



# State and Federal Legislative Updates

Policy, Grants, and Technology Committee

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# Recommended Action

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Recommend to the Board of Directors that the Board adopt the following position on current State Legislation:

- **Oppose SB 34 (Richardson) – Air pollution: South Coast Air Quality Management District: mobile sources: public seaports**

Staff note: The Board approved a “Watch” position at the May 7, 2025, Board meeting.

**Abbreviations:** Assembly Bill (AB) | Senate Bill (SB)

# Presentation Outline

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# State Legislative Update

## Upcoming Dates and Deadlines:

June 15, 2025	Budget Bill must be passed by midnight.
July 18, 2025	Last day for policy committees to meet and report bills. Summer recess begins upon adjournment of session provided Budget Bill has been passed.
August 18, 2025	Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess.
August 29, 2025	Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills to the Floor.
September 5, 2025	Last day to amend on the Floor.
September 12, 2025	Last day for each house to pass bills. Interim Study Recess begins at end of this day's session.
October 12, 2025	Last day for the Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature before September 12 and in the Governor's possession on or after September 12.
January 1, 2026	Statutes take effect.

# State Legislative Update

## Co-Sponsored Bills

# AB 14 (Hart)

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## **Coastal resources: Protecting Blue Whales and Blue Skies Program**

This bill will expand the existing Protecting Blue Whales and Blue Skies vessel speed reduction (VSR) program to include ocean territories that are not covered by any VSR program.

Status: Passed the Assembly. Double-referred to Senate policy committees:

- Natural Resources & Water – On Consent Calendar for June 10, 2025
- Environmental Quality – Hearing date pending

Position: Co-Sponsor (approved by the Board on February 5, 2025)

# SB 282 (Wiener)

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## Heat Pump Access Act

This bill will make cost-saving, energy efficient heat pump water heater and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) installations faster, simpler and more affordable by streamlining the permitting process.

Status: Held under submission in the Senate Appropriations Committee. The bill is dead.

Position: Co-Sponsor (approved by the Board on February 5, 2025)

# State Legislative Update

## Board-Approved- Position Bills



# AB 339 (Ortega)

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## **Local public employee organizations: notice requirements**

This bill would require the governing body of a public agency, and boards and commissions designated by law or by the governing body of a public agency, to give the recognized employee organization no less than 120 days' written notice before issuing a request for proposals, request for quotes, or renewing or extending an existing contract to perform services that are within the scope of work of the job classifications represented by the recognized employee organization. The bill would require the notice to include specified information, including the anticipated duration of the contract.

Status: Passed the Assembly. Ordered to the Senate – pending policy committee referral.

Position: Oppose (approved by the Board on April 2, 2025)

# AB 546 (Caloza)

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## **Health care coverage: portable high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) purifiers**

This bill would require a large group health care service plan contract or group health insurance policy, except a specialized health care service plan contract or health insurance policy, that is issued, amended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2026, to include coverage for portable HEPA purifiers for enrollees or insureds who are pregnant or diagnosed with asthma or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease if the enrollee or insured is in a county where a local or state emergency has been declared due to wildfires.

Status: Passed the Assembly. Referred to the Senate Health Committee – hearing date pending.

Position: Support (approved by the Board on March 5, 2025)

# AB 674 (Connolly)

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## **Clean Cars 4 All Program**

This bill would make changes to the Clean Cars 4 All program that could result in more predictable incentive funding to air districts currently implementing a program.

Status: Held under submission in the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The bill is dead.

Position: Support (approved by the Board on May 7, 2025)

# AB 907 (Chen)

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## **State Air Resources Board: board members: compensation**

The bill proposal would provide that the California Air Resources Board (CARB) board members representing air districts receive the same level of compensation as other Governor-appointed voting CARB board members. Per current statute, Health and Safety Code Section 39512.5, air district CARB Board members only receive \$100 per meeting plus actual and necessary expenses.

Status: Passed the Assembly. Ordered to the Senate – pending policy committee referral.

Position: Support (approved by the Board on February 5, 2025)

# AB 914 (Garcia)

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## **Air pollution: indirect sources**

This bill would require CARB to develop and enforce rules related to indirect sources of emissions, establish a fee for such sources, and directions on rule development mechanism.

Status: Ordered to the Inactive File. This is a 2-Year bill.

Position: Work With Author (approved by the Board on May 7, 2025)

# AB 1106 (Rodriguez)

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## **State Air Resources Board: regional air quality incident response program**

This bill would require the state board to expand its incident air monitoring program, subject to an appropriation by the Legislature for those purposes, to provide support for a regional network of air quality incident response centers operated by air districts.

Status: Held under submission in the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The bill is dead.

Position: Support (approved by the Board on May 7, 2025)

# AB 1352 (Solache)

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## **Community air protection programs: financial support**

This bill would continuously appropriate 10% of the annual proceeds of the fund to the state board to provide funding for purposes of awarding grants, providing technical assistance, supporting community participation, and offering incentives in connection with specified programs to improve air quality, thereby making an appropriation.

Status: Did not receive a hearing in the referred Assembly policy committee.  
The bill is dead.

Position: Support (approved by the Board on May 7, 2025)

# AB 1368 (Wallis)

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## **Smog check: exemption**

This bill would create a 30-year rolling exemption from smog check for all motor vehicles.

Status: Did not receive a hearing in the referred Assembly policy committee.  
The bill is dead.

Position: Oppose (approved by the Board on April 2, 2025)



# SB 69 (McNerney)

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## **Clean Cars 4 All Program**

This bill would authorize a participating air district to submit a disbursement request to the state board for an amount equal to its previous 4 months of expenditures under the program if it determines that its balance of available funding for the program is less than the total amount of its expenditures under the program over the previous 4 months.

Status: Passed the Senate. Double-referred to the Assembly Transportation Committee and the Assembly Natural Resources Committee – hearing dates pending.

Position: Support (approved by the Board on May 7, 2025)

# SB 318 (Becker)

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## **Air pollution: stationary sources: best available control technology**

This bill would make significant changes to the air district permitting process that would lengthen permit times and create uncertainty about equipment and permit requirements.

Status: Held under submission in the Senate Appropriations Committee. The bill is dead.

Position: Oppose Unless Amended (approved by the Committee via delegated authority on April 16, 2025)

# SB 712 (Grove)

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## **SB 712 (Grove) – Smog check: motor vehicles: exemption**

This bill would create a “rolling exemption” from California’s Smog Check Program (Smog Check) for collector motor vehicles thirty-five model years or older if the vehicles are insured as collector vehicles and have historic license plates.

Status: Passed the Senate. Ordered to the Assembly – pending policy committee referral.

Position: Oppose (approved by the Board on April 2, 2025)

# State Legislative Update

## Bills for Committee Consideration

# SB 34 (Richardson)

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## **Air pollution: South Coast Air Quality Management District: mobile sources: public seaports**

This bill would, until January 1, 2036, prohibit the South Coast Air Quality Management District from adopting, considering adopting, or requiring that any local agency or city enforce any regulation or indirect source rule to address pollution from any mobile source that is already subject to regulation by the state board and that is associated with an operation at any public seaport or marine terminal facility at a public seaport.

Status: Passed the Senate. Double-referred to the Assembly Natural Resources Committee and the Assembly Transportation Committee – hearing dates pending.

# SB 34 (Richardson) (cont.)

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Current Position: Watch (Approved by the Board on May 7, 2025)

**Updated Staff Recommendation: Oppose**

# State Budget Update

## Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26

# State Budget Update

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## Dates and Deadlines

- January 10, 2025 – Governor released the proposed budget for the FY 2025-26 State Budget
- May 14, 2025 – Governor released the May Revision (May Revise) to the proposed budget for the FY 2025-26 State Budget
- By June 15, 2025 – The Senate and Assembly must vote on and pass a balanced budget, to meet the constitutional deadline
- By July 1, 2025 – The budget bill must be signed by the Governor



# State Budget Update (cont.)

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Air District staff will provide the Committee with a verbal update on the state budget and the status of funding as it pertains to the Air District.

Staff Note: The Legislature may pass budget amendments and other changes to the adopted budget.

# Federal Legislative Update

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Air District staff will provide the Committee with a verbal update on recent events of significance on the federal level.

# Recap: Recommended Action

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# Questions & Discussion

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