

# Government Relations Webinar

August 19, 2025





## Overview

Legislative Update



**Budget Update** 



**Federal Update** 



## Legislative Update



## Legislative Timeline

**Second House Deadlines** 



August 18

Legislature reconvenes from **Summer Recess** 



**September 12** 

Last day for each house to pass bills.

Last day for fiscal committee to hear and report bills to the floor.

August 29

Last day for the **Governor to sign or veto bills** passed by the Legislature on or before Sept. 12.

October 12

## **Bills in Appropriations Committees**





In the Assembly Appropriations Committee



In the Senate Appropriations Committee

### **Student Services**

#### AB 90 (Jackson): Overnight student parking

Requires the governing board of each community college district to create a plan to establish an overnight parking program per community college. The governing board of each district must vote on the plan.

#### **Concerns:**

- Implementing this measure would result in ongoing costs of \$623,000 per campus, or \$72 million systemwide.
- We believe resources would be better utilized toward the advancement and expansion of long-term solutions, such as stable student housing and expanded financial aid services.
- For short-term housing solutions, we believe resources would be better utilized to fund current short-term housing solutions offered by colleges.

**Location:** Senate Appropriations Committee

**League Position: OPPOSE** 





## Nursing



## AB 1400 (Soria): Community College Baccalaureate Degrees in Nursing

Authorizes 15 community college districts to establish a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing program. Requires participating colleges to have a nationally accredited ADN program. Requires the Chancellor's Office to give priority to districts in underserved nursing areas and to districts where the service area includes communities with persistent poverty. The pilot program would sunset in 2035.

**Location:** Senate Appropriations Committee

**League Position: SUPPORT** 

## **Territory Transfer**



#### SB 226 (Cabaldon): Territory Transfers between districts

Authorizes the Board of Governors to approve the transfer of territory, in whole or in part, from specified community college districts to another district "upon its own initiative" or upon the filing of a petition by the governing board of a district or the county committee on school district organization for the county where territory would be transferred.

Aims to transfer Woodland College from Yuba CCD to Los Rios CCD via legislative action.

**League Position: OPPOSE** 

Location: Assembly Higher Education Committee, 2-YEAR BILL



## Title IX Report

AB 2048 (Fong, 2024) requires the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, in consultation with stakeholders, to submit a report to the Legislature to include the following recommendations on Title IX:

- Baseline standards for policies and procedures
- Monitoring methods
- Reporting protocols
- Staffing and training
- State-level support



#### Deadline

December 1, 2025



#### **Actions**

The report may lead to the introduction of a Title IX bill

# Congressional Redistricting

## Redistricting: Special Election

#### Special Election

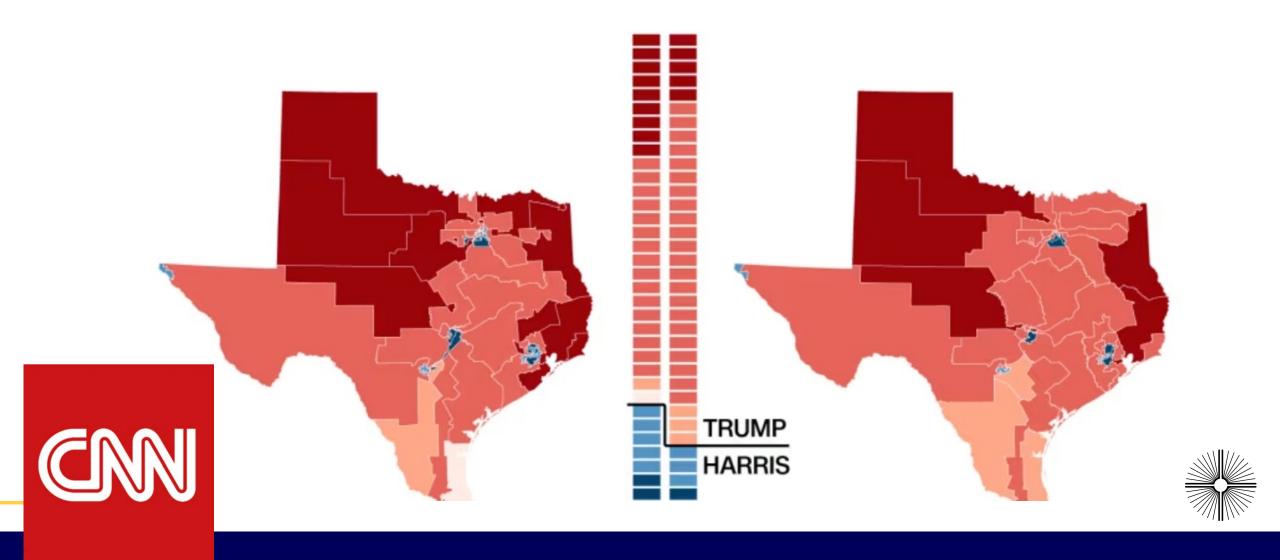
- Newsom would call a special election for Nov. 4, 2025
- Voters would ultimately decide on new congressional districts

#### Reason

- Response to Texas GOP redrawing maps
- Trump urged Texas Republicans to act



### Texas: Shifting up to 5 Congressional seats





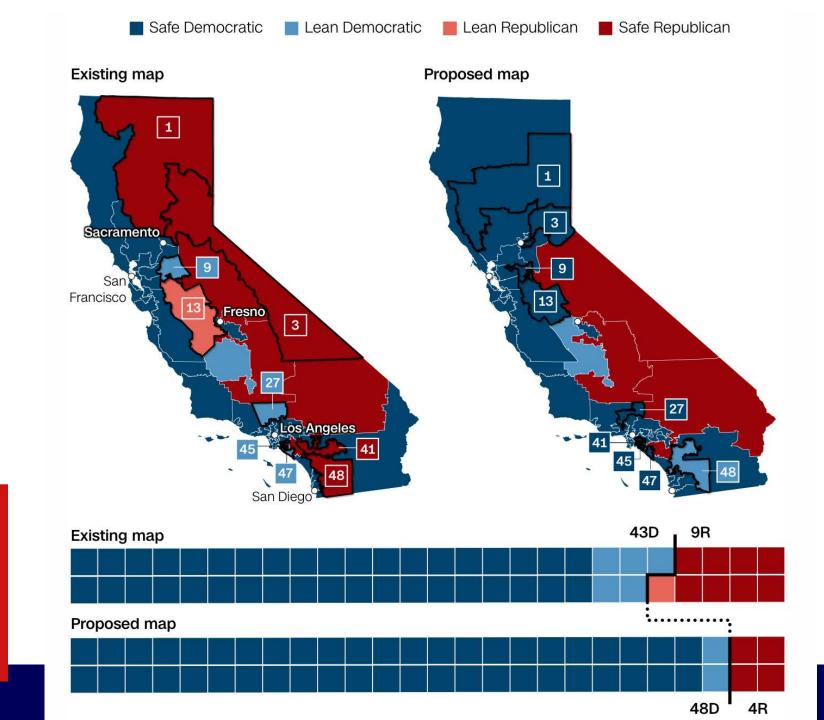
## Redistricting: Timeline & Impact

#### Timeline

- Aug. 18: Legislation introduced and in print
- Aug. 21: Lawmakers will potentially vote on maps
- Aug. 22: Deadline to qualify for ballot

#### **Impact**

- 5 GOP most likely impacted: reps: Kiley, LaMalfa, Valadao, Issa, Calvert
- Democrats currently hold 43 of 52 seats





## Introduced Measures





AB 604 (Aguiar-Curry):

Redistricting: congressional districts



ACA 8 (Rivas):

Congressional redistricting



SB 280 (Cervantes):

**Elections** 



## Redistricting: Response & Future



#### Republican Response

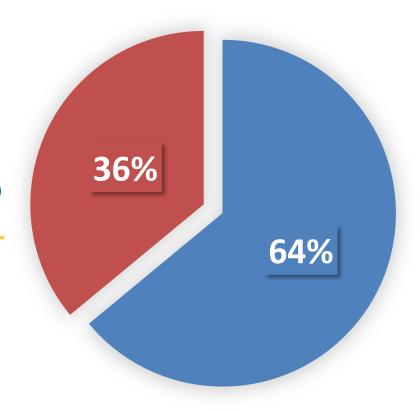
- Congress Member Kiley introduced a bill to ban mid-decade redistricting
- Criticized the bypassing of the redistricting commission

#### Future

- New maps apply to the 2026, 2028, and 2030 elections
- Commission on Redistricting regains control after the 2030 census



## **Politico Poll** August 14, 2025



- Support keeping the independent redistricting commission
- Support returning congressional redistricting authority to state legislators





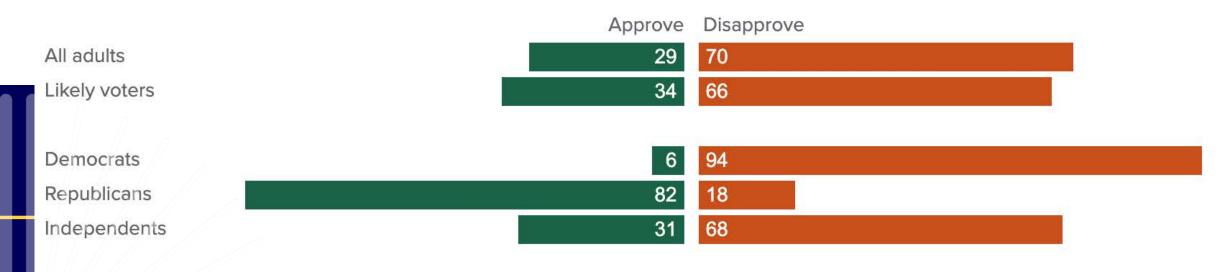






## Public Policy Institute of California: Statewide Survey: Californians and Their Government July 10, 2025

#### Three in ten Californians approve of President Trump

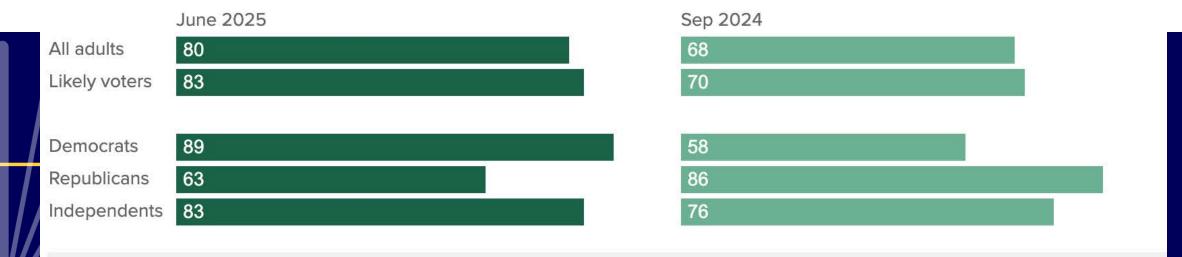


**SOURCE:** PPIC Statewide Survey, June 2025. Survey was fielded from May 22–29, 2025 (n=1,591 adults and n=1,080 likely voters).

## Public Policy Institute of California: Statewide Survey: Californians and Their Government July 10, 2025

Eight in ten Californians say they trust the federal government only some of the time or not at all, with partisan views shifting

% trust only some or none of the time



SOURCE: PPIC Statewide Survey, September 2024 and June 2025.

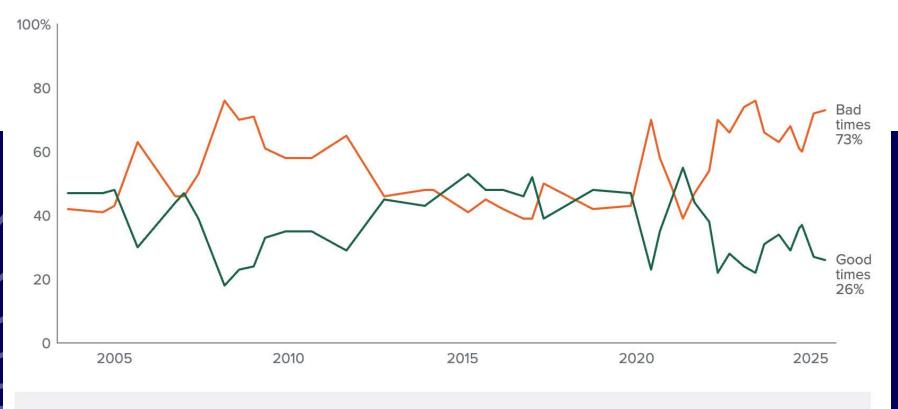
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# Public Policy Institute of California: Statewide Survey: Californians and Their Government July 10, 2025

Nearly three in four think the US will have bad financial times over the next year

SOURCE: PPIC Statewide Surveys, 2003–2025.



## Other States Actively Considering or Pursuing Mid-Decade Redistricting

Ohio

Florida

Missouri

Indiana

Nebraska

Maryland

New York

Illinois

New Jersey

# 2026 Constitutional Offices



### Deadlines for the 2026 Election



Signatures-In-Lieu of Filing Period	December 11, 2025 – February 4, 2026
Declaration of Candidacy and Nomination Paper Period	February 9, 2026 – March 6, 2026
Candidate Statement Period for County Voter Information Guides	February 9, 2026 – March 6, 2026
Randomized Alphabet Drawing	March 12, 2026
Notice to Candidates for Voter-Nominated Offices	March 21, 2026*
Certified List of Candidates	March 26, 2026
Statewide Direct Primary Election	June 2, 2026

### Statewide Seats 2026\*



**Excluding the Board of Equalization** 

#### Open

- Governor-Gavin Newsom
- Lt. Governor- Eleni Kounalakis
- State Treasurer-Fiona Ma
- Superintendent of Public Instruction-Tony Thurmond
- Insurance Commissioner-Ricardo Lara

Incumbents who intend to seek reelection

- State Controller-Malia Cohen
- Attorney General Rob Bonta
- Secretary of State-Shirley Weber



## Who is running for Governor?



























#### Los Angeles Times

## Harris Will Not Run for California Governor

Kamala Harris, the former vice president, announced that she has decided not to run for California's top office.



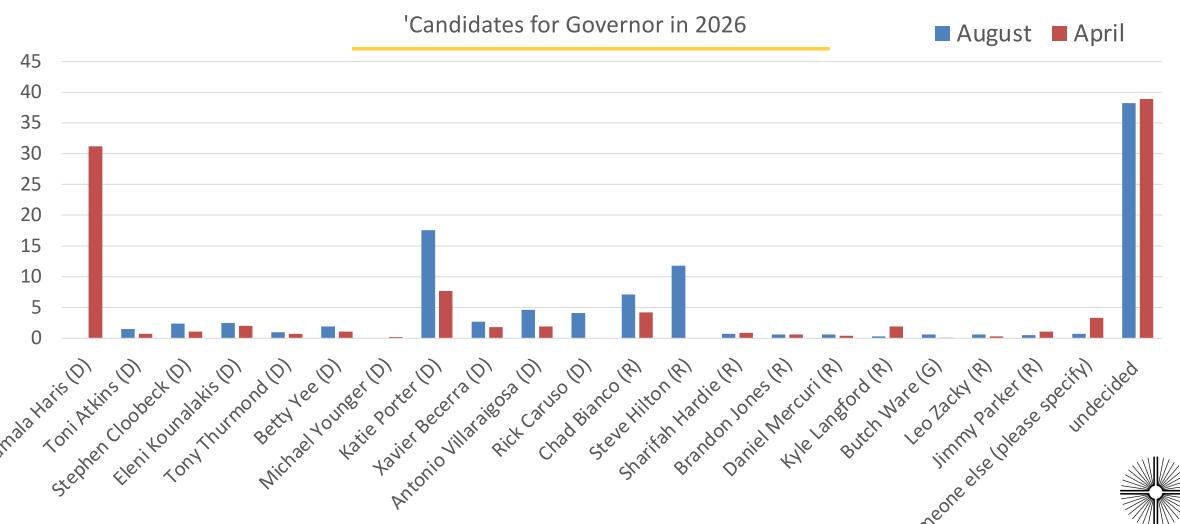


California Lt. Gov. Eleni Kounalakis said Friday she is dropping out of the race for governor and will instead run for state treasurer. (Carlin Stiehl / Los Angeles Times)

POLITICS

Lt. Gov. Eleni Kounalakis drops out of governor's race, pivots to run for treasurer

### **Emerson College Polling**

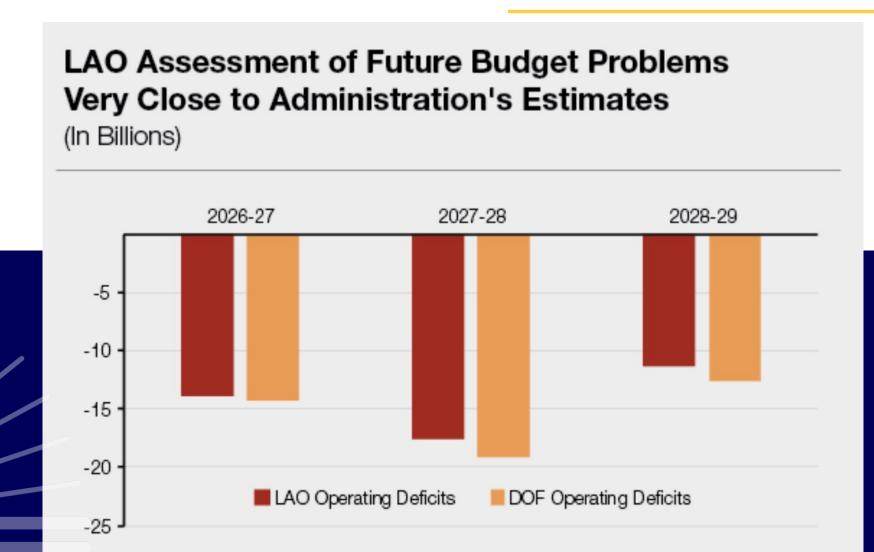


## **Budget Update**



### LAO Assessment of the State's Fiscal Situation

May 2025



#### General Fund Revenues vs Expenditures



(Dollars in Millions)

REVENUES

Total: \$215,733

**EXPENDITURES** 

Total: \$228,366

Health and Human Services: \$87,402

K-12 Education: \$80,529

Higher Education: \$22,729

Corrections and Rehabilitation: \$13,427

Other: \$24,279

Personal Income Tax: \$125,962

Corporation Tax: \$35,613

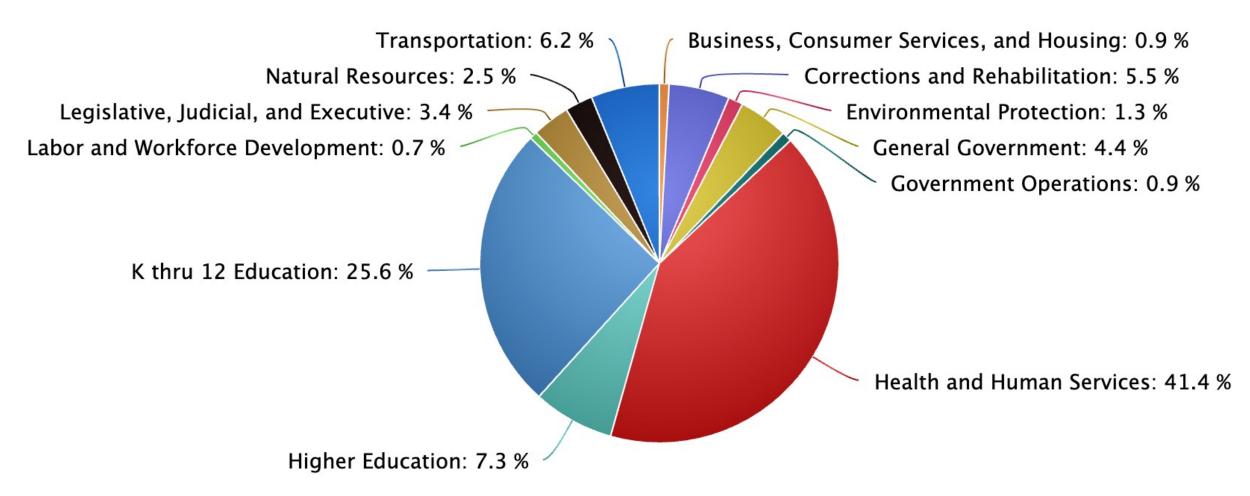
Sales and Use Tax: \$34,862

Insurance Tax: \$4,359

Other: \$7,837

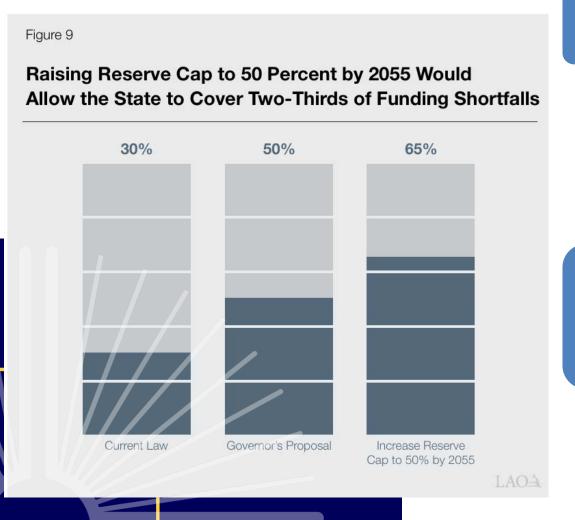
Transfer from the Budget Stabilization Account/Rainy Day Fund: \$7,100





#### Legislative Analyst's Office: Rethinking California Reserve Policy

**April 10, 2025** 



#### 1. Raise the Reserve Cap to 50 Percent by 2055.

- 20 percent to take effect immediately after the next statewide election,
- 25 percent in 2030
- increasing by 5 percent every five years until the cap reaches a maximum of 50 percent in 2055
- 2. If the cap is raised, the state would also need to set aside more in reserve deposits to dependably reach this higher amount. Suggest two alternative mechanisms to accomplish this:
- (1) Create new, more robust, and flexible deposit rules
- (2) Keep existing rules in place, but change them to set aside more in capital gains revenues in some years

## Department of Finance July 2025 Fiscal Bulletin



**General Fund receipts**: \$2.6B above June forecast (+9%) and \$2.7B above year-to-date (+1.3%).

**Drivers of June gains**: Other revenues (+\$1.3B), personal income tax (+\$968M), corporation tax (+\$474M).

**Personal income tax**: +\$968M in June, led by stronger withholding (+\$466M) and estimated payments (+\$285M).

**Corporation tax**: +\$474M in June, with higher estimated payments (+\$578M) and lower refunds (-\$215M).

**Sales & use tax**: Slightly above June forecast (+\$31M) but below year-to-date (-\$87M).

Other revenues: Surged +\$1.3B in June from higher federal disaster cost recoveries.



## Budget Sub. Committee No. 7 on Accountability and Oversight

INFORMATIONAL HEARING SUBJECT: Impacts of H.R. 1 on California's Budget

Wednesday, August 20 at 9 a.m.

State Capitol, Room 126





PRESENTED TO:

Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 7 on Accountability and Oversight Hon. Gregg Hart, Chair



## LAO Report on Higher Education

- **6** Pell Grants
- **Student Loans**
- **A** Loan Repayment
- Accountability Test
- Implications for Students
- **m** Implications for Institutions





#### California Health and Human Services Summary of HR 1

**Major coverage losses** – Up to **3 million Medi-Cal members** could lose coverage due to new federal work requirements (2027).

Increased churn in Medi-Cal – New 6-month eligibility redeterminations could remove 400,000 adults from coverage (2027).

**Immigrant restrictions** – About **200,000 Medi-Cal members** could lose full coverage, limited to emergency/pregnancy services (Oct 2026).

**Covered California hit** – As many as **660,000 enrollees** could go uninsured; all will face higher costs and new red tape.

**Provider tax revenue at risk** – California's **MCO tax** deemed non-compliant; threatens hospital and provider funding streams.

**SNAP/CalFresh cuts** – Up to **395,000 people** could lose food benefits; \$2.7B in costs shifted to state and counties.

**Budget stress** – California already faces **\$17–24B annual deficits**; state cannot sustainably backfill federal cuts.

**Policy uncertainty** – Most changes require federal guidance; responses will unfold across **2025** – **2028 legislative sessions**.

## Federal Update

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# 119<sup>th</sup> Congress 1<sup>st</sup> Session status

#### **U.S.** House of Representatives

- 219 Republicans (1 vacancy)
- 212 Democrats (3 vacancies)

#### **United States Senate**

- 53 Republicans
- 47 Democrats (w/2 Independents)

#### **Legislative Action**



Over 15,000 bills introduced, with only 65 bills signed into law – 41 of them to rename federal buildings, and 5 commemorative bills

#### **FY 2026 Appropriations**

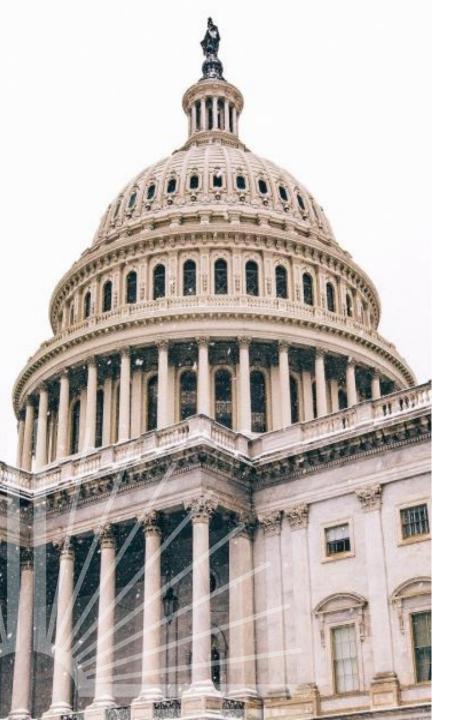


None of the 12 required appropriations bills has been enacted for the next fiscal year that starts in just six weeks

#### White House Action



Trump has signed 188 executive orders in 7 months. In comparison, Biden signed 162 executive orders over 4 years.



### FY 2026 Appropriations

- The House of Representatives has passed Defense and MilCon/Veterans Appropriations, and the House Appropriations Committee has approved Agriculture, Energy and Water, Homeland Security, Legislative Branch, and Transportation/HUD
- The Senate Appropriations Committee has approved Agriculture, Commerce-Justice-Science, Defense, Interior and Environment, Labor-HHS-Education, Legislative Branch, MilCon/Veterans and Transportation/HUD



### FY 2026 Appropriations

- With Fiscal Year 2026 starting on October 1, 2025, none of the 12 required FY 2026 appropriations bills has become law
- Congress will need to pass a short-term Continuing Resolution (CR) to keep the government running while appropriators try to move bills forward
- Members of the Minority may block action on a CR to force a government shutdown, though it is not yet clear what the outcome of such a move would be other than chaos

#### **Pell Grants**

- The President's Budget proposes to reduce the maximum Pell Grant from the current level of \$7,395 to \$5,710 - a \$1,685 cut
- The Senate Appropriations Committee has voted to keep the maximum Pell \$7,395
- The House Appropriations Committee has not yet taken up Pell Grant funding





#### TRIO and GEAR UP

President's Budget zeroes out TRIO and GEAR UP

- TRIO addresses barriers to higher ed for low-income, first-generation, and disabled students
- GEAR UP provides intensive support to middle and high school students to prepare for college

The Senate Appropriations Committee has voted to fully fund TRIO and GEAR UP. The House has not yet taken up TRIO or GEAR UP funding.







#### Department of Education (ED)

- The President's Budget proposes an overall reduction of \$12 billion (15.3%) for ED, "an agency that is responsibly winding down."
- The Senate Appropriations Committee has voted to reject funding cuts to ED
- The House Appropriations Committee has not yet taken up ED funding





#### **Economic Development Administration**

President's Budget zeroes out EDA, the lead agency for the Good Jobs Challenge, grants for economic and workforce development, and to assist with disaster recovery

- Senate Appropriations Committee has voted to cut EDA funding by 9%
- House Appropriations bill would cut EDA funding by 31%





National Endowments for the Arts (NEA) and Humanities (NEH)

President's Budget zeroes out funding for NEA and NEH, primary sources of support for cultural and arts programming

- Senate Appropriations bill rejects cuts to NEA and NEH funding
- House Appropriations bill cuts NEA and NEH by 35%







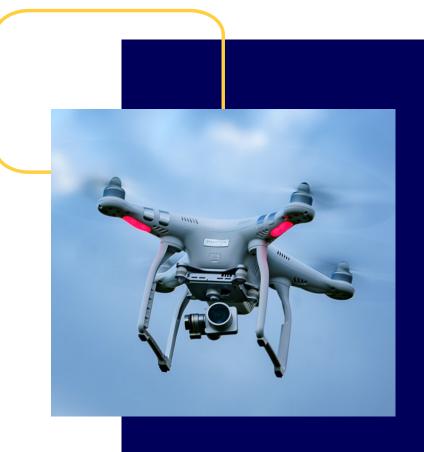
Aviation Workforce Development (AWD)
President's Budget requests only \$800,000 for AWD grants to support training of pilots, aviation maintenance technicians, and airframe construction technicians – programs offered at California community colleges.

- House Appropriations Committee has approved \$45 million AWD grants
- Senate Appropriations Committee has approved \$30 million for AWD grants



#### **Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS/drones)**

- The House Appropriations Committee has approved \$10 million for transportation infrastructure UAS inspection grants
- This would add to \$500 million in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act to detect, identify, track, or monitor threats from drones
- California community colleges offer UAS training.
   This includes colleges participating in the FAA's UAS Collegiate Training Initiative.





"The Biden Administration forced illegal and immoral discrimination programs, going by the name 'diversity, equity, and inclusion."

"Federal grantees who received Federal funding to provide or advance DEI" must be pursued. – Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing, Executive Order, January 20, 2025



Donald J. Trump
President of the United States



The House FY26 Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill includes language "prohibiting funding for diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives."

Rep. Valadao represents Porterville College and Bakersfield College



Rep. David Valadao (R-CA-22)
Chair, Legislative Branch
Appropriations Subcommittee





The House FY26 Defense Appropriations Bill prohibits any "diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility strategy" or to "perpetuate divisive concepts related to race or sex."

Rep. Calvert represents College of the Desert and Norco College



Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA-41)
Chair, Defense Appropriations
Subcommittee



The Senate FY26 Interior and Environment Appropriations Bill fully funds the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and directs the establishment of a Chief Diversity Officer "to oversee efforts to improve diversity, equity, and inclusion, and to create better access within NEH's programs."



Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)
Chair, Interior & Environment
Appropriations Subcommittee





The Senate FY26 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Bill supports programs that improve the diversity of the healthcare workforce

The bill includes \$22 million for Nursing Workforce Diversity to increase nursing education opportunities for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds



Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)
Chair, Labor-HHS-Education
Appropriations Subcommittee



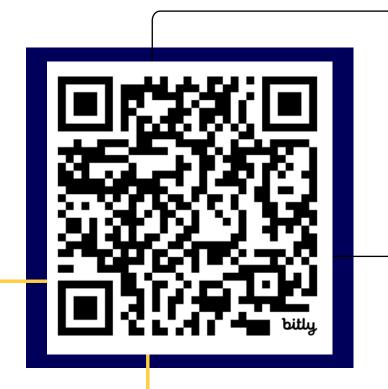


### **Upcoming Event!**

#### The League's Annual Convention

November 20 - 22, 2025

Garden Grove, CA





## Thank you!

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