

# **PATRIOT'S CALL TO DUTY**

*Save Our State*

**JUNE 29, 2025**

As you go through this list, you may recognize bills for which you have already submitted a Portal Position Letter. Many bills go through multiple committees, and each hearing gives us another opportunity to send our objection or occasional support. Please take the opportunity to re-submit your comments to the new committee.

*For those who have not submitted a position letter yet, the portal process is easy. Instructions at the bottom.*

## **AB 727, Mark Gonzalez – OPPOSE – Senate Education hearing 7/9/2025**

Endangering Students and Pushing LGBTQ+. AB 727 mandates that all charter schools, public schools, and public institutions of higher education that issue student identification cards have imprinted on the back the card The Trevor Project's LGBTQ+ suicide hotline information. Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco has written a letter in opposition to this bill citing the experience of a 40-year-old deputy in their department who logged onto the Trevor Project's TREVORspace posing as a 13-year-old. He found (1) no age verification, which allows predators of any age to participate, (2) an invitation to join one of the many LGBTQ+ clubs, (3) allows participants to communicate directly with one another through direct messaging without any safeguard from predators. Quoting Sheriff Bianco – "While seemingly benign, this unstructured engagement makes it easy for adults to build rapport with isolated or emotionally vulnerable youth, a classic setup for grooming or trafficking."

**Assembly Republican Votes:** NO – Castillo, DeMaio, Dixon, Ellis, Flora, Gallagher, Jeff Gonzalez, Hadwick, Hoover, Patterson, Sanchez, Ts, Tangipa; NVR – Alanis, Chen, Davies, Lackey, Macedo, Wallis

## **AB 1078, Berman – OPPOSE – Senate Public Safety hearing 7/8/2025**

Gun Control. From the Bill Analysis in opposition: According to Gun Owners of California, this bill "seeks to mandate non-Californians to select the jurisdiction for their CCW application based upon where their primary destination would be in the state." We are a huge state with much more tourist income than any other state. Forcing a tourist to establish a single, primary area to visit is unreasonable. Visitors travel all over the state." This bill attempts to get around *Nguyen v. Bonta*, which declared California's one gun a month scheme unconstitutional by increasing the limit to three.

**Assembly Republican Votes:** NO – All Republican members

## **SB 437, Weber Pierson – OPPOSE – Assembly Judiciary hearing 7/1/2025**

Reparations. This bill authorizes up to \$6 million to CSU to conduct research that explores options for determining how to confirm an individual's descendant status and establish a process for conducting or verifying genealogical research to confirm eligibility for reparative claims. It requires CSU to consult with the California Legislative Black Caucus to propose a list of research components to be addressed through the appropriation and each year until funding is exhausted.

“Descendant of an enslaved person” means an individual who can establish direct lineage to a person who, before 1900, was subjected to American chattel slavery.

*Editor: It has been pointed out that by amending the language to “American” earlier in the process, this bill could extend applicability to Central and South American slaves.*

**Senate Republican Votes:** NO – All Republican members

## **AB 260, Aguilar-Curry – OPPOSE – Senate Appropriations hearing 7/7/2025**

Abortion. Pharmacists would be allowed to dispense mifepristone or other drug for medication abortion without the prescriber or pharmacy named, which disregards women's health and increases the challenge for police to deem that meds are acquired and used legally. Removes all obstacles and penalties regarding the medication abortion pill. Now that more honest research is being conducted, studies are proving that these pills are anything but safe. A large study by Ethics and Public Policy Center found one of every ten women have a serious adverse event from the pill.

Yet this bill:

- Authorizes a pharmacist to dispense mifepristone or other drug used for medication abortion without the name of the patient, the name of the prescriber, or the name and address of the pharmacy.
- Requires the pharmacist to maintain a log that is not open to inspection by law enforcement without a subpoena and would prohibit the disclosure of the information to an individual or entity from another state.
- Prohibits criminal, civil, professional discipline, or licensing action against any healthcare practitioner, applicant or facility for manufacturing, transporting, or engaging in other acts relating to mifepristone or other medication abortion drugs.
- Makes a statement that the laws of another state or federal actions that interfere with the authority of a healing arts practitioner to take specified actions relating to mifepristone or other medication abortion drugs are against the public policy of this state.
- Removes the requirement for Medi-Cal providers to conduct a face-to-face, in-person visit prior to establishing a new-patient relationship.
- Does not protect minors by restricting services to adults

**Assembly Republican Votes:** YES – Alanis, Wallis; NO – Castillo, DeMaio, Ellis, Gallagher, Hadwick, Lackey, Macedo, Patterson, Sanchez, Ta, Tangipa; NVR – Chen, Davies, Dixon, Flora, Jeff Gonzalez, Hoover

**SB 388, Padilla – OPPOSE – Assembly Appropriations hearing 7/2/2025**

Promotes Race Division. This bill would create the California Latino Commission to address “the inequities faced by the Latino community” in housing, education, economic mobility, labor, and health care. The bill would task the commission with collecting and analyzing data, developing recommendations, and monitoring the implementation of state programs and policies affecting the Latino community. The bill would require the commission to work with other state agencies and to submit an annual report to the Governor and the Legislature.

*Editor – This bill passed Assembly Government Organizations 6/26*

**Republican Senate Votes:** YES – Alvarado-Gil, Valladares; NO – Choi, Dahle, Grove, Jones, Neillo, Ochoa Bogh, Seyarto, Strickland

**AB 86, Boerner – OPPOSE – Senate Appropriations hearing 7/7/25**

(extensive write-up was in 6/14 newsletter)

Public School Sex Education. This bill requires the adoption of instructional materials for health education for K- 8 in alignment with the health curriculum framework adopted by the State Board of Education in 2019. While this bill does not create the 2019 curriculum, AB 86 will enforce the teaching of it to young children in kindergarten and elementary grades. Required instruction must teach students about all sexual orientations and what being lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning LGBTQ means. Teachers and districts will no longer be able to use their own material to teach these subjects in K-8 once the new state material becomes available.

*Editor: This bill tightens the noose, but the noose was already there which is the only plausible reason for R’s not voting to protect elementary children as much as possible.*

**Assembly Republican Votes:** Yes – Alanis, Davies, DeMaio, Dixon, Ellis, Flora, Gallagher, Jeff Gonzalez, Hoover, Macedo, Wallis; NVR – Castillo, Chen, Hadwick, Lackey, Patterson, Sanchez, Ta, Tangipa

**AB 712, Wicks – OPPOSE – Senate Housing hearing 7/1/2025**

Cities’ Housing Authority. Existing law already prohibits cities to disapprove housing developments for very low, low, or moderate income households. Current law also allows for applicants to bring a lawsuit to enforce the law. This bill goes much further by instructing the court to award court costs and attorney fees to the plaintiff if he prevails. It also imposes a fine of at least \$50,000 per violation and \$250,000 per violation if the applicant prevailed.

*Editor: The Bill Analysis states: “Compelling compliance through enforcement, especially litigation, is an expensive means of achieving compliance for all parties involved. Achieving compliance voluntarily can achieve the desired outcome more*

*expeditiously at a fraction of the cost of litigation.” We agree, especially considering that a city’s fines are ultimately paid by taxpayers.*

**Assembly Republican Votes:** YES - Alanis, Carillo, Davies, Dixon, Flora, Gallagher, Jeff Gonzalez, Hadwick, Hoover, Ta, Wallis; NO – DeMaio, Sanchez; NVR – Chen, Ellis, Lackey, Macedo, Patterson, Tangipa

**SB 756, Smallwood-Cuevas – OPPOSE – Arts, Entertainment, Sports, and Tourism hearing 7/8/2025**

California Film Commission: motion picture tax credits. The budget Governor Newsom presented to the legislature contained \$750M allocation, raising the tax credit 127% from \$330M in the last budget. This bill increases the reporting requirement to include demographic data adding veterans and LGBTQ+ to existing preferences of women and minority classes with compliance earning potentially an additional 4%.

**Senate Republican Votes:** YES – Alvarado-Gil, Choi, Dahle, Jones, Neillo, Ochoa Bogh, Seyarto, Strickland, Valladares; NVR - Grove

**SB 363, Weiner – OPPOSE – Assembly Health hearing 7/8/2025**

Health Insurance. This bill is written to cause every denial or modification of any insurance carrier to be recorded and reported to a body that will decide whether the claim denied was correct. If a plan fails to report a denial or if more than 50% of the independent reviews reversed the insurer, severe penalties will be levied. The amount of data required is also increased exponentially which will require more time to process on the part of the insurer and will ultimately result in a rate increase.

**Senate Republican Votes:** NO - Alvarado-Gil, Choi, Dahle, Grove, Jones, Neillo, Seyarto, Strickland, Valladares; NVR – Ochoa Bogh

**AB 49, Muratsuchi – OPPOSE – Senate Education hearing 7/9/2025**

Illegal Immigration. Prohibits public school employees and officials from allowing an officer or employee of an agency conducting immigration enforcement from entering school sites without valid identification, a valid judicial warrant, a court order, or exigent circumstances necessitating immediate action. Also requires that officers or employees of the agency conducting immigration enforcement who meet these requirements be limited to accessing facilities where students are not present.

**Assembly Republican Votes:** YES – Alanis, Carillo, Wallis; NO – DeMaio, Ellis, Gallagher, Hadwick, Hoover, Patterson, Sanchez, Ta, Tangipa; NVR – Castillo, Chen, Dixon, Flora, Jeff Gonzalez, Lackey, Macedo

**AB 378, Valencia – OPPOSE – Senate Appropriations hearing 6/30/2025**

School Employees Pay Increase. This bill adds non-classified employees to the Classified School Employee Summer Assistance Program giving them the ability to receive a state match to up to 10% of their monthly salary they choose to set aside to receive as summer pay. Eligibility would be capped at \$62,400 annual salary. For example, if a clerk or bus driver had an annual salary of \$60,000 and participated at the full 10%, their annual salary would increase by \$6,000 in state matching funds,

with \$12,000 paid out in the summer. The fiscal impact is unknown but likely an ongoing millions of dollars.

*Editor: As the state faces such a significant budget deficit, this is not the year for a generous, state-matched salary increase.*

**Assembly Republican Votes:** YES – Alanis, Davies, Ta, Wallis; NO – Castillo, DeMaio, Ellis, Gallagher, Jeff Gonzalez, Hadwick, Hoover, Macedo, Patterson, Sanchez, Tangipa; NVR Chen, Dixon, Flora, Lackey

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### **Position Letter Portal**

*(one submission per bill)*

Email to register a position of SUPPORT or OPPOSE as an individual with the committee staff and bill author's staff.

1. Go to the Registration Page - <https://calegislation.lc.ca.gov/Advocates/>
2. Select the No bubble next to "Are you a registered lobbyist?"
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4. Do NOT click the "I am affiliated with an organization" box.
5. Complete all the **required** fields in the Account Details box. (*hint: address is not required, so don't give it*)
6. Complete the Captcha and Click "Register."

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The bullet points provided with the bill information are for your use to write your support or opposition in your own words.

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