



ABC California Priority Bill List

Weekly List of ABC Priority Bills

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California State University: skilled and trained workforce requirement.

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Position

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Bill information

Status: 08/13/2026 - From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 6. Noes 1.) (August 13). Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

Calendar: *08/18/26 #289 S-ASSEMBLY BILLS - THIRD READING FILE*

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](#)
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Public retirement systems: development projects: labor standards.

Tracking form

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Position

ABC

Bill information

Status: 08/17/2026 - Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

Calendar: *08/18/26 #533 S-ASSEMBLY BILLS - THIRD READING FILE*

Summary:

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. The bill would request that the study and a report of its findings be completed and provided to the Legislature and the Department of Finance by January 1, 2028, as specified. (Based on 08/13/2026 text)

AB 1707

Davies, R

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Electricians: certification application, examination, and renewal.

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Client	Position
ABC	Support
Bill information	
Status:	08/13/2026 - From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (August 13). Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
Calendar:	08/18/26 #333 S-ASSEMBLY BILLS - THIRD READING FILE
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 1786

Harabedian, D

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

Tracking form	
Client	Position
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Bill information	
Status:	06/30/2026 - Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
Calendar:	08/18/26 #120 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

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

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Client	Position
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Bill information	
Status:	08/17/2026 - Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
Calendar:	08/18/26 #563 S-ASSEMBLY BILLS - THIRD READING FILE
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, as specified. (Based on 08/13/2026 text)

AB 1809

Fong, D

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Public contracts: school and community college districts.

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Client	Position
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Bill information	
Status:	06/23/2026 - Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
Calendar:	08/18/26 #98 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 1860

McKinnor, D

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

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Client	Position
ABC	
Bill information	
Status:	08/05/2026 - Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
Calendar:	08/18/26 #199 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.

Tracking form

Client	Position
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Bill information	
Status:	08/17/2026 - Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
Calendar:	08/18/26 #574 S-ASSEMBLY BILLS - THIRD READING FILE (Floor Mgr.- McNerney)
Summary:	Existing law establishes the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement within the Department of Industrial Relations. Existing law authorizes the division, which is headed by the Labor Commissioner, to enforce the Labor Code and all labor laws of the state, the enforcement of which is not specifically vested in any other officer, board, or commission. This bill 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 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. (Based on 08/13/2026 text)

AB 1980

Caloza, D

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

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Client	Position
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Bill information	
Status:	08/17/2026 - Read third time and amended. Ordered to second reading.
Calendar:	08/18/26 #3 S-ASSEMBLY BILLS - SECOND READING FILE (Floor Mgr.- Smallwood-Cuevas)
Summary:	Existing law requires the Department of Industrial Relations, 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, and would state the goals of the program, including, among other things, providing women, nonbinary individuals, and underrepresented populations with opportunities to train for a construction career with greater access to preapprenticeship and apprenticeship programs that are registered with the division. (Based on 08/17/2026 text)

AB 2074

Haney, D

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Regional transit hub districts: downtown housing developments.

Tracking form	
Client	Position
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Bill information	
Status:	08/13/2026 - From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (August 13). Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
Calendar:	08/18/26 #394 S-ASSEMBLY BILLS - THIRD READING FILE
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.

Tracking form

Client	Position
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Bill information	
Status:	08/17/2026 - Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
Calendar:	08/18/26 #611 S-ASSEMBLY BILLS - THIRD READING FILE
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. (Based on 08/13/2026 text)

AB 2321

Ortega, D

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Occupational safety and health: investigations.

Tracking form

Client	Position
ABC	Oppose
Bill information	
Status:	08/17/2026 - Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
Calendar:	08/18/26 #633 S-ASSEMBLY BILLS - THIRD READING FILE

Summary:

Existing law establishes the Department of Industrial Relations, which includes the Division of Occupational Safety and Health. 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 08/13/2026 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
ABC	
Bill information	
Status:	08/13/2026 - Assembly Rule 63 suspended. From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 11. Noes 4.) (August 13). Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
Calendar:	08/18/26 #158 A-THIRD READING FILE - SENATE BILLS
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.

Tracking form	
Client	Position
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Bill information

Status: 08/13/2026 - Assembly Rule 63 suspended. From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 11. Noes 4.) (August 13).
Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

Calendar: *08/18/26 #172 A-THIRD READING FILE - SENATE BILLS (Floor Mgr.- Muratsuchi)*

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.

Tracking form

Client	Position
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Bill information	
Status:	08/13/2026 - Assembly Rule 63 suspended. From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 15. Noes 0.) (August 13). Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
Calendar:	<i>08/18/26 #178 A-THIRD READING FILE - SENATE BILLS (Floor Mgr.- Elhawary)</i>
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)

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