



ABC California Priority Bill List

Weekly List of ABC Priority Bills

[AB 1235](#)[Rogers, D](#)[HTML](#)[PDF](#)

California State University: skilled and trained workforce requirement.

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Bill information

Status: 06/15/2026 - In committee: Referred to APPR. suspense file.

Calendar: 08/13/26 S-APPROPRIATIONS SUSPENSE Upon adjournment of Session - 1021 O Street, Room 2200
CERVANTES, SABRINA, Chair

Summary: Current law establishes requirements that apply when a public entity is required by statute or regulation to obtain an enforceable commitment that a bidder, contractor, or other entity will use a skilled and trained workforce to complete a contract or project. The California State University Contract Law authorizes the Trustees of the California State University to enter into an agreement with a contractor to provide all or significant portions of the design services and construction of a project, chosen by a competitive bidding process that employs selection criteria in addition to cost. Current law also requires a contractor, when selecting subcontractors under this provision, to competitively bid for those portions of work. This bill would prohibit a contractor from being prequalified for, shortlisted for, or awarded a contract with the Trustees of the California State University, as described above, unless, among other things, the contractor provides an enforceable commitment to the trustees that the contractor and its subcontractors at every tier will use a skilled and trained workforce to perform all work on the project or contract that falls within an apprenticeable occupation in the building and construction trades, as specified. The bill would exempt from its provisions, among things, a project or contract for the development of housing. (Based on 01/22/2026 text)

[AB 1439](#)[Garcia, D](#)[HTML](#)[PDF](#)

Public retirement systems: development projects: labor standards.

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Bill information

Status: 06/22/2026 - In committee: Referred to APPR. suspense file.

Calendar:

08/13/26 S-APPROPRIATIONS SUSPENSE Upon adjournment of Session - 1021 O Street, Room 2200 CERVANTES, SABRINA, Chair

Summary:

The California Constitution grants the retirement board of a public employee retirement system plenary authority and fiduciary responsibility for investment of moneys and administration of the retirement fund and system. These provisions qualify this grant of powers by reserving to the Legislature the authority to prohibit investments if it is in the public interest and the prohibition satisfies standards of fiduciary care and loyalty required of a retirement board. Existing law prohibits the boards of the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) and the State Teachers' Retirement System (STRS) from making certain new investments or renewing existing investments of public employee retirement funds, including in a thermal coal company, as defined. Existing law provides that a board is not required to take any action regarding those investments unless the board determines in good faith that the action is consistent with the board's fiduciary responsibilities established in the California Constitution. This bill would request the University of California, Berkeley, Labor Center to conduct an independent study to analyze the extent of labor standards protections in California real estate and infrastructure development projects funded through the real asset portfolios of PERS and STRS. (Based on 06/11/2026 text)

AB 1576

Ortega, D

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Workers' compensation: Subsequent injuries payments.

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Bill information	
Status:	06/29/2026 - In committee: Referred to APPR. suspense file.
Calendar:	08/13/26 S-APPROPRIATIONS SUSPENSE Upon adjournment of Session - 1021 O Street, Room 2200 CERVANTES, SABRINA, Chair

Summary:

Existing law provides certain methods for determining workers' compensation benefits payable to a worker or the worker's dependents for purposes of permanent total disability or permanent partial disability that include a determination of the percentage of permanent disability incurred. Existing law requires that, for injuries incurred before January 1, 2013, in determining the percentages of permanent disability, account be taken of the nature of the physical injury or disfigurement, the occupation of the injured employee, and the injured employee's age at the time of the injury, and requires that specified factors be considered in determining an employee's diminished earning capacity for these purposes. For purposes of these provisions, "nature of the physical injury or disfigurement" incorporates the descriptions and measurements of physical impairment and the corresponding percentages of impairments published in the American Medical Association (AMA) Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment (5th Edition). For injuries occurring on or after January 1, 2013, in determining the percentages of permanent disability, existing law requires the same factors be taken into account but removes from consideration the employee's diminished future earning capacity and, instead, incorporates an adjustment factor of 1.4, as specified. Existing law also establishes the Subsequent Injuries Benefits Trust Fund, a continuously appropriated fund. Under existing law, if a permanently, partially disabled employee receives a subsequent compensable injury resulting in additional permanent disability, then that employee receives compensation from the Subsequent Injuries Benefits Trust Fund. Existing law requires, when applicable, the additional permanent disability resulting from the subsequent injury to be equal to 35% or more of total, when considered alone and without regard to, or adjustment for, the occupation or the age of the employee. For purposes of determining permanent disability resulting from a subsequent injury, this bill would measure permanent disability, for injuries occurring on or after January 1, 2005, and prior to January 1, 2013, by the whole person impairment rating as determined in accordance with the AMA Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment (5th Edition), after adjustment for diminished future earning capacity and without regard to, or adjustment for, the occupation or age of the employee. (Based on 04/20/2026 text)

AB 1694

Carrillo, D

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California Career Technical Education Incentive Grant Program: renewal grants.

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Client	Position
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Bill information	
Status:	06/29/2026 - In committee: Referred to APPR. suspense file.
Calendar:	08/13/26 S-APPROPRIATIONS SUSPENSE Upon adjournment of Session - 1021 O Street, Room 2200 CERVANTES, SABRINA, Chair
Summary:	Existing law establishes the California Career Technical Education Incentive Grant Program, administered by the State Department of Education, with the purpose of encouraging, maintaining, and strengthening the delivery of high-quality career technical education programs. Existing law requires, for the 2021–22 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, \$300,000,000 to be available to the department, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the program. Existing law requires a grant applicant to demonstrate a proportional dollar-for-dollar match and sets that amount at \$2 for every \$1 received from the program. Existing law prohibits an applicant from being awarded an amount higher than the amount that the allocation formula determines the applicant to be eligible to receive under the program. Existing law authorizes a grant recipient under the program to consist of one or more, or any combination, of school districts, county offices of education, charter schools, or regional occupational centers or programs operated by joint powers authorities or county offices of education, as provided. Existing law provides that an applicant receiving a grant from the program in a prior fiscal year is eligible to apply to receive a renewal grant if the applicant's career technical education program continues to meet specified requirements, as provided. This bill would delete the prohibition against an applicant being awarded more than the amount determined by the allocation formula and would instead provide that an applicant

receiving a grant from the program in a prior fiscal year is required to receive a renewal grant for at least 3 additional years, as provided. (Based on 06/11/2026 text)

AB 1707

Davies, R

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Electricians: certification application, examination, and renewal.

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Client	Position
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Bill information	
Status:	08/03/2026 - From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on APPR.
Calendar:	08/10/26 S-APPROPRIATIONS 10 a.m. - 1021 O Street, Room 2200 CERVANTES, SABRINA, Chair
Summary:	Existing law establishes the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement, under the direction of the Labor Commissioner, within the Department of Industrial Relations, for the purpose of enforcing labor laws. Existing law requires the division to maintain minimum standards for the competency and training of electricians through a system of testing and certification. Existing law requires the division to issue certification cards to electricians who have been certified and paid a fee, in accordance with certain procedures. This bill would authorize an individual who fails the certification examination to immediately submit an application to retake the examination, as specified. (Based on 08/03/2026 text)

AB 1710

Carrillo, D

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Permit Streamlining Act: housing development projects: conformity with ordinances and standards.

Tracking form

Client	Position
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Bill information	
Status:	08/03/2026 - In committee: Referred to APPR. suspense file.
Calendar:	08/13/26 S-APPROPRIATIONS SUSPENSE Upon adjournment of Session - 1021 O Street, Room 2200 CERVANTES, SABRINA, Chair
Summary:	The Permit Streamlining Act, among other things, requires public agencies to approve or disapprove of a development project within certain timeframes, as specified. The act requires public agencies to compile one or more lists that specify in detail the information that will be required from any applicant for a development project. The act requires a public agency, upon its determination that an application for a development project is incomplete, to include a list and a thorough description of the specific information needed to complete the application. This bill would provide that for the purposes of the Permit Streamlining Act, a housing development project or emergency shelter shall be deemed consistent, compliant, and in conformity with an applicable plan, program, policy, ordinance, standard, requirement, or other similar provision adopted or implemented by a public agency, as defined, if there is substantial evidence that would allow a reasonable person to conclude that the housing development project or emergency shelter is consistent, compliant, or in conformity, except as specified. (Based on 07/02/2026 text)

[AB 1786](#)[Harabedian, D](#)[HTML](#)[PDF](#)

Public contracts: best value construction contracting for counties, cities, and the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments.

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Bill information

Status:

06/30/2026 - Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

Calendar:

08/10/26 #138 S-ASSEMBLY BILLS - THIRD READING FILE (Floor Mgr.- Reyes)

Summary:

Existing law establishes a program to allow counties to select a bidder on the basis of best value, as defined, for construction projects in excess of \$1,000,000. Existing law also authorizes counties to use a best value construction contracting method to award individual annual contracts, not to exceed \$3,000,000, for repair, remodeling, or other repetitive work to be done according to unit prices, as specified. Existing law establishes procedures and criteria for the selection of a best value contractor and requires that bidders verify specified information under oath. Existing law requires the board of supervisors of a participating county to submit a report that contains specified information about the projects awarded using the best value procedures described above to the appropriate policy committees of the Legislature and the Joint Legislative Budget Committee before March 1, 2029. Existing law repeals the program provisions on January 1, 2030. This bill would, instead, authorize a county, city, or the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments to select a bidder on the basis of best value, as described above, for construction projects in excess of \$500,000, would make various conforming changes to the above-described provisions, and would extend the operation of those provisions until January 1, 2032. (Based on 06/18/2026 text)

[AB 1803](#)[Lowenthal, D](#)[HTML](#)[PDF](#)

Employment: sexual harassment training and education: anti-hate speech training.

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Bill information

Status:

08/03/2026 - In committee: Referred to APPR. suspense file.

Calendar:

08/13/26 S-APPROPRIATIONS SUSPENSE Upon adjournment of Session - 1021 O Street, Room 2200 CERVANTES, SABRINA, Chair

Summary:

Existing law requires a specified employer with 5 or more employees to, by January 1, 2021, provide at least 2 hours of classroom or other effective interactive training and education regarding sexual harassment to all supervisory employees and at least one hour of classroom or other effective interactive training and education regarding sexual harassment to all nonsupervisory employees in California and, after that date, once every 2 years. Existing law requires an employer to include prevention of abusive conduct as a component of that training and education. This bill would additionally require that, beginning

January 1, 2028, the above-described training and education include, as a component of the training and education, anti-hate speech training. (Based on 06/17/2026 text)

AB 1809

Fong, D

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Public contracts: school and community college districts.

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Bill information	
Status:	06/23/2026 - Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
Calendar:	08/10/26 #104 S-ASSEMBLY BILLS - THIRD READING FILE (Floor Mgr.- Durazo)
Summary:	The Local Agency Public Construction Act authorizes job order contracting, as defined, for school districts until January 1, 2027. Existing law requires job order contractors to submit a questionnaire to the school district containing specified information verified under oath, under penalty of perjury. This bill would extend the termination date for these provisions until January 1, 2037. (Based on 06/01/2026 text)

AB 1859

Ortega, D

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Public works.

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Client	Position
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Bill information	
Status:	08/03/2026 - In committee: Referred to APPR. suspense file.
Calendar:	08/13/26 S-APPROPRIATIONS SUSPENSE Upon adjournment of Session - 1021 O Street, Room 2200 CERVANTES, SABRINA, Chair
Summary:	Existing law requires that, except as specified, not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages be paid to workers employed on public works. Existing law defines “public works,” for the purposes of regulating public works contracts as, among other things, construction, alteration, demolition, installation, or repair work done under contract and paid for, in whole or in part, out of public funds. Existing law makes any officer, agent, or representative of the state or of any political subdivision who willfully violates specified provisions, including providing notice of certain public works projects, as specified, to the Department of Industrial Relations, guilty of a misdemeanor. Existing law requires the Labor Commissioner to investigate allegations that a contractor or subcontractor violated the law regulating public works projects, including the payment of prevailing wages. Existing law requires each contractor and subcontractor on a public works project to keep accurate payroll records, showing the name, address, social security number, work classification, straight time and overtime hours worked each day and week, and the actual per diem wages paid to each journeyman, apprentice, worker, or other employee employed by the contractor or subcontractor in connection with the public work. This bill would require an awarding body or owner to give reasonable access, as defined, to representatives of a joint-labor management committee in order to monitor compliance with the prevailing wage and apprenticeship requirements. The bill would authorize an awarding body, owner, contractor, or subcontractor to deny or revoke access to the

committee’s representative if the representative fails or refuses to comply with job site safety requirements, as specified. The bill would authorize the committee to bring an action against an awarding body, contractor, or subcontractor that willfully denies the committee’s representative reasonable access. (Based on 05/18/2026 text)

AB 1860

McKinnor, D

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School facilities: design-build: alternative design-build: county superintendents of schools.

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Status:	08/05/2026 - Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
Calendar:	08/10/26 #251 S-ASSEMBLY BILLS - THIRD READING FILE (Floor Mgr.- Pérez)
Summary:	Existing law authorizes a school district, with the approval of the governing board of the school district, to procure design-build contracts for public works projects in excess of \$1,000,000, awarding the contract to either the low bid or the best value, as provided. Existing law requires specified information relating to design-build bid proposals to be verified under penalty of perjury. Existing law, until January 1, 2029, authorizes a school district, with the approval of its governing board, to procure alternative design-build contracts for public works projects in excess of \$5,000,000, awarding the contract to either the low bid or the best value, as provided. Existing law authorizes county boards of education that have had all or a portion of certain duties and functions relating to expenses transferred to them by the county board of supervisors to acquire, lease, lease-purchase, hold, and convey real property for purposes of housing the offices and the services of the county superintendent of schools. This bill would authorize county superintendents of schools to procure the same above-described design-build and alternative design-build contracts, subject to the same requirements that are applicable to school districts, except that the bill would, notwithstanding any other law, require county superintendents of schools to have exclusive authority to award design-build and alternative design-build contracts on behalf of a county office of education and county board of education. (Based on 08/04/2026 text)

AB 1883

Bryan, D

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Workplace surveillance tools.

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Bill information	
Status:	08/03/2026 - In committee: Referred to APPR. suspense file.
Calendar:	08/13/26 S-APPROPRIATIONS SUSPENSE Upon adjournment of Session - 1021 O Street, Room 2200 CERVANTES, SABRINA, Chair
Summary:	Would, with certain exceptions, prohibit an employer from using a workplace surveillance tool that uses artificial intelligence to, among other things, collect neural data or recognize an individual's emotional state. The bill would define an employer to include a governmental entity, including, among other entities,

charter cities and the University of California. This bill would require the Labor Commissioner to enforce the bill's provisions, would authorize an employee to bring a civil action for specified remedies for a violation of the bill's provisions, and would authorize a public prosecutor to enforce the provisions. The bill would subject an employer who violates the bill's provisions to a civil penalty of up to \$500 for each violation. The bill would define various terms for purposes of its provisions. This bill would exempt from its provisions the use of a tool to the extent that its use is to ensure safety or is reasonably necessary to comply with, a federal statute, federal regulation, or binding federal contract relating to the development of aircraft for use in the national airspace or the development of products or services for national security, military, space, or defense purposes. The bill would include findings that changes proposed by this bill address a matter of statewide concern rather than a municipal affair and, therefore, apply to all cities, including charter cities. (Based on 07/02/2026 text)

[AB 1980](#)

[Caloza, D](#)

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Labor: apprenticeship: Equal Representation in Construction Apprenticeships Grant Program.

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Bill information	
Status:	06/29/2026 - In committee: Referred to APPR. suspense file.
Calendar:	08/13/26 S-APPROPRIATIONS SUSPENSE Upon adjournment of Session - 1021 O Street, Room 2200 CERVANTES, SABRINA, Chair
Summary:	Existing law establishes in the Labor and Workforce Development Agency the Department of Industrial Relations. Existing law requires the department, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to establish a Women in Construction Priority Unit to, among other things, provide resources for employers and project owners, including public agencies, to improve construction worksite culture, address barriers to employment, and develop training and materials for workforce pipeline professionals specific to women and nonbinary individuals in construction. This bill would, upon appropriation by the Legislature, require the department to establish, through the Division of Apprenticeship Standards, the Equal Representation in Construction Apprenticeships Grant Program for the purpose of increasing equitable access to building and construction career pathways for women, nonbinary individuals, and underrepresented populations in California. The bill would require the department to issue a competitive request for applications for qualified organizations, as defined. The bill would authorize the grants to be used only for specified purposes, including to provide direct participant stipends to offset lost wages and enable full participation in preapprenticeship and apprenticeship programs that are registered with the division. This bill would require the department to prioritize applications from qualified organizations that have programs serving women, nonbinary individuals, and underrepresented populations who meet specified criteria. (Based on 06/08/2026 text)

[AB 2074](#)

[Haney, D](#)

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Regional transit hub districts: downtown housing developments.

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Bill information

Status: 08/03/2026 - In committee: Referred to APPR. suspense file.

Calendar: 08/13/26 S-APPROPRIATIONS SUSPENSE Upon adjournment of Session - 1021 O Street, Room 2200 CERVANTES, SABRINA, Chair

Summary: The Planning and Zoning Law generally regulates local government zoning and approval of certain types of housing development projects. The law authorizes a development proponent to submit an application for a development that is subject to a prescribed ministerial approval process if the development complies with certain procedural requirements and satisfies specified objective planning standards. The law also requires a housing development project within a specified distance of a transit-oriented development stop to be an allowed use as a transit-oriented housing development on any site zoned for residential, mixed, or commercial development, if the development complies with specified requirements, as applicable. This bill would, by July 1, 2027, require major transit cities to designate one or more regional transit hub districts and prescribe requirements for those districts, including requiring that a district make a downtown housing development an allowable use, as specified. The bill would define “downtown housing development” as a housing development project within a regional hub district that meets certain conditions, including that it meets specified labor standards. The bill would prescribe requirements for the developments, including that the developments are eligible for streamlined ministerial approval, as specified. The bill would require the California Housing Finance Agency to conduct a housing construction loan and financing study that includes specified components and deliver that study to the Legislature and specified committees by December 1, 2027, as specified. (Based on 07/02/2026 text)

AB 2152

González, Mark, D

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California Environmental Quality Act: essential local fire station projects: judicial streamlining.

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Client	Position
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Bill information	
Status:	08/03/2026 - From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on APPR.
Calendar:	08/10/26 S-APPROPRIATIONS 10 a.m. - 1021 O Street, Room 2200 CERVANTES, SABRINA, Chair
Summary:	The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency to prepare a mitigated negative declaration for a project that may have a significant effect on the environment if revisions in the project would avoid or mitigate that effect and there is no substantial evidence that the project, as revised, would have a significant effect on the environment. This bill would authorize an essential local fire station project, as defined, to be eligible for judicial streamlining, if the lead agency, at its discretion, makes specified determinations based upon substantial evidence in the record regarding the project, including the determination that the project will employ best practices to avoid or mitigate significant environmental effects, as provided. The bill would require the lead agency, upon determination that a project, activity, or approval is eligible for judicial streamlining pursuant to these provisions, to file a notice of determination with specified content with the Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation, as provided. The bill would require the Judicial Council to, on or before July 1, 2027, adopt rules of court that apply to any action or proceeding brought to attack, review, set aside, void, or annul the certification of an environmental impact report, mitigated negative declaration, or negative declaration for an essential local fire station project, including any potential appeals to the court of appeal or the Supreme Court, to be resolved, to the extent feasible, within 270 calendar days of the filing of the certified record of proceedings with the court. The bill would provide that an environmental impact report for an essential local fire station project that meets

specified criteria is not required to include any discussion of alternatives to the local fire station project or the growth-inducing impacts of the local fire station project. (Based on 08/03/2026 text)

AB 2300

Arambula, D

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Workforce development: applicable law.

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Client	Position
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Bill information	
Status:	08/03/2026 - In committee: Referred to APPR. suspense file.
Calendar:	08/13/26 S-APPROPRIATIONS SUSPENSE Upon adjournment of Session - 1021 O Street, Room 2200 CERVANTES, SABRINA, Chair
Summary:	Existing federal law, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), provides for workforce development activities, including activities in which states may participate. Existing state law, the California Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (CalWIOA), establishes the California Workforce Development Board to assist the Governor in the development, oversight, and continuous improvement of California’s workforce investment system and the alignment of the education and workforce investment systems to the needs of the 21st century economy and workforce. CalWIOA creates the Consolidated Work Program Fund in the State Treasury, for the receipt of all moneys deposited pursuant to WIOA and requires moneys in the fund to be made available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the Employment Development Department for expenditure consistent with the purposes of WIOA, and requires the establishment of a local workforce development board in each local workforce development area of the state to, among other things, plan and oversee the workforce investment system. This bill would provide that federal- and state-source grants or subgrants awarded by the Employment Development Department to local workforce development boards or the fiscal agents of local workforce development areas, as defined, for the purpose of implementing workforce development programs administered by the department are exempt from specified provisions applicable to state contracts and the State Administrative Manual, and are exempt from the review or approval of any division of the Department of General Services. (Based on 05/18/2026 text)

AB 2321

Ortega, D

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Bureau of Investigations.

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Client	Position
ABC	Oppose
Bill information	
Status:	08/03/2026 - In committee: Referred to APPR. suspense file.
Calendar:	08/13/26 S-APPROPRIATIONS SUSPENSE Upon adjournment of Session - 1021 O Street, Room 2200 CERVANTES, SABRINA, Chair
Summary:	Existing law makes the Bureau of Investigations within the Division of Occupational Safety and Health responsible for directing accident investigations involving violations of laws, standards, and orders in

which there is a serious injury to 5 or more employees, death, or request for prosecution by a division representative. Existing law requires the bureau to review inspection reports involving a serious violation if there have been serious injuries to one to 4 employees or a serious exposure, and authorizes the bureau to investigate cases for the purpose of prosecution, as specified. Existing law requires the bureau to refer the results of investigations it is required to conduct to the appropriate prosecuting authority having jurisdiction for appropriate action unless it determines that there is legally insufficient evidence of a violation of the law. This bill would require the bureau to establish written policies and procedures for the process of reviewing cases and deciding whether to investigate or refer them for prosecution. (Based on 06/29/2026 text)

AB 2550

Caloza, D

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Women in the construction industry: report.

Tracking form	
Client	Position
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Bill information	
Status:	08/03/2026 - In committee: Referred to APPR. suspense file.
Calendar:	08/13/26 S-APPROPRIATIONS SUSPENSE Upon adjournment of Session - 1021 O Street, Room 2200 CERVANTES, SABRINA, Chair
Summary:	Existing law requires the Employment Development Department, among other duties, to establish, in conjunction with other state entities, a systemwide policy of actively promoting the training of women in nontraditional occupations. Existing law defines "nontraditional occupations" as any job classification in which not more than 25% of the employees are women, according to the statistics of the United States Department of Labor. This bill would require the department to collect specified data on construction workers, including, among other data, the training and educational capacity to produce trained, certified, and licensed construction workers. This bill would also require the department to work with the Department of Industrial Relations' Division of Apprenticeship Standards to determine this capacity within state-registered construction preapprenticeship and apprenticeship programs and to determine the number of construction preapprentices and apprentices in any given year who are women. (Based on 04/16/2026 text)

SB 887

Padilla, D

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California Environmental Quality Act: environmental leadership development projects: data centers: clean energy powerplant projects.

Tracking form	
Client	Position
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Bill information	
Status:	08/05/2026 - August 5 set for first hearing. Placed on suspense file.
Calendar:	08/13/26 A-APPROPRIATIONS SUSPENSE Upon adjournment of Session - 1021 O Street, Room 1100 WICKS, BUFFY, Chair

Summary:

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency to prepare a mitigated negative declaration for a project that may have a significant effect on the environment if revisions in the project would avoid or mitigate that effect and there is no substantial evidence that the project, as revised, would have a significant effect on the environment. CEQA requires the Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation to prepare and propose guidelines for the implementation of CEQA by public agencies and requires the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency to certify and adopt the guidelines. CEQA requires the guidelines to include a list of classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and that are exempt from CEQA, commonly known as categorical exemptions. This bill would define “data center” for the purposes of CEQA and prohibit the application of categorical exemption to a project for the development and operation of a data center, as specified. By increasing the duties of a lead agency in relation to the environmental review of a data center project, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. (Based on 06/29/2026 text)

SB 966

Gonzalez, D

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Refinery and chemical plants.

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Client	Position
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Bill information	
Status:	08/05/2026 - August 5 set for first hearing. Placed on suspense file.
Calendar:	08/13/26 A-APPROPRIATIONS SUSPENSE Upon adjournment of Session - 1021 O Street, Room 1100 WICKS, BUFFY, Chair
Summary:	The California Refinery and Chemical Plant Worker Safety Act of 1990 requires the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board and the Division of Occupational Safety and Health to promote worker safety through implementation of training and process safety management practices in refineries, chemical plants, and other appropriate facilities, including by adopting process safety management standards and regulations. The act defines “process safety management” and other terms for its purposes. The act also requires an employer to develop and maintain written safety information, emergency action plans, operating procedures, procedures to manage changes, and inspection and testing programs. This bill would require an employer, in consultation with employees and employee representatives, to develop, implement, and maintain a written plan to effectively provide for employee participation in all process safety management elements. The bill would also require, on or before April 1, 2027, an employer, in consultation with employee and employee representatives, to develop and implement stop work procedures and procedures for reporting and responding to hazards, as specified. (Based on 03/25/2026 text)

SB 1012

Smallwood-Cuevas, D

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Employment of inmates.

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Client	Position
ABC	

Bill information

Status: 08/05/2026 - August 5 set for first hearing. Placed on suspense file.

Calendar: 08/13/26 A-APPROPRIATIONS SUSPENSE Upon adjournment of Session - 1021 O Street, Room 1100 WICKS, BUFFY, Chair

Summary: Existing law establishes the Prerelease Construction Trades Certificate Program in the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to increase employment opportunities in the construction trades for inmates upon release. Existing law requires the department to establish a joint advisory committee composed of, among others, representatives from building and construction trades employee organizations to implement the program, as specified. Existing law establishes the California Conservation Camp program to provide for the training and use of the inmates and wards assigned to conservation camps in the furtherance of public conservation, including forest fire prevention and control. This bill would additionally require the joint advisory committee, in consultation with various state entities, to facilitate the admission of graduates of the California Conservation Camp program, as defined, after release into state-approved apprenticeships and apprenticeship programs in the building and construction trades, as specified. The bill would state that successful completion of the program constitutes qualifying experience for a state-approved apprenticeship in the building and construction trades. (Based on 05/14/2026 text)

[SB 1174](#)[Valladares, R](#)[HTML](#)[PDF](#)

Public contracts: Department of Transportation: bid preferences: employee stock ownership plans.

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Position

Oppose

Bill information

Status: 08/05/2026 - August 5 set for first hearing. Placed on suspense file.

Calendar: 08/13/26 A-APPROPRIATIONS SUSPENSE Upon adjournment of Session - 1021 O Street, Room 1100 WICKS, BUFFY, Chair

Summary: Existing law establishes the Department of Transportation and requires it to improve and maintain the state highways. Existing law authorizes the department to enter into any contracts required for the performance of its duties, as provided. Existing law establishes bid preferences in public contracting for certain types of bidders, including, but not limited to, small business and microbusiness bidders. This bill would, on and after January 1, 2028, require the department to provide certain bid preferences to a contractor or subcontractor with an employee stock ownership plan (ESOP) in which 30% or more is owned by the ESOP when the contractor or subcontractor bids or is part of a bid on a state-funded construction contract, as specified (Based on 06/15/2026 text)

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Pharmaceutical facilities: skilled and trained workforce.

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Status: 07/01/2026 - July 1 set for first hearing. Placed on suspense file.

Calendar: 08/13/26 A-APPROPRIATIONS SUSPENSE Upon adjournment of Session - 1021 O Street, Room 1100 WICKS, BUFFY, Chair

Summary: Existing law requires a skilled and trained workforce to be used in the construction, alteration, demolition, installation, repair, or maintenance work of certain public works and privately-owned facilities engaged in certain petroleum-related activities, manufacturing hydrogen, biofuels, or certain specified chemicals, or capturing, sequestering, or using carbon dioxide, as specified. Existing law defines "skilled and trained workforce" to include, among other criteria, skilled journeypersons who are paid at least a rate equivalent to the applicable prevailing hourly wage rate. This bill would require an owner, operator, or developer of a facility that will be used for the research, development, or production of pharmaceutical products to, when contracting for the performance of construction, alteration, demolition, installation, repair, or maintenance work on the facility, require that its contractors and subcontractors use a skilled and trained workforce to perform all onsite work within an apprenticeable occupation in the building and construction trades, and would require all contractors and subcontractors performing the work to use a skilled and trained workforce. The bill would require the owner, operator, or developer of the facility to provide to the Labor Commissioner a monthly report demonstrating compliance with the bill's provisions that includes, among other things, the full name and other identifying information relating to each worker relied on to satisfy the apprenticeship graduation percentage requirements. (Based on 05/14/2026 text)

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