

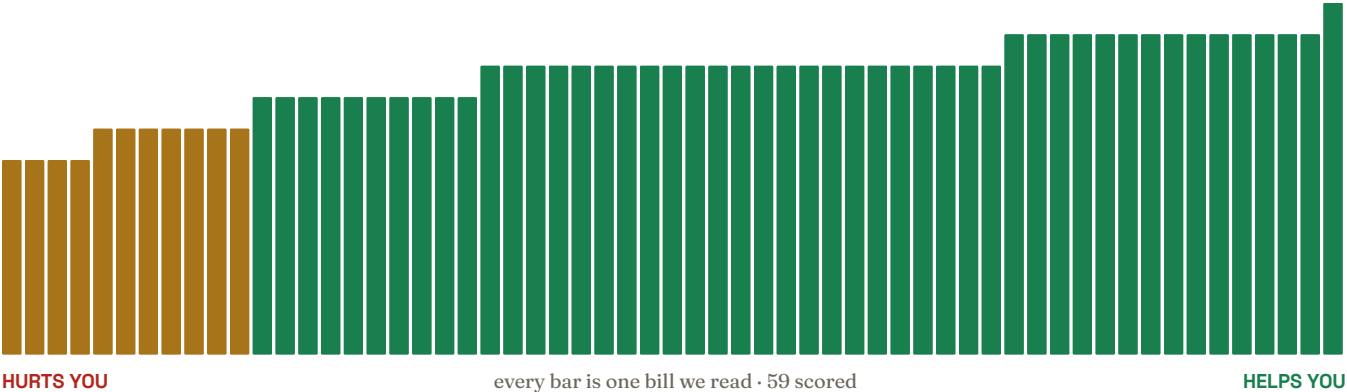


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California Bill Book

2026

The California bills that matter most, each scored 1–10 on one question: does it help everyday people, or the interests behind it?



Our take on the left. The bill on the right. Room for your notes.

Every spread is one bill, twice.

On the **left** is our take: the Billometer score, what the bill means for you, and the factor-by-factor reasoning behind that score. On the **right** is the bill on the record: its official title, its status, where to read the real text, and space for your own notes.

THE BILLOMETER

One number, 1 to 10, answering a single question: does this help everyday people or hurt them? 1–4 hurts, 5–6 is mixed, 7–10 helps. It is our editorial judgement — which is exactly why every page shows the reasoning behind it. If you disagree with a score, you can see precisely where you disagree.

HOW THESE BILLS WERE CHOSEN

Ranked, not cherry-picked. This edition prints the 10 lowest-scoring and 10 highest-scoring of the 59 California bills we have fully analysed. A bill only qualifies if it passed our verification step, has a recorded official status, and has its reasoning attached. Thin entries are left out rather than padded. Note that only 143 bills in the entire country score 3 or below, so in most places the bottom of the list is not evil — it is merely mixed, and we label it that way.

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10 worst, 10 best

THE WORST — LOWEST SCORING

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- 9/10** AB1907 **The Health Insurance Bill** — California wants to automatically enroll people in health insurance
- 9/10** AB1963 **The Background Check Bill** — Renters could use one background check for multiple apartments
- 9/10** AB2034 **The Hidden Cancer Bill** — California moves to ban hidden cancer chemicals in food
- 9/10** AB2000 **The Health Insurers Bill** — Stop health insurers from dropping your medicine midyear

The Credit Through Bill

California extends hiring tax credit through 2031

CA AB2205 • Money & Damages

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

The bill would let companies lower their state tax bill by up to 35% of qualifying wages, encouraging them to hire in poor neighborhoods. Taxpayers will fund the credit, so the state loses revenue that could be used for schools or services. Supporters say it will create jobs; opponents say it gives a handout to businesses.

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — No new oversight.
Bill adds reporting requirements but does not create new enforcement.
- Rights & Protections** (neutral) — No impact on personal rights.
Tax credit does not affect individuals' ability to sue.
- Who Bears the Cost** (hurts) — Tax credit reduces state revenue.
Credit is funded by taxpayers, lowering funds for other services.
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — Standard legislative process.
Bill is introduced and referred to committees, no special fasttrack.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 1D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Personal Income Tax Law: Corporation Tax Law: New Employment Credit.

CA AB2205 Introduced · recorded 2026-02-19

WHAT IT DOES

Businesses that hire fulltime workers in certain lowincome areas could claim a tax credit, which may lead to more local jobs but costs taxpayers.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Businesses

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (CA AB2205) — https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB2205

LegiScan — AB2205 — <https://legiscan.com/CA/bill/AB2205/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/ca-ab2205-120679

YOUR NOTES

The Businesses Grow Bill

California tax credits could help big businesses grow

CA SB1120 • Money & Damages

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If this bill passes, big businesses might get more help from tax credits. This could mean more jobs, but it is important to make sure everyday people benefit too. Now is the time to speak up about it.

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Accountability (neutral) — Limited transparency in how credits are allocated.
The process for allocating credits is not fully transparent.

Rights & Protections (neutral) — No direct impact on individual rights.
This bill does not directly affect individual rights.

Who Bears the Cost (hurts) — Tax credits could shift costs to taxpayers.
Tax credits may lead to higher taxes for everyday people.

Process Transparency (neutral) — Some details on credit allocation are unclear.
Details on how credits are allocated and monitored are not fully clear.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: big businesses

Bearing the cost: everyday taxpayers

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 1D)

HOW THEY VOTED

Senate • 2026-04-27 — passed

Yes 2R/5D • No 0R/0D

Personal Income Tax Law: Corporation Tax Law: credits: CalCompetes.

Introduced · recorded 2026-02-17

This bill would extend tax credits for businesses in California, which could help them hire more workers and invest more money.

Big Business

Official text (CA SB1120) – https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260SB1120

LegiScan – SB1120 – <https://legiscan.com/CA/bill/SB1120/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/ca-sb1120-118678

The Better Code Bill

California updates many laws for better code maintenance

CA SB1433 • Consumer Protection

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Updating laws can help make sure they work better for people, but it is important to check if any changes hurt rights or protections.

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — Updates laws for clarity.
The bill makes nonsubstantive changes to improve legal clarity.
- Rights & Protections** (neutral) — No direct impact on rights.
The bill does not seem to take away or add rights.
- Who Bears the Cost** (neutral) — No cost shifts identified.
The bill does not shift costs onto consumers.
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — No changes to transparency.
The bill does not change how laws are made or enforced.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Sponsorship unclear

HOW THEY VOTED

A · 2026-06-15 — passed
Yes 18R/59D · No 0R/0D

THE BILL ITSELF

Maintenance of the codes.

CA SB1433

Enrolled · recorded 2026-06-16

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would update many laws to keep them clear and useful for everyone.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (CA SB1433) — https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260SB1433

LegisScan – SB1433 – <https://legiscan.com/CA/bill/SB1433/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/ca-sb1433-130155

YOUR NOTES

The Illegal Weed Bill

State cracks down on illegal weed in tobacco shops

CA AB2250 • Consumer Protection

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If you buy cannabis, you want to know it is safe and tested. Right now, some tobacco shops sell unregulated or synthetic weed products that bypass state rules. This bill gives inspectors more power to seize those illegal products and fine the shops selling them. It helps licensed dispensaries by shutting down illegal competitors, and it keeps untested products out of your neighborhood.

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (helps) — Holds rule-breakers accountable..
Fines unlicensed shops that sell illegal cannabis products.
- Rights & Protections** (neutral) — Neutral on everyday rights..
Focuses on business licenses rather than citizen rights.
- Who Bears the Cost** (neutral) — Rule-breakers pay..
Fines are paid by businesses that break the law.
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — Standard state process..
Uses standard state tax and fee department rules for seizing items.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: State enforcement
Bearing the cost: Unlicensed shops

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 1D)

HOW THEY VOTED

Senate • 2026-08-13 — passed
Yes 2R/5D • No 0R/0D

Cannabis: cannabinoids.

Enrolled · recorded 2026-08-26

This bill makes it easier for the state to seize illegal or fake weed products being sold by unlicensed stores like smoke shops and gas stations.

Licensed cannabis businesses

Official text (CA AB2250) – https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB2250

LegiScan – AB2250 – <https://legiscan.com/CA/bill/AB2250/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/ca-ab2250-120724

The Businesses Clean Bill

Tax credit helps small businesses clean up illegal dumping

CA AB1606 • Money & Damages

6/10 **TOLERATE**
Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

The credit could lower the tax bill for owners of commercial spaces, making it cheaper to keep their property clean and safe, but it adds paperwork and a perjury oath.

WHY IT SCORES 6/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Accountability (helps) — Adds certification and perjury penalty, increasing oversight..

Taxpayers must certify expenses under penalty of perjury and provide invoices.

Rights & Protections (neutral) — Does not remove any existing rights..

No change to individuals' ability to sue or other civil rights.

Who Bears the Cost (hurts) — State tax revenue is reduced, shifting cost to all taxpayers..

Credit reduces net tax owed, effectively subsidizing cleanup costs.

Process Transparency (neutral) — Requires documentation but also allows emergency regulations without review..

Regulations can be adopted as emergency rules without Office of Administrative Law...

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 1D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Personal Income Tax Law: Corporation Tax Law: credits: cleanup costs.

CA AB1606 Introduced · recorded 2026-01-20

WHAT IT DOES

The bill would let qualifying small businesses claim a tax credit of up to \$20,000 for costs cleaning illegal dumps and unauthorized camps on their property.

WHO IT’S WRITTEN FOR

Commercial property owners

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (CA AB1606) — https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB1606

LegiScan — AB1606 — <https://legiscan.com/CA/bill/AB1606/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/ca-ab1606-087610

YOUR NOTES

The Credits Alive Bill

California urges Congress to keep health tax credits alive

CA AJR24 • Healthcare & Insurance

6/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If the resolution succeeds, Congress could keep the tax credits that lower insurance costs for lowincome households. Right now the bill only asks Congress, so it has no direct effect yet. People should push for it while it's still being discussed.

WHY IT SCORES 6/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- | **Accountability** (neutral) — .
- | **Rights & Protections** (neutral) — .
- | **Who Bears the Cost** (neutral) — .
- | **Process Transparency** (neutral) — .

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (5R / 0D)

Health care coverage: enhanced premium tax credits: health savings accounts.

Introduced · recorded 2026-01-08

The resolution would ask Congress to keep enhanced premium tax credits and boost health savings accounts for low-income families.

Everyday People

Official text (CA AJR24) — https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AJR24

LegiScan – AJR24 – <https://legiscan.com/CA/bill/AJR24/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/ca-ajr24-069201

The Health Care Bill

New health bill aims to change care rules for Olympics

CA SB144 · Healthcare & Insurance

6/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If this bill passes, it could help people get medical care during the Olympics. But it also changes rules for health care in California, so we should pay attention.

WHY IT SCORES 6/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Rights & Protections** (neutral) — Changes to licensure rules for out-of-state practitioners..
Allows out-of-state health care practitioners to work without full California licenses...
- Accountability** (neutral) — Updates to health recommendations may improve care..
Requires updates to health recommendations based on federal guidelines.
- Who Bears the Cost** (helps) — Potential funding for health programs..
Creates a fund to help cover costs of gender-affirming care.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Health care programs
Bearing the cost: Unknown

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Sponsorship unclear

HOW THEY VOTED

Senate · 2025-03-20 — passed
Yes 0R/28D · No 10R/0D

THE BILL ITSELF

Health.

CA SB144

Engrossed · recorded 2025-03-20

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would change health care rules for the 2028 Olympics, allowing out-of-state doctors to help without extra licenses.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (CA SB144) — https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260SB144

LegiScan – SB144 – <https://legiscan.com/CA/bill/SB144/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/ca-sb144-939241

YOUR NOTES

The Regulate Arbitration Bill

New bill aims to regulate arbitration in health care plans

CA AB1770 • Your Right to Sue

6/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If this bill passes, it could make sure health care plans treat people fairly when they have disputes. Now is the time to support it.

WHY IT SCORES 6/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Accountability (helps) — Increased oversight by the Attorney General..

The bill allows the Attorney General to require reports from health care plans.

Rights & Protections (neutral) — Clarifies arbitration rules..

The bill ensures compliance with existing arbitration regulations.

Who Bears the Cost (neutral) — No direct cost shift indicated..

The bill does not shift costs to consumers.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 1D)

HOW THEY VOTED

A · 2026-05-27 — passed

Yes 1R/59D · No 15R/0D

Arbitration: health care service plans.

Enrolled · recorded 2026-08-27

This bill would let the Attorney General check if health care plans follow rules about arbitration, helping people know their rights.

The Credit Language Bill

California bill tweaks old hiring tax credit language

CA AB2479 • Work & Wages

6/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill would make a very small change to the words in an existing tax rule. It is called "nonsubstantive," which means it would not change how the rule actually works or how it affects people. The rule gives money back to businesses that hire full-time workers in certain areas, but this credit is already set to end soon. This bill would not make the credit last longer or change how much money businesses get. It is just a...

WHY IT SCORES 6/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — No change to accountability.
The bill makes a nonsubstantive change, so it would not impact how businesses or the...
- Rights & Protections** (neutral) — No impact on rights.
A nonsubstantive change would not add or remove any rights or protections for ordinary...
- Who Bears the Cost** (neutral) — No change to costs.
Since the change is nonsubstantive, it would not shift costs onto consumers or taxpayers...
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — Standard process.
The bill is introduced and moving through the regular legislative process.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

- Pushing for it:** Businesses hiring in specific areas (via tax credit)
- Bearing the cost:** State tax revenue (via tax credit)

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (1R / 0D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Personal income tax: employment credit.

CA AB2479

Introduced · recorded 2026-02-20

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would make a tiny wording change to an old California tax rule for businesses that hire people.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Employers

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (CA AB2479) — https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB2479

LegiScan — AB2479 — <https://legiscan.com/CA/bill/AB2479/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/ca-ab2479-121556

YOUR NOTES

The Tribal Land Bill

Expands tax breaks for tribal land returned for conservation

CA AB2167 • Housing & Property

6/10 **TOLERATE**
Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This is a straightforward conservation bill. It expands an existing tax break so that tribal nonprofits, not just the tribes themselves, can reclaim ancestral lands without facing heavy tax bills. Because the land must remain open to the public and cannot be used for commercial development, it is a win for both the environment and everyday people who want more protected nature to explore. The only downside is a slight loss in...

WHY IT SCORES 6/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — Neutral.
The bill relies on standard tax exemption rules and requires a qualified conservation...
- Rights & Protections** (helps) — Protects public access.
The bill mandates that the exempted land remain open to the general public for recreation...
- Who Bears the Cost** (hurts) — Shifts tax burden.
Local governments will lose property tax and transfer tax revenue, which slightly shifts...
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — Standard process.
The bill is moving through the normal legislative committee process.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

- Pushing for it:** Tribal nonprofits
- Bearing the cost:** Local governments

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (1R / 0D)

HOW THEY VOTED

Senate • 2026-08-13 — passed
Yes 2R/5D • No 0R/0D

Property tax: documentary transfer tax: exemptions: nonprofit corporations chartered under tribal or federal law.

Enrolled · recorded 2026-08-31

The Health Insurance Bill

Pregnancy lets you sign up for health insurance right away

CA AB2066 • Healthcare & Insurance

10/10 **LIBERATE**
Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Right now, if you get pregnant outside of the normal sign-up window, you might be stuck without coverage for doctor visits. This bill fixes that by making pregnancy a special event that unlocks your ability to get or change health insurance immediately. It ensures expecting parents can get the medical care they need right away.

WHY IT SCORES 10/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Rights & Protections (helps) — Expands healthcare access.
The bill gives pregnant people the right to enroll in or change health insurance plans...

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Expecting parents
Bearing the cost: Health insurance companies

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 9D)

HOW THEY VOTED

A · 2026-05-21 — passed
Yes 15R/55D · No 0R/0D

Triggering event: pregnancy.

Enrolled · recorded 2026-08-26

This bill lets you sign up for or change your health insurance as soon as you get pregnant, instead of waiting for the yearly sign-up window.

Everyday People

Official text (CA AB2066) – https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB2066

LegiScan – AB2066 – <https://legiscan.com/CA/bill/AB2066/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/ca-ab2066-119593

The Past Convictions Bill

New tax credit for businesses hiring people with past convictions

CA AB1565 • Work & Wages

9/10 **LIBERATE**
Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill would help people who have been in trouble with the law find jobs, which can make it easier for them to get back on their feet. It would give a tax credit to small businesses that hire these individuals, which could encourage more companies to give them a chance. The goal is to help people avoid going back to prison by giving them a steady job. If you believe in second chances and helping people contribute to...

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (helps)** — The bill requires reports on how many businesses use the credit and its average value..
The bill states that the Franchise Tax Board shall submit a report to the Legislature...
- Rights & Protections (helps)** — It helps people with felony convictions gain employment opportunities..
The bill aims to reduce repeat offenses by reducing unemployment among recently released...
- Who Bears the Cost (hurts)** — The state budget would bear the cost of the tax credits..
The tax credit would reduce state tax revenue, meaning the California state budget would...
- Process Transparency (helps)** — The bill includes specific goals and reporting requirements for the credit..
The bill includes specific goals for the tax expenditure, detailed performance...

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Small businesses that hire people with felony convictions

Bearing the cost: California state budget

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (1R / 0D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Income and corporation taxes: credits: work opportunity credit.

CA AB1565 Introduced · recorded 2026-01-12

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would give small businesses money back on their taxes if they hire people who have been convicted of a felony, helping them find work.

WHO IT’S WRITTEN FOR

Small businesses

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (CA AB1565) — https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB1565

LegiScan — AB1565 — <https://legiscan.com/CA/bill/AB1565/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/ca-ab1565-072043

YOUR NOTES

The Time Homebuyers Bill

Help for first-time homebuyers to fix up older homes

CA AB1714 • Housing & Property

9/10 **LIBERATE**
Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill would help sellers of older homes afford repairs needed for first-time buyers using state programs. It means more people could buy homes that need a little work, and sellers would not lose a sale because of repair costs. This could make it easier for regular families to buy their first home. Some might say this is a special tax break, but supporters argue it helps more people become homeowners and keeps older homes...

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — Neutral impact.
This bill is about a tax credit for home repairs, not directly about holding anyone...
- Rights & Protections** (helps) — Helps people.
The bill would help first-time homebuyers by making it easier for sellers to pay for...
- Who Bears the Cost** (helps) — Benefits ordinary people.
The state would give a tax credit to sellers, helping them cover repair costs that might...
- Process Transparency** (helps) — Good reporting.
The bill requires the state to track how many people use the credit and how much money is...

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Sellers of homes to first-time buyers
Bearing the cost: California taxpayers

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (1R / 0D)

Personal income tax: credit: first-time homebuyer program: required repairs.

Introduced · recorded 2026-02-04

The Fluoride Treatments Bill

Fluoride treatments to be covered by health insurance for kids

CA AB350 • Healthcare & Insurance

9/10

LIBERATE

Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If this bill passes, more kids will get fluoride treatments, which can stop tooth decay. This is important for their health and can save families money. Now is the time to support it.

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Rights & Protections (helps)** — Increases access to preventive care.
Kids will have guaranteed access to fluoride treatments without extra costs.
- Who Bears the Cost (neutral)** — Cost shifts to insurance.
Insurance companies will cover these treatments, reducing out-of-pocket expenses for...
- Process Transparency (helps)** — Clear guidelines for coverage.
The bill sets clear rules for how fluoride treatments will be billed and covered.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 3D)

HOW THEY VOTED

Senate • 2025-08-29 — passed
Yes 2R/5D • No 0R/0D

Health care coverage: fluoride treatments.

Enrolled · recorded 2026-08-26

This bill would make sure kids can get fluoride treatments without paying extra, helping prevent tooth decay.

Everyday People

Official text (CA AB350) – https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB350

LegiScan – AB350 – <https://legiscan.com/CA/bill/AB350/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/ca-ab350-947441

The Health Insurance Bill

California moves to ban health insurance discrimination

CA AB1876 • Healthcare & Insurance

9/10 **LIBERATE**
Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Insurance companies sometimes try to find reasons to deny coverage so they can save money. This bill would make it illegal for them to refuse you care just because of who you are. It specifically protects transgender people, pregnant women, and people with disabilities from being unfairly dropped or charged more. If this passes, insurers will have to treat everyone equally and clearly tell you how to complain if they break...

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Rights & Protections (helps)** — Expands patient rights.
Explicitly protects patients from being denied medical care or insurance based on their...
- Accountability (helps)** — Holds insurers accountable.
Makes it a crime for health plans to violate these rules and requires a clear complaint...
- Who Bears the Cost (helps)** — Insurers pay for care.
Stops insurance companies from saving money by denying covered treatments to specific...

FOLLOW THE MONEY

- Pushing for it:** Patients
- Bearing the cost:** Health insurance companies

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 3D)

HOW THEY VOTED

A · 2026-05-04 — passed
Yes 1R/55D · No 17R/0D

Health care coverage: nondiscrimination.

Enrolled · recorded 2026-08-25

This bill would stop health insurance companies from denying you coverage or care based on your race, age, disability, or gender identity.

Everyday People

Official text (CA AB1876) — https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB1876

LegiScan – AB1876 – <https://legiscan.com/CA/bill/AB1876/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/ca-ab1876-116258

The Fire Departments Bill

Banning fire departments from charging you to call 911

CA AB1863 • Consumer Protection

9/10

LIBERATE

Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Nobody should have to worry about getting a bill just for calling for help. Right now, some fire districts can charge you a fee if they show up to a 911 call, even if you do not end up needing their services. This bill would protect your wallet during an emergency. It ensures you would only pay if the fire department actually does emergency work for you. If you make a prank call, they could still fine you. This is a great...

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (helps)** — Limits fee abuse.
Stops fire districts from abusing their fee powers to charge for mere responses.
- Rights & Protections (helps)** — Protects access to help.
Protects your ability to call 911 without fear of getting a surprise bill.
- Who Bears the Cost (helps)** — Saves consumers money.
Saves regular people from paying for false alarms or canceled emergency calls.
- Process Transparency (neutral)** — Neutral.
Does not make major changes to how fees are reported to the public.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (1R / 0D)

HOW THEY VOTED

A • 2026-05-28 — passed
Yes 20R/19D • No 0R/4D

Fire protection districts: fees: 911 telephone calls.

Introduced · recorded 2026-02-11

This bill would stop fire departments from charging you a fee just for calling 911 or having responders show up to your house.

Everyday People

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Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/ca-ab1863-114731

The Health Insurance Bill

California wants to automatically enroll people in health insurance

CA AB1907 • Healthcare & Insurance

9/10

LIBERATE

Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Right now, people can easily lose their health insurance if they get confused by paperwork or miss a deadline. This bill would fix that by automatically matching you with the best plan for your family. It would even make sure you get a letter explaining how to start your coverage before it begins. It is a smart way to keep families insured and healthy while they wait for state help.

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Rights & Protections (helps) — Protects consumers from coverage gaps.

Automatically enrolls people in health plans to prevent them from losing coverage due to...

Process Transparency (helps) — Clearer notices for consumers.

Requires the state to send instructions on how to start coverage before the plan actually...

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 3D)

HOW THEY VOTED

Senate • 2026-06-29 — passed

Yes 2R/5D • No 0R/0D

THE BILL ITSELF

California Health Benefit Exchange.

CA AB1907

Enrolled · recorded 2026-08-28

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would automatically sign you up for health insurance when you apply for state help or lose your current coverage, keeping you from going uninsured.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (CA AB1907) — https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB1907

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YOUR NOTES

The Background Check Bill

Renters could use one background check for multiple apartments

CA AB1963 · Housing & Property

9/10

LIBERATE

Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Applying for apartments is expensive because every landlord charges a separate fee to check your background. This bill would let you buy one official report for \$45 and use it everywhere for 45 days. Landlords would be banned from charging you extra application fees if you use this report. They would also have to tell you exactly why you were rejected in writing. It puts money back in renters' pockets and lets you take...

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Accountability (helps) — Lets renters and the state sue landlords who break the rules..

Authorizes a civil action by the prospective tenant or the Attorney General for...

Rights & Protections (helps) — Gives renters the right to use a single background check and get rejection reasons in writing..

Requires landlords to accept portable screening reports and provide specific written...

Who Bears the Cost (helps) — Saves renters money by stopping landlords from charging multiple application fees..

Prohibits landlords from charging application fees or requiring additional paid...

Process Transparency (helps) — Forces landlords to clearly list all application rules upfront..

Requires a complete and itemized disclosure of all application requirements in a clear...

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Prospective tenants

Bearing the cost: Landlords and screening companies

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 1D)

Hiring of real property: portable screening reports: disclosure of application materials.

Introduced · recorded 2026-02-13

This bill would let you buy one background check and use it for multiple apartment applications, saving you from paying a new fee every time.

Everyday People

Official text (CA AB1963) – https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB1963

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Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/ca-ab1963-117122

The Hidden Cancer Bill

California moves to ban hidden cancer chemicals in food

CA AB2034 • Consumer Protection

9/10 **LIBERATE**
Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Right now, food companies use a loophole to put new chemicals in our food without proving they are safe first. This bill would close that loophole in California. It would ban any food dye or additive that causes cancer. It would also force companies to tell the state exactly what is in their food if they leave things off the printed label. This gives everyday people more power to know what they are eating.

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (helps)** — Forces food companies to prove their ingredients are safe instead of using a loophole..
Closes the 'generally recognized as safe' loophole by requiring premarket safety notices...
- Rights & Protections (helps)** — Protects people from eating cancer-causing chemicals..
Deems any color additive, food additive, or dietary ingredient unsafe if it is found to...
- Who Bears the Cost (helps)** — Food companies will pay fees to cover the cost of the safety checks..
Authorizes the department to create and update user fees for notices, assessments, and...
- Process Transparency (helps)** — Creates a public list of food chemicals and stops companies from hiding ingredients..
Requires the department to publish notices in a public database and forces manufacturers...

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: California Department of Public Health
Bearing the cost: Food manufacturers

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 3D)

Food safety: unsafe additives and ingredient disclosures.

Introduced · recorded 2026-02-17

This bill would force food companies to prove their ingredients are safe and stop them from hiding secret chemicals in your snacks.

Everyday People

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The Health Insurers Bill

Stop health insurers from dropping your medicine midyear

CA AB2000 • Healthcare & Insurance

9/10 **LIBERATE**
Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

When you pick a health plan, you check if it covers your medicine. But right now, insurers can change their list of covered drugs in the middle of the year. This bill forces them to keep their promises. If they drop a drug, you can keep getting your medicine until the year ends. It also forces them to approve emergency drug requests within 24 hours. This is a huge win for patients who rely on daily medications.

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Accountability (helps) — Strict penalties for insurers.

Authorizes the state to investigate and fine health plans up to \$5,000 per 1,000 members...

Rights & Protections (helps) — Guarantees access to medicine.

Gives patients the right to stay on a previously approved drug for the rest of the year...

Who Bears the Cost (helps) — Protects patients from surprise costs.

Prevents insurers from shifting costs onto patients midyear by moving drugs to higher...

Process Transparency (helps) — Requires advance notice.

Forces insurers to notify patients and doctors 90 days before any allowed changes take...

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Patients (saved out-of-pocket costs)

Bearing the cost: Health insurers (fines for breaking rules)

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / ID)

THE BILL ITSELF

Drug formularies.

CA AB2000

Introduced · recorded 2026-02-17

WHAT IT DOES

This bill stops health insurance companies from quietly removing your prescription drugs from their covered list in the middle of the year.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (CA AB2000) — https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB2000

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