 04/22/2025           | <b>Support</b>            | 08/03/2026 - Senate Appr. Suspense File |
| <b><u>AB 1088</u></b> | <u>Bains</u>         | Public health: kratom.                                                                                                                                                              | 06/24/2025           | <b>Support</b>            | 07/01/2026 - Dead                       |
| <b><u>AB 1567</u></b> | <u>Ta</u>            | General plan: annual report: congregate and residential care for the elderly.                                                                                                       | 03/24/2026           | <b>Support</b>            | 06/29/2026 - Senate Appr. Suspense File |
| <b><u>AB 1602</u></b> | <u>Rubio, Blanca</u> | Foster youth: disaster aid assistance.                                                                                                                                              | 03/24/2026           | <b>Support</b>            | 06/29/2026 - Senate Appr. Suspense File |
| <b><u>AB 1619</u></b> | <u>Valencia</u>      | Public employees' retirement: administration.                                                                                                                                       | 05/19/2026           | <b>Support</b>            | 06/30/2026 - Senate Third Reading       |
| <b><u>AB 1638</u></b> | <u>Ta</u>            | County veterans service officers: additional resources.                                                                                                                             | 04/14/2026           | <b>Support</b>            | 05/14/2026 - Dead                       |
| <b><u>AB 1830</u></b> | <u>Petrie-Norris</u> | Ignition interlock devices.                                                                                                                                                         | 03/24/2026           | <b>Support</b>            | 06/22/2026 - Senate Public Safety       |
| <b><u>AB 1893</u></b> | <u>Gallagher</u>     | Wildfire prevention: local assistance grant program: eligible activities.                                                                                                           | 04/28/2026           | <b>Support</b>            | 05/14/2026 - Dead                       |

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| <b><u>AB 2002</u></b> | <u>Solache</u>       | Local government assistance: Regional Early Action Planning Fund.                                               | 04/28/2026 | <b>Support</b>            | 06/29/2026 - Senate Appr. Suspense File   |
| <b><u>AB 2076</u></b> | <u>Lowenthal</u>     | The Parent's Accountability and Child Protection Act: online marketplaces: nitrous oxide.                       | 03/24/2026 | <b>Support</b>            | 08/03/2026 - Senate Appr. Suspense File   |
| <b><u>AB 2194</u></b> | <u>Valencia</u>      | Medi-Cal: special commissions.                                                                                  | 06/23/2026 | <b>No Position</b>        | 08/04/2026 - Senate Third Reading         |
| <b><u>AB 2309</u></b> | <u>Bains</u>         | CalFresh Protection Act.                                                                                        | 04/14/2026 | <b>Support</b>            | 05/06/2026 - Assembly Appr. Suspense File |
| <b><u>AB 2320</u></b> | <u>Ta</u>            | Multifamily Housing Program: Homekey: adaptive reuse.                                                           | 12/16/2025 | <b>Sponsor</b>            | 07/01/2026 - Dead                         |
| <b><u>AB 2373</u></b> | <u>Dixon</u>         | The California Coastal Act: local coastal program: sea level rise plan: neighborhood-scale adaptation approach. | 04/14/2026 | <b>Support</b>            | 05/14/2026 - Dead                         |
| <b><u>AB 2513</u></b> | <u>Petrie-Norris</u> | Wildfire: Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program: local assistance grant program: regional landscape grants. | 03/24/2026 | <b>Support</b>            | 06/23/2026 - Senate Appropriations        |
| <b><u>AB 2562</u></b> | <u>Dixon</u>         | Alcohol or other drug recovery and treatment programs and facilities: suicide prevention.                       | 04/14/2026 | <b>Support</b>            | 08/03/2026 - Senate Consent Calendar      |
| <b><u>AB 2614</u></b> | <u>Dixon</u>         | Public health: Body Brokering and Patient Referral Integrity Act.                                               | 04/14/2026 | <b>Support</b>            | 04/23/2026 - Dead                         |
| <b><u>SB 296</u></b>  | <u>Archuleta</u>     | Property taxation: exemption: disabled veteran homeowners.                                                      | 03/25/2025 | <b>Support</b>            | 08/05/2026 - Assembly Appr. Suspense File |
| <b><u>SB 329</u></b>  | <u>Blakespear</u>    | Alcohol and drug recovery or treatment facilities: investigations.                                              | 03/25/2025 | <b>Support</b>            | 08/28/2025 - 2 Year                       |
| <b><u>SB 417</u></b>  | <u>Limón</u>         | The Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2026.                                                           | 04/28/2026 | <b>Support if Amended</b> | 06/25/2026 - Chaptered                    |
| <b><u>SB 577</u></b>  | <u>Laird</u>         | State Government.                                                                                               | 08/25/2025 | <b>Support</b>            | 09/11/2025 - 2 Year                       |
| <b><u>SB 758</u></b>  | <u>Umberg</u>        | Public health: nitrous oxide.                                                                                   | 01/13/2026 | <b>Sponsor</b>            | 08/05/2026 - Assembly Appr. Suspense File |
| <b><u>SB 888</u></b>  | <u>Seyarto</u>       | Property taxation: disabled veterans' exemption: household income.                                              | 03/24/2026 | <b>Support</b>            | 08/05/2026 - Assembly Appr. Suspense File |
| <b><u>SB 893</u></b>  | <u>Seyarto</u>       | State parks: facilities pass: Gold Star Family members.                                                         | 04/14/2026 | <b>Support</b>            | 05/14/2026 - Dead                         |
| <b><u>SB 907</u></b>  | <u>Archuleta</u>     | Driving under the influence and other driving offenses: comprehensive reform.                                   | 03/24/2026 | <b>Support</b>            | 08/05/2026 - Assembly Appr. Suspense File |

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| <b><u>SB 936</u></b>  | <u>Blakespear</u> | Nitrous oxide: sales.                                                                         | 12/16/2025 | <b>Sponsor</b> | 08/05/2026 -<br>Assembly Appr.<br>Suspense File |
| <b><u>SB 1040</u></b> | <u>Choi</u>       | Veterans Cemetery<br>Maintenance-Endowment Match<br>Act.                                      | 04/14/2026 | <b>Support</b> | 05/14/2026 - Dead                               |
| <b><u>SB 1167</u></b> | <u>Blakespear</u> | Vehicles: electric bicycles.                                                                  | 04/28/2026 | <b>Support</b> | 08/05/2026 -<br>Assembly Appr.<br>Suspense File |
| <b><u>SB 1310</u></b> | <u>Choi</u>       | Voter registration: prospective<br>jurors.                                                    | 12/16/2025 | <b>Sponsor</b> | 04/23/2026 - Dead                               |
| <b><u>SB 1314</u></b> | <u>Menjivar</u>   | Cigarette or tobacco product<br>retailers: new retail locations<br>and sale of nitrous oxide. | 03/24/2026 | <b>Support</b> | 08/05/2026 -<br>Assembly Appr.<br>Suspense File |

### Federal Legislation

*As of Thursday, August 6, 2026*

| Measure                 | Author         | Topic                                                                                                 | Date of Board<br>Action | Board<br>Position | Status                                                         |
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| <b><u>H.R. 965</u></b>  | <u>Sherman</u> | Housing Unhoused Disabled<br>Veterans Act                                                             | 05/20/2025              | <b>Support</b>    | Senate Committee on<br>Banking, Housing, and<br>Urban Affairs  |
| <b><u>H.R. 1012</u></b> | <u>Levin</u>   | Spent Fuel Prioritization Act of<br>2025                                                              | 05/20/2025              | <b>Support</b>    | House Committee on<br>Energy and Commerce                      |
| <b><u>H.R. 2483</u></b> | <u>Guthrie</u> | SUPPORT for Patients and<br>Communities Reauthorization<br>Act of 2025                                | 06/24/2025              | <b>Support</b>    | Became Law                                                     |
| <b><u>H.R. 5462</u></b> | <u>Goldman</u> | The Michelle Alyssa Go Act                                                                            | 03/24/2026              | <b>Support</b>    | House Committee on<br>Energy and Commerce                      |
| <b><u>H.R. 8023</u></b> | <u>Sanchez</u> | The Child Care Supply Tax<br>Credit Act.                                                              | 05/19/2026              | <b>Support</b>    | House Committee on<br>Ways and Means                           |
| <b><u>S. 1462</u></b>   | <u>Curtis</u>  | Fix Our Forests Act                                                                                   | 09/23/2025              | <b>Support</b>    | Senate Committee on<br>Agriculture, Nutrition,<br>and Forestry |
| <b><u>S. 2212</u></b>   | <u>Padilla</u> | Visible Identification Standards<br>for Immigration-Based Law<br>Enforcement (VISIBLE) Act of<br>2025 | 08/26/2025              | <b>Support</b>    | Senate Committee on<br>the Judiciary                           |

 Highlighted sections symbolize a status change.

## 2. Sacramento Legislative Report

### *Prepared by Precision Advocacy Group LLC*

With the legislature back in Sacramento following its summer recess, lawmakers have entered the final and most compressed month of the 2025-26 legislative session. This update summarizes the remaining deadlines, the major budget and policy negotiations likely to dominate August, the latest state revenue information, and other developments with potential fiscal or operational implications for Orange County.

The pace is expected to accelerate quickly. The Assembly and Senate Appropriations Committees will decide the fate of hundreds of bills at their August 13 suspense file hearings and the legislature must complete its work by August 31. The closing weeks also are likely to bring late amendments, budget trailer bills, and major proposals inserted into existing legislative vehicles with limited time for review.

The principal remaining deadlines are:

- August 13 - Assembly and Senate Appropriations Committees are scheduled to take up their suspense files and determine which fiscal bills may continue through the legislative process.
- August 14 - Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills to the floors.
- August 17 through August 31 - Floor-session period. Policy committee hearings are generally prohibited, although leadership may grant rule waivers for priority or fast-moving measures.
- August 21 - Last day to amend bills on the floors under the regular calendar.
- August 27 - Last day to remove a bill from the Inactive File and return it to the second- or third-reading file.
- August 28 - Practical deadline for amendments subject to the Constitution's 72-hour in-print requirement.
- August 31 - Last day to pass bills; final recess begins upon adjournment.
- September 30 - Deadline for the governor to sign or veto bills passed before the legislature adjourns.

The major end-of-session themes include wildfire liability and insurance, allocation of climate and Proposition 4 funding, health and human services trailer bills, artificial intelligence and workplace technology, disaster rebuilding, competition policy, and a series of public employer labor measures. Because several major proposals are not yet in print, the substance and vehicle for some of the most consequential negotiations may not become clear until late in the month.

### **Unresolved Budget and Policy Negotiations**

**Climate Funding and Proposition 4.** The June budget agreement did not resolve how the state will allocate major portions of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund or the voter-approved Proposition 4 climate bond. The carbon market was previously estimated to generate approximately \$4 billion annually, but new program rules could reduce available revenue by roughly half. That uncertainty has intensified competition among programs and contributed to disagreement between the legislature and the administration.

Legislative leaders have already agreed to direct \$115 million toward administration-backed electric vehicle incentives and \$1.25 billion to support the CAL FIRE budget. Still unresolved are funding levels for high-speed rail, safe drinking water, affordable housing, transit, renewable energy, and other climate programs. Proposition 4 bond allocations also remain under negotiation. For Orange County, the final package could affect the availability of statewide resources for wildfire resilience, water quality, transportation, housing, coastal protection, and other local infrastructure priorities.

**Wildfire Liability and Insurance.** The governor and legislative leaders are discussing a potential package addressing wildfire recovery, utility liability, insurance affordability, and the FAIR Plan. No bill text or final legislative vehicle has been made public at this time. Fire survivors and consumer advocates have expressed concern that a proposal could limit compensation for pain and suffering, restrict insurers' ability to recover wildfire costs from utilities or other responsible corporations, or cap attorneys' fees. Other reporting indicates that the negotiations could also change how victims recover losses and how FAIR Plan costs are allocated.

The issue is particularly important for counties with significant wildfire exposure and communities facing reduced insurance availability. Any late-session package could affect homeowners, utilities, insurers, recovery financing, and the distribution of catastrophic-loss costs. Orange County will need to evaluate the final language once a proposal is in print, particularly if it impacts local emergency response, land use, rebuilding, or residents' access to insurance and compensation.

### State Budget and Revenue Outlook

The governor has signed the principal budget and trailer bills approved before the summer recess, but the 2026-27 budget is not fully settled. Important policy and spending decisions remain pending, including health trailer bills involving In-Home Supportive Services and potential county funding for individuals who lose health coverage, as well as unresolved climate and education items.

**Indigent Care Bridge Funding: Statewide County Association Proposal.** The final 2026 Budget Act included investments to address some H.R. 1-related Medi-Cal eligibility and administrative workload but did not provide funding for county indigent care programs serving individuals who lose coverage. Counties remain responsible under state law for providing indigent health care to eligible residents, even though many county programs were reduced or discontinued following implementation of the Affordable Care Act and the redirection of county health realignment funding to the state. The timing and scale of need remain uncertain because the new H.R. 1 community engagement requirements may cause individuals to lose coverage either because they do not meet the requirements or because compliance cannot be verified.

CSAC and allied county health and human services organizations are seeking \$100 million in one-time bridge funding through August budget action. The funding would initially focus on the 12 public hospital counties and 11 Article 13 counties, including Orange County, that are expected to face the most immediate pressure to restart or expand indigent care services. The proposal treats the funding as an interim investment while counties and the state develop a clearer understanding of enrollment losses, service demand, and future costs. Counties participating in the County Medical Services Program would defer a similar state funding request for one year because that program currently has an available fund balance.

The coalition also is requesting changes to the existing AB 85 health realignment framework. The proposal would allow formula counties to make redirected funding percentages permanent only at the county's discretion and would establish a process to restart annual determinations when fiscal circumstances materially change. It also seeks to restore accurate statutory references for petitioning the Health Care Funding Resolution Committee, giving counties an avenue to change their redirection methodology as H.R. 1 alters local indigent care responsibilities.

One-time state support could help the County prepare for increased demand from residents who are disenrolled from Medi-Cal while meeting its state-mandated indigent care obligation. The proposal would not resolve the longer-term fiscal exposure, making future state funding, federal implementation guidance, and flexibility under the AB 85 redirection process important issues for the County.

**June Revenues.** General Fund [revenues](#) were \$665 million above the 2026 Budget Act forecast for June and \$828 million above forecast for the full 2025-26 fiscal year. The June monthly result reflected corporation tax receipts that were \$896 million above forecast, sales and use tax receipts that were \$129 million above forecast, and personal income tax receipts that were \$107 million above forecast, partially offset by lower other revenue.

For the full fiscal year, corporation tax receipts were \$920 million above forecast, sales and use tax receipts were \$410 million above forecast, and personal income tax receipts were \$381 million above forecast. Personal income tax withholding was \$1.255 billion above forecast, largely because of a strong May. Estimated and final payments also exceeded projections, while other payments were lower and refunds were higher than anticipated.

The corporation tax overage was driven in substantial part by Pass-Through Entity Elective Tax payments that were \$546 million above forecast. Those payments increase corporation tax revenue in the near term but are generally offset later by credits against the personal income tax, making much of the timing benefit neutral over time.

The revenue results are modestly positive but do not materially change the state's structural budget challenges. The final budget already incorporated stronger revenues than the May Revision, and a portion of the corporation tax gain reflects timing rather than new ongoing resources. The results may reduce near-term downside risk, but they do not provide a reliable basis for assuming expanded local assistance. Pending trailer bills remain important because they could change county funding, administrative obligations, or service responsibilities after the main budget has already been enacted.

#### Little Hoover Commission Highlights IBHS Findings on Wildfire Mitigation

California's Little Hoover Commission recently highlighted research conducted by the Research at the Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety (IBHS) that supports a central finding in the Commission's report, [Building a Stronger Home Insurance Market for California](#) – reducing wildfire risk is essential to creating a more stable and affordable homeowners insurance market. The Commission recommended expanding programs that help homeowners harden their homes against wildfire, requiring insurers to recognize mitigation efforts, and establishing consistent, evidence-based standards that reduce fire risk. These findings are particularly relevant to Orange County homeowners, including residents of wildfire-prone communities who may face increasing premiums, nonrenewals, or difficulty obtaining coverage.

The IBHS research was also featured in a New York Times article examining [wildfire science](#). Through controlled experiments, IBHS researchers are testing which improvements to defensible space, building materials, and spacing between structures are most effective in preventing the rapid spread of wildfires through neighborhoods. The research team has burned down more than 14 test homes equipped with extensive sensors and monitoring equipment to measure how different materials, conditions, and mitigation strategies affect fire behavior.

Insurance companies, which provide much of the funding for the research, have a strong interest in identifying the home-hardening measures that most effectively reduce wildfire losses. California requires insurers to offer discounts when homeowners make their properties more fire-resistant. However, some of the greatest potential savings may come from meeting a comprehensive set of standards, such as those required for certification under the IBHS Wildfire Prepared Home program, rather than completing individual improvements. CSAA Insurance Group, California's fifth-largest insurer, now guarantees coverage to homeowners who obtain the certification.

As California seeks to attract insurance companies back to the market, the IBHS research provides policymakers with actionable, evidence-based information about how communities can prevent the widespread destruction of neighborhoods and reduce insurers' exposure to catastrophic losses. The

findings may also help Orange County homeowners and local officials better prioritize investments in defensible space, structure hardening, vegetation management, and neighborhood-level wildfire preparedness.

The research is also relevant to the continued debate around the proposed [Zone 0 regulations](#) for residences. [AB 3074 \(2020\)](#) established a requirement for an ember-resistant zone within five feet of structures, and Executive Order N-18-25, issued in February 2025, directed the Board of Forestry to complete and adopt final Zone 0 regulations by December 31, 2025. That deadline has passed, and final regulations have yet to be adopted.

The IBHS findings reinforce the Little Hoover Commission's recommendation that California more effectively incentivize and recognize wildfire mitigation. The Commission's report offers 11 recommendations to help stabilize California's home insurance market, including greater transparency in catastrophe modeling, stronger recognition of property- and community-level mitigation in insurance underwriting, and expanded assistance for homeowners seeking to make their properties more resilient to wildfire.

IBHS President Roy Wright emphasized that mitigation cannot eliminate wildfire risk entirely. Rather, the objective is to reduce the risk to a level where a wildfire no longer produces catastrophic losses. For Orange County, the research underscores the importance of ensuring that homeowners receive clear guidance, meaningful insurance benefits, and financial support when they invest in proven wildfire mitigation measures.

## Upcoming Hearings

- Agendas are typically posted on the committee websites in the [Assembly](#) and [Senate](#) a few days prior to the hearings.
- To watch live: [Assembly/Senate](#)
- To view hearings after they take place, you may access them in the [Assembly](#) or [Senate](#) media archives where they are generally available within a few hours of committee adjournment.

**Monday, August 10, 2026, 11:00 a.m.**

### **Assembly Joint Hearing Select Committee on Cybersecurity and Privacy and Consumer Protection**

State Capitol, Room 447

Informational Hearing: How Frontier Artificial Intelligence is Reshaping the Cybersecurity Landscape, and the Implications for Critical Infrastructure, Consumer Protection, and Preparedness

**Tuesday, August 11, 2026, 1:30 p.m.**

### **Assembly Joint Hearing Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials and Senate Environmental Quality**

1021 O Street, Room 1100

Oversight Hearing: Putting Public Protection First: Is California's Pesticide Program Achieving its Purpose

**Tuesday, August 11, 2026, 2:00 p.m.**

### **Assembly Housing and Community Development**

State Capitol, Room 444

Oversight Hearing: Outcomes Review of AB 519 (Schiavo), Chapter 742, Statutes of 2023 - Affordable Housing Finance Workgroup: affordable housing: consolidated application and coordinated review process.

**Wednesday, August 12, 2026, 9:00 a.m.**

**Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 2 on Resources, Environmental Protection and Energy**

1021 O Street, Room 2200  
All Departments - Open Issues

**Wednesday, August 12, 2026, 9:30 a.m.**

**Senate Budget And Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 3 on Health and Human Services**

1021 O Street, Room 1200  
All Departments - Open Issues

**Wednesday, August 12, 2026, 9:30 a.m.**

**Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration and General Government**

State Capitol, Room 113  
All Departments - Open Issues

**Wednesday, August 12, 2026, 9:30 a.m.**

**Senate Budget And Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 5 on Corrections, Public Safety, Judiciary, Labor and Transportation**

1021 O Street, Room 2100  
All Departments - Open Issues

**Wednesday, August 12, 2026, 1:00 p.m.**

**Assembly Select Committee on Downtown Recovery**

State Capitol, Room 447  
Informational Hearing: Downtown Recovery and the Future of Public Transit

**Wednesday, August 12, 2026, 2:00 p.m.**

**Senate Transportation Subcommittee on Lossan Rail Corridor Resiliency**

1021 O Street, Room 1200  
Informational Hearing: The Senate Bill 1098 Report: Reviewing Findings and Recommendations

**Grant Opportunities**

Below is a list of the latest grant opportunities released by the state. All opportunities for local jurisdictions may be found [here](#).

Expected Award Announcement: May 2027

Title: [California Community Reinvestment Grants Program](#)

State Agency / Department: [Department of Pesticide Regulation](#)

Match Funding? No

Estimated Total Funding: \$48,000,000

Funding Method: Advances and Reimbursement(s)

Application Deadline: 10/20/26 17:00

Title: [Quantum FAST Challenge](#)

State Agency / Department: [Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development](#)

Match Funding? No

Estimated Total Funding: \$2,700,000

Funding Method: Reimbursement(s)

**Governor's Press Releases**

Below is a list of the governor's press releases beginning July 29.

**August 5:** [California's tax agency cracks down on \\$168 million in illicit cannabis, tobacco](#)

**August 4:** [Governor Newsom secures federal assistance to support response to Gann Fire in Calaveras County](#)

**August 4:** [Governor Newsom announces appointments 8.4.2026](#)

- Luis Garnica, of Sacramento, has been appointed Warden of Mule Creek State Prison at the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
- Jolie Poper, of Sacramento, has been appointed Chief Deputy General Counsel of the Enterprise Division in the Office of Legal Affairs at the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
- Joseph Cannata, of San Francisco, has been appointed to the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Governing Board
- Vincent Hoenigman, of San Francisco, has been reappointed to the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Governing Board
- Natalie Arroyo, of Eureka, has been reappointed to the Klamath River Renewal Corporation Board of Directors

**August 4:** [Governor Newsom invites President Trump to deliver overdue wildfire recovery funding during Los Angeles visit](#)

**August 4:** [Governor Newsom announced the deployment of additional firefighting resources and specialized personnel to Washington and Oregon](#)

**July 31:** [California launches next phase of state cybersecurity plan as AI changes threat landscape](#)

**July 31:** [California mobilizes to protect communities as summer heat builds across the West](#)

**July 31:** [Governor Newsom announces California will raise statewide minimum wage](#)

**July 29:** [Governor Newsom deploys elite wildfire team to Washington State as western fires surge](#)

### 3. Washington D.C. Legislative Report

*Prepared by Townsend Public Affairs*

#### LEGISLATIVE BRANCH ACTIVITY

##### With the House on Recess, the Senate Tries to Advance a Number of Issues, Including CR Extending Government Funding

In the final week before the Senate adjourns for August recess, they tried to advance a number of measures from the nomination of the President's pick for Attorney General to a Continuing Resolution (CR), extending the government funding (appropriations) deadline from September 30 to December 11.

The bipartisan compromise CR, [released](#) on August 2, would also extend the 2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), the Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act expiring at the end of the fiscal year. It would also delay implementation of the White House Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) [Proposed Rule](#) giving the Administration significantly more control over the federal grantmaking process and introducing new conditions on federal grants. Importantly, CRs do not contain Congressional earmarks, also known as Community Project Funding (CPF) and Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) requests.

The CR was added to [HR 6500](#) in the Senate as an amendment, and Senate Majority Leader John Thune began the procedure to bring the bill for a final floor vote on August 3. Majority Leader Thune is also attempting to juggle a Russian sanctions bill, nominations, and the of [release](#) an amended budget resolution to provide additional funding for the conflict in Iran, farm subsidies, and election security measures. Early reporting indicates Republican Senators are contemplating expanding the number of committees involved in the reconciliation process from four to eleven, potentially complicating efforts to pass the bill ahead of the midterm elections.

The start of August recess is likely to signify the end of new legislative efforts in the 119th Congress, as members will return only for September and then adjourn for all of October to campaign ahead of the November midterms. September's calendar will likely be dominated by the efforts to advance the third reconciliation package alongside work on the full-year appropriations process, Surface Transportation Reauthorization, the Water Resources Development Act, a Farm Bill, and the National Defense Authorization Act.

##### Senate Agriculture Committee To Markup Farm Bill, Democrats to Oppose Despite SNAP Changes

On August 6, the Senate Committee on Agriculture held a [business meeting](#) to consider a proposed compromise [Farm Bill](#), covering agriculture subsidies and food assistance programs for five years. Congress last passed a complete Farm Bill in 2018, and has used extensions since 2023.

The compromise bill makes revisions to [HR 1](#), the One Big Beautiful Bill Act's (OBBBA) new cost-sharing arrangements for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), pushing implementation of the administrative cost sharing arrangement one year in exchange for a higher local share, up to 20%, in states with payment error rates in excess of 10%. While initially thought to be a sufficient compromise, Democrats still [expressed](#) opposition to the plan, arguing against the higher penalties and asking for a two-year delay.

Ultimately, the bill is subject to the filibuster in the Senate and will require 60 votes to pass out of the chamber, where it will need to again pass the House. The House passed their version, [HR 7567](#) on April 30, though it lacked any Democratic support.

### **Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs to Consider ZIP Code Legislation Affecting North Tustin**

The Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs (HSGAC) considered [S 4505](#) among other bills during [a business meeting](#) on August 6. The bill would require the US Postal Service (USPS) to designate new ZIP codes for specified jurisdictions limited to the geographic borders of those jurisdictions and included North Tustin on the list.

In Orange County, North Tustin residents share a ZIP code with a portion of Santa Ana, and are considered as Santa Ana residents for tax purposes under Measure X, which raised taxes. However, North Tustin residents were not afforded the opportunity to vote on Measure X as North Tustin is an unincorporated part of the County, and not part of Santa Ana. The bill would require the USPS to limit North Tustin's ZIP codes to its geographic boundaries, and therefore lower the sales tax in the area back to the level set by the County and its voters.

Once advancing out of committee, it will need to be voted on by the full Senate and considered in the House, which produced companion legislation earlier in the year, that was amended by the Senate to include more jurisdictions. If brought for a vote in either chamber, it is expected to pass.

## **EXECUTIVE BRANCH ACTIVITY**

### **Appeals Court Rules on Federal Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund**

On August 4, an Appeals Court [ruled](#) against the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) March 2025 [attempt](#) to cancel \$20 billion in funding for the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund ([GGRF](#)), created by the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act. The GGRF provided loans to banks to make investments in low or zero emissions industrial and energy infrastructure projects.

While the GGRF had its remaining funding rescinded by [HR 1](#), the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) effective July of 2025, plaintiffs are challenging the rescission of funding ahead of that date, arguing that the EPA improperly withheld funding until it was rescinded. A previous court [order](#) from a federal district judge had enjoined both the banks transferring the funding and the EPA from taking further action.

The new order was delayed for a few days to allow the EPA to appeal to the Supreme Court, leaving the final impact of the order unclear.

### **Orange County Delegation Press Releases**

- Rep. Mike Levin – July 30, 2026: [Rep. Mike Levin Honors Encinitas Resident Michaelle Jinnette as July 2026 Constituent of the Month | U.S. Congressman Mike Levin](#)
- Rep. Young Kim – August 2, 2026: [East Asia and Pacific Chair Young Kim Leads Delegation to South Korea, Japan, and Taiwan to Reaffirm America's Indo-Pacific Alliances - Congresswoman Young Kim](#)
- Rep. Dave Min – July 31, 2026: [Reps. Min, Lawler, Huffman and Fitzpatrick Call for Stronger Federal E-Bike and E-Moto Safety Standards | Representative Dave Min](#)

- Rep. Derek Tran – August 5, 2026: [Representatives Tran, Bera and Carbajal Lead 65 Members Urging Secretary Rubio to Address Dual-Use Restrictions Impeding Humanitarian Aid to Gaza | Representative Derek Tran](#)
- Rep. Derek Tran – August 3, 2026: [Representatives Tran, Lee Urge Senator Schumer to Remove Unnecessary Voter ID Requirements from the Stop Insider Trading Act | Representative Derek Tran](#)
- Sen. Alex Padilla – August 4, 2026: [WATCH: Padilla: “Todd Blanche Is Not Fit” to Serve as Attorney General - Senator Alex Padilla](#)
- Sen. Alex Padilla – August 4, 2026: [Padilla Introduces Legislation to Ban Trump from Selling Inside Access to his Presidential Announcements - Senator Alex Padilla](#)
- Sen. Alex Padilla – August 3, 2026: [Padilla, Warner, Colleagues Press DOJ on Fair and Legal Deployment of Election Monitors During Midterms - Senator Alex Padilla](#)
- Sen. Alex Padilla – July 31, 2026: [Padilla, Schatz Introduce Legislation to Provide Paid Family, Medical Leave for Federal Employees - Senator Alex Padilla](#)
- Sen. Adam Schiff – August 5, 2026: [NEWS: Sen. Schiff, Colleagues Demand Trump Administration Drop Plans to Roll Back Commonsense ATF Rule Regulating Device Used in Major Mass Shootings](#)
- Sen. Adam Schiff – August 5, 2026: [NEWS: Schiff, Gillibrand, and Colleagues Press Trump Administration on Chaotic, Opaque Oversight of New Artificial Intelligence Models](#)
- Sen. Adam Schiff – August 5, 2026: [NEWS: Sens. Schiff, Padilla Join Van Hollen and 18 Colleagues in Urging Trump Administration to Use Leverage to Prevent Further Atrocities in Sudan](#)
- Sen. Adam Schiff – August 5, 2026: [NEWS: Sen. Schiff Leads 25 Colleagues in Push to EPA to Drop Effort to Weaken Health Protections for Millions of Americans](#)
- Sen. Adam Schiff – August 4, 2026: [NEWS: Sens. Schiff & Daines Introduce Legislation to Reduce Conflicts Between Humans and Wildlife in American Outdoors](#)
- Sen. Adam Schiff – August 4, 2026: [NEWS: Sen. Schiff Urges President Trump to Reverse Destructive Cuts to Science and Research Funding](#)
- Sen. Adam Schiff – August 4, 2026: [WATCH: Before Committee Vote, Sen. Schiff Lays Out Reasons Todd Blanche is Unfit to Serve as Attorney General](#)
- Sen. Adam Schiff – August 3, 2026: [NEWS: Sen. Schiff Joins Leader Schumer, Democrats on Legislation to End Unprecedented Presidential Corruption, Stop “Pay-To-Play” Pardons](#)
- Sen. Adam Schiff – August 3, 2026: [NEWS: Sens. Schiff, Padilla, Democratic Senators Demand CFTC Rein in Wildfire Bets on Prediction Markets](#)
- Sen. Adam Schiff – August 3, 2026: [NEWS: Sens. Schiff, Whitehouse Introduce Measure to Strike Down Trump’s Gutting of Endangered Species Act](#)
- Sen. Adam Schiff – August 3, 2026: [NEWS: Sen. Schiff. Joins Reps. Garamendi, Gallagher, and Sen. Sheehy to Introduce the American Food for American Schools Act](#)
- Sen. Adam Schiff – July 31, 2026: [WATCH: Sen. Schiff Breaks Down Troubled Todd Blanche Nomination, Slams Trump’s Self-Dealings on MS NOW and CNN](#)

- Sen. Adam Schiff – July 31, 2026: [NEWS: Sen. Schiff Joins Blumenthal, Warren to Raise Concerns about Trump Admin Directing Billions in Taxpayer Dollars Toward Critical Mining Companies Linked to Trump and Lutnick Families](#)
- Sen. Adam Schiff – July 31, 2026: [NEWS: Sens. Schiff, Padilla Join Heinrich, Murray & Colleagues in Demanding Trump Administration Restore Funding for Energy Projects That Were Illegally Canceled and Politically Targeted](#)
- Sen. Adam Schiff – July 30, 2026: [NEWS: Sen. Schiff, Colleagues to Promote Sustainability and Protect Consumers Through Standardized Tracking and Accountability for Recycled Plastic Claims](#)

#### Legislation Introduced by the Orange County Delegation

| Bill Number | Bill Title               | Introduction Date | Sponsor                 | Bill Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Latest Major Action                                                                 |
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| S.5234      | No Short Title Available | 08/04/26          | Sen. Adam Schiff (D-CA) | A bill to amend the Act of March 2, 1931, to establish a Human-Wildlife Conflict Reduction Program, and for other purposes.                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works., 08/04/26 |
| S.J.RES.204 | No Short Title Available | 08/03/26          | Sen. Adam Schiff (D-CA) | A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration relating to "Rescinding the Definition of 'Harm' Under the Endangered Species Act". | Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works., 08/03/26 |
| S.5182      | Tracking Plastic Act     | 07/30/26          | Sen. Adam Schiff (D-CA) | A bill to establish a Federal working group for recycled plastic content traceability, and for other purposes.                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and                  |

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|           |                             |          |                                 |                                                                                                                            | Transportation.,<br>07/30/26                                                                                                                                                                             |
| S.RES.822 | No Short Title<br>Available | 07/30/26 | Sen. Alex<br>Padilla (D-<br>CA) | A resolution<br>designating July<br>2026 as "American<br>Grown Flower and<br>Foliage Month".                               | Submitted in the<br>Senate,<br>considered, and<br>agreed to without<br>amendment and<br>with a preamble by<br>Unanimous<br>Consent.<br>(consideration: CR<br>S4365; text: CR<br>S4391-4392),<br>07/30/26 |
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