

Legislative And Public Policy Committee

September 10, 2026



Agenda Item #6

State Legislative and Budget Updates



Legislation Update

- The deadline for the Legislature to pass bills was August 31
- The Governor must sign bills by September 30
- As of 9/4/26, [AB 350 \(Bonta\)](#), [AB 2081 \(Stefani\)](#), [AB 1099 \(Bryan\)](#), and [SB 837 \(Reyes\)](#) are on the Governor's Desk
 - Bill list available
- As always, position letters have been provided

AB 350 (Bonta)

- **Bill:** [AB 350 \(Bonta\)](#) Health care coverage: fluoride treatments

What will this bill do? The bill would require the State Department of Health Care Services to update Medi-Cal rules by July 1, 2027, so that coverage for people under age 21 follows federal standards and includes fluoride varnish treatment.

- **Status:** Governor's Desk
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AB 2081 (Stefani)

- **Bill:** [AB 2081 \(Stefani\)](#) Medi-Cal: Home and Community-Based Alternatives (HCBA) Waiver

What will this bill do? Would among other things, expand the number of those served by the Medi-Cal HCBA Waiver by removing the current limit on how many people can join the program (capped at 5,000 extra slots). It would require, beginning in 2027, to ensure that the HCBA Waiver provides for an annual increase of at least 10,000 waiver slots for each waiver year.

- **Status:** Governor's Desk

AB 1099 (Bryan)

- **Bill:** [AB 1099 \(Bryan\)](#) Developmental services: initial intake: assessment
- **What will this bill do?** Would streamline and expedite the eligibility process for children in foster care and those involved in the juvenile justice system suspected of having I/DD, addressing disparities in accessing regional center services.
- **Status:** Governor's Desk

SB 837 (Reyes)

- **Bill:** [SB 837 \(Reyes\)](#) Disaster and emergency preparedness

What will this bill do? Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) programs presently must provide services to older adults and people with disabilities with technical assistance re: long term care services and supports (for example, waiver services, IHSS, and community-based adult services). This bill would require ADRC programs to offer emergency preparedness training specifically tailored for older adults and people with disabilities so they can prepare for disasters and stay safe before, during, and after emergencies.

- **Status:** Governor's Desk

Budget Updates

- Many [budget bills passed](#) before July 1
- Many [trailer bills](#) have been considered
- Some of those of greatest interest to our community include [SB 175/AB 175](#), [SB 133/AB 133](#), and [SB 173/AB 173](#)

QUESTIONS

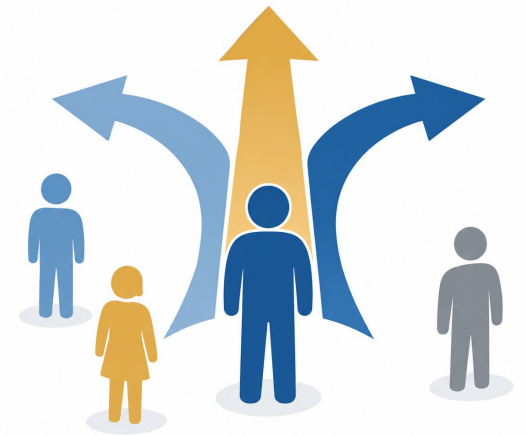


Agenda Item #7

2027 Legislative Planning

2027 Policy Project Ideas

- In selecting projects, there are many factors to consider:
 - Feasible
 - No cost
 - Community support
 - Tailored ideas
 - New Governor and new priorities
 - HR 1 changes coming online
 - Reserve capacity for advocacy opportunities



2027 Policy Project Ideas

- Some bill ideas need to be introduced multiple times with refinements
- Some legislators want to introduce bills immediately at the start of the term
- Others want to see what ideas they have and then introduce bills close to the deadline
- Therefore, strategically we want to promote some ideas earlier and others later
- Seven ideas will be presented, seeking 4 active ideas and two to pursue later

2027 Policy Project Ideas

1. Continue strengthening plain language
2. Fingerprinting personnel at school sites
3. Disability-related chronic absenteeism in schools
4. Eliminate marriage penalty and raise asset limits

2027 Policy Project Ideas

- 5. Delete provision of regional center compliance committees
- 6. Allow IHSS assessment meetings to be recorded
- 7. Clarify regulations on electroconvulsive therapy (ECT)

Staff recommendation: LPPC recommends 4+2 ideas for Council's adoption as 2027 Policy Projects

2026 Sixth Annual There Should be A Law Contest

- 184 ideas submitted
- Human Services and Education: 78 ideas total (42%)
- Themes
 - Address barriers – navigating systems, finding accurate information, accessing services consistently, understanding supports
 - Participate fully and safely in community life
 - Economic security

2026 Contest Winner

1. Marriage penalty/asset limits: 8 ideas
2. Plain language: 5-6 ideas
3. Chronic absenteeism: 2 ideas
4. ECT regulations: 1 idea
5. Fingerprinting: 1 idea
6. RC Committees: 1 idea
7. Record IHSS meetings: 1 idea

QUESTIONS



Thank You

