



CA Policy - 2025 Legislative and Budget Priorities

Strengthening Community-Driven Approaches to Safety and Well-Being

[Oppose] [AB 564](#) (Haney) - **Cannabis: excise tax: rate increase repeal**

Summary: If passed, AB 564 would reduce funding by \$180 million annually for Childcare, Youth Substance Use Prevention, Environmental Restoration, and Law Enforcement Programs. Over the last 2 years, funding for these programs has already been on a steady decline.

Co-Sponsors: Getting it Right from the Start, Youth Forward

[AB 785](#) (Sharp-Collins) - **Community Violence Interdiction Grant Program**

Summary: Would create the Community Violence Interdiction Grant Program to provide funding to local community programs for community-driven solutions to decrease violence in neighborhoods and schools.

Supporters: California Legislative Black Caucus (CLBC) Road to Repair 2025 Priority Bill Package, Sacramento LGBTQ Center

[SB 33](#): (Cortese)- **Homeless pupils: California Success, Opportunity, and Academic Resilience (SOAR) Guaranteed Income Program**

Summary: Would establish a statewide guaranteed income pilot program titled the California SOAR (Success, Opportunity, & Academic Resilience) Guaranteed Income Program. The program would provide students experiencing homelessness with direct cash assistance to support their transition out of high school and their access to employment and postsecondary education

Co-Sponsors: Economic Security Project Action, End Poverty in California (EPIC), Mayors for a Guaranteed Income, County of Santa Clara, United Way Capitol Region

[SB 824](#) (Menjivar) - **Supporting Healthy, Individually Focused Transition (SHIFT) Act**

Summary: Would ensure that the youth justice system prioritizes rehabilitation, and the services, programs, and placements young people need to return to the community safely. This bill delineates how courts and other stakeholders can effectively plan for a young person's progress

toward rehabilitation and reintegration, with the ultimate goal of reducing recidivism and helping youth flourish when they come home – addressing gaps in existing law.

Co-sponsors: Alliance for Boys and Men of Color (ABMoC), Pacific Juvenile Defender Center, The CA Alliance for Youth and Community Justice (CAYCJ), National Center for Youth Law (NCYL), Fresh Lifelines for Youth (FLY), Burns Institute

Healthy, Equitable Land Use Planning and Built Environments

[AB 1243](#) (Addis) / **[SB 684](#)** (Menjivar) - **Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act of 2025**

Summary: Would establish a comprehensive program to assess damages and collect funds from major polluters, with at least 40% of funding directed to communities hit hardest by fossil fuels. The bill outlines guidelines for the types of projects and programs fees can fund – including those that help CA adapt, recover from, protect and build resilience against, and prevent climate damage.

Co-Sponsors: Center for Biological Diversity, Sierra Club, PSR-LA, CA Environmental Voters

Implementation Priority: Proposition 4 – Climate Bond

Summary: Following the passage of Proposition 4 in 2024, PI will focus on engaging the CNRA, Department of Parks and Recreation, and other state departments charged with implementing the public programs funded by the Climate Bond. Our implementation priorities will focus on advocating for the inclusion of equity mechanisms into the design, implementation, and oversight and evaluation of climate bond programs. Topical priorities for our implementation advocacy include urban greening, parks, and extreme heat mitigation programs that focus on addressing the built environment, urban green space access and sustainability.

Aligning Public Investments with Health Equity and Racial Justice

Implementation Priority: [Racial Equity Commission](#)

Summary: PI, as a member of the California Racial Equity Coalition, is engaging with coalition partners, Commissioners, and government staff to offer recommendations and best practices as the Racial Equity Commission (REC) holds public hearings throughout the state to develop a Racial Equity Framework.

Supporters: NextGen Policy, Greenlining Institute, Catalyst California, and the California Racial Equity Coalition

[SB 518](#) (Weber Pierson) - **Establish the Bureau of Descendants of Enslaved Persons**

Summary: Would establish a bureau that would create and facilitate a process to confirm that individuals are descendants of African slaves and thus eligible for whatever repair or benefit the government creates for descendants later on. It would create a Property Reclamation Division to identify properties unjustly taken through eminent domain and also process claims for redress for individuals who demonstrate that their property was unjustly taken.

Supporters: California Legislative Black Caucus (CLBC) Road to Repair 2025 Priority Bill Package

[AB 62](#) (McKinnor) - Pathways for victims of racially motivated eminent domain

Summary: Would create a pathway for victims of racially motivated eminent domain to seek redress for the harm caused to them or their families. It would require the Civil Rights Department to review applications from individuals who claim their property was taken due to racially motivated eminent domain.

Supporters: California Legislative Black Caucus (CLBC) Road to Repair 2025 Priority Bill Package

[AB 7](#) (Bryan) – Legacy of Harm & Exclusion Consideration Act

Summary: Would permit the California State University (CSU), University of California (UC), independent institutions of higher education, and private postsecondary educational institutions to consider providing a preference in admissions to an applicant who is a descendant of individuals enslaved in the U.S.

Supporters: California Legislative Black Caucus (CLBC) Road to Repair 2025 Priority Bill Package

[AB 57](#) (McKinnor) - California Dream for All Program: descendants of formerly enslaved people

Summary: Would allocate a portion of Home Purchase Assistance Funds to first-time home buyers who are descendants of American chattel slavery.

Supporters: California Legislative Black Caucus (CLBC) Road to Repair 2025 Priority Bill Package