



# State and Federal Legislative Updates

Policy, Grants, and Technology Committee

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# Presentation Outline

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- Board-Approved-Position Bills
- Additional Bills of Interest

## **II. State Budget Update for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26**

## **III. Federal Legislative Update**

**Abbreviations:** Assembly Bill (AB) | Senate Bill (SB) | Assembly Constitutional Amendment (ACA)

# State Legislative Update

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## Dates and Deadlines:

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.
January 5, 2026	Legislature Reconvenes.

# State Legislative Update

## Co-Sponsored Bill

# 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: Awaiting a concurrence vote on the Assembly Floor for amendments made in the Senate.

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 45 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, subject to certain exceptions. The bill would require the notice to include specified information, including the anticipated duration of the contract.

Status: Ordered to Engrossing and Enrolling

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 requires a large group health plan contract or group health insurance policy, to cover one portable HEPA purifier (up to \$500) for emergency declarations after January 1, 2025 for enrollees or insureds who are pregnant or diagnosed with asthma or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, residing in or displaced from a county where a local or state emergency has been declared due to wildfires and the HEPA purifier is prescribed by a health care provider.

Status: Ordered to Engrossing and Enrolling

Position: Support (approved by the Board on March 5, 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: 2-Year Bill

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: 2-Year Bill

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

# SB 34 (Richardson)

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**Air pollution: South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD): mobile sources: Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles**

Imposes specified conditions and limits on actions by the South Coast AQMD to impose new or additional emissions reduction requirements on sources of air pollution associated with operation of the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles until 2031.

Status: Awaiting a vote on the Assembly Floor.

Position: Oppose (Approved by the Board on July 2, 2025)

# SB 712 (Grove)

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## **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: Held under submission in the Assembly Appropriations Committee. This bill is dead.

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

# Additional Bills of Interest

# AB 604 (Aguiar-Curry)

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## **Redistricting: congressional districts**

Specifies the boundaries for California's congressional districts, to take effect only if the voters approve ACA 8 (Rivas and McGuire) of the current legislative session, and if another state voluntary engages in mid-decade congressional redistricting, as specified.

Status: Approved by the Governor (Chapter 96, Statutes of 2025)

Position: None

# SB 280 (Cervantes)

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## Elections

This bill calls a special statewide election for November 4, 2025, requires the Secretary of State (SOS) to submit ACA 8 (Rivas and McGuire) of 2025 to the voters for their consideration, and provides for the conduct of the election. This bill also provides modifications for the June 2, 2026, statewide primary election if ACA 8 is approved by voters.

Status: Approved by the Governor (Chapter 97, Statutes of 2025)

Position: None

# ACA 8 (Rivas)

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## **Congressional Redistricting**

Provides for the temporary use of new congressional district maps for elections held through 2030 if Texas, Florida, or other states voluntarily put a new congressional map into effect, as specified, and if voters approve this measure.

Status: Resolution Chapter 156, Statutes of 2025

Position: None

# State Budget Update

## FY 2025-26

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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.

# Federal Legislative Update

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

# Questions & Discussion

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