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2024 Final Disposition of Analyzed Bills with Governor's Action

Measure	Author	Topic	Governor's Action & Date	Chapter No.	Effective Date
<u>AB 1770</u>	Committee on Emergency Management	Emergency services: Alfred E. Alquist Seismic Safety Commission: seismic mitigation and earthquake early warning technology	Signed on 9/6/25	Chapter # 212	1/1/25
<u>AB 1863</u>	Ramos	California Emergency Services Act: notification systems: Feather Alert	Signed on 9/27/24	Chapter # 659	1/1/25
<u>AB 2232</u>	Maienschein	Accessibility to emergency information and services: emergency shelters: persons with pets	Signed on 6/14/24	Chapter # 14	1/1/25
<u>AB 2432</u>	Gabriel	California Victims of Crime Act	Signed on 9/27/24	Chapter # 651	1/1/25
<u>AB 2469</u>	Committee on Emergency Management	Emergency Management Assistance Compact: California Wildfire Mitigation Financial Assistance Program	Signed on 9/22/24	Chapter # 402	1/1/25
<u>AB 2684</u>	Bryan	Safety element: extreme heat	Signed on 9/30/24	Chapter # 1009	1/1/25
<u>AB 2730</u>	Lackey	Sexual assault: medical evidentiary examinations	Signed on 7/15/24	Chapter # 113	1/1/25

<u>AB 2983</u>	Rodriguez	Office of Emergency Services: comprehensive wildfire mitigation program: impact on fire insurance	Vetoed on 9/20/24	N/A	N/A
<u>AB 3179</u>	Carrillo, Juan	Emergency telecommunications medium- and heavy-duty zero-emission vehicles	Vetoed on 9/29/24	N/A	N/A
<u>SB 896</u>	Dodd	Generative Artificial Intelligence Accountability Act	Signed on 9/29/24	Chapter # 928	1/1/25
<u>SB 946</u>	McGuire	Personal Income Tax Law: Corporation Tax Law: exclusions: wildfire mitigation payments	Signed on 9/29/24	Chapter # 987	Immediately
<u>SB 961</u>	Wiener	Vehicles: safety equipment	Vetoed on 9/28/24	N/A	N/A
<u>SB 990</u>	Padilla	Office of Emergency Services: State Emergency Plan: LGBTQ+ individuals	Signed on 9/20/24	Chapter # 322	1/1/25
<u>SB 1034</u>	Seyarto	California Public Records Act: state of emergency	Signed on 7/18/24	Chapter # 161	1/1/25
<u>SB 1215</u>	Committee on Governmental Organization	Fire protection: Office of the State Fire Marshal: State Board of Fire Services: membership: quorum	Signed on 7/15/24	Chapter # 133	7/15/24
<u>SB 1246</u>	Limón	California Prompt Payment Act: nonprofit organizations	Vetoed on 9/28/24	N/A	N/A

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Assembly Bills

[AB 1770](#) (Committee on Emergency Management) Emergency services: Alfred E. Alquist Seismic Safety Commission: seismic mitigation and earthquake early warning technology.

Status: Chapter Number 212, 2024

Summary: This bill would allow the Seismic Safety Commission to work with the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and the Office of Emergency Services until January 1, 2030. They would focus on carrying out and funding earthquake safety measures and early warning systems, including gathering information on fire stations in California. By January 1, 2026, and every year after until 2030, the commission would need to report to the Assembly Committee on Emergency Management and the Senate Committee on Governmental Organization about what actions they took and what they found.

[AB 1771](#) (Committee on Emergency Management) California Emergency Services Act: State Emergency Plan: extreme heat preparedness and response plan.

Status: From committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56. DEAD

Summary: This bill would require the Office of Emergency Services, along with the Strategic Growth Council and CaliforniaVolunteers, to create a plan for dealing with extreme heat emergencies. This plan must be added to the State Emergency Plan by January 1, 2025.

[AB 1786](#) (Rodriguez D) California Individual Assistance Act: California Local Assistance Act.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File: Held under submission.

Summary: This bill would add climate change and its worsening effects as reasons for declaring a state or local emergency. The bill also creates two programs: **California Individual Assistance Act:** This program provides grants to community organizations to cover disaster-related costs. The Director of Social Services will oversee the funds, which come from a new account called the California Individual Assistance Act Account. The bill moves \$100 million from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund into this account for these grants.

California Local Assistance Act: This program provides grants to local governments, tribal governments, transportation systems, and communities for disaster-related costs, such as rebuilding infrastructure, reducing climate risks, and restoring losses. The Strategic Growth Council will manage this program, using funds from the California Local Assistance Act Account. The bill transfers \$400 million from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund into this account.

[AB 1863](#) (Ramos D) California Emergency Services Act: notification systems: Feather Alert.

Status: Chapter Number 659, 2024

Summary: The California Emergency Services Act allows the use of the Emergency Alert System to notify the public about local, state, and national emergencies. Currently, law enforcement agencies can ask the California Highway Patrol to activate a "Feather Alert" if an endangered indigenous person is reported missing under suspicious or unexplained circumstances and certain criteria are met. If the Highway Patrol agrees that the criteria are met, they will activate the Feather Alert in the requested area and help by spreading alert messages and signs. The department is also required to report to the Governor and Legislature with an evaluation of the Feather Alert system. This bill would require the

department, along with tribal nations and other specified groups, to create policies that guide law enforcement and emergency agencies on what to do when someone is reported missing and certain conditions are met. These policies would include steps for sharing information about the missing person and the circumstances of their disappearance.

[AB 1956 \(Reyes D\)](#) Victim services.

Status: Failed Deadline: Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File

Summary: This bill would require the Office of Emergency Services to provide additional state funds, if approved by the Legislature, to make up for any shortfall in federal Victims of Crime Act funding. If the federal grant is 10% or more lower than the previous year's amount, the state funds would be used to ensure the continued stability of services for crime victims.

[AB 2014 \(Nguyen, Stephanie D\)](#) Military Equipment: definitions.

Status: Failed Deadline: Assembly Public Safety Committee

Summary: Current law requires law enforcement agencies to get approval from their local government by adopting a policy before they can acquire military equipment. The law defines military equipment to include things like unmanned, remotely controlled vehicles (drones or ground vehicles). This bill would change that definition, so that only unmanned vehicles that are weaponized (armed) are considered military equipment.

[AB 2101 \(Rodriguez D\)](#) Statewide strategic stockpile.

Status: Failed Deadline: Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File

Summary: This bill would require the State Department of Public Health, working with the Office of Emergency Services and other agencies, to create a statewide stockpile of essential supplies. This stockpile would include medicines, vaccines, and medical and dental supplies. The department would also set guidelines on how to buy, manage, and distribute these items, considering how much is needed for a long-term health emergency. The department could make contracts with private companies to get or reserve these supplies and to manage the stockpile. The department would also have to report to the Legislature every year on the items in the stockpile, what has been used, future needs, the status of contracts with private companies, and details about any reserved supplies.

[AB 2232 \(Maienschein D\)](#) Accessibility to emergency information and services: emergency shelters: persons with pets.

Status: Chapter Number 14, 2024

Summary: This bill adds that when a city or county updates its emergency plan and designates emergency warming centers, they should also, when possible, designate at least one warming center that allows people to bring their pets.

[AB 2322 \(Hart D\)](#) Grant programs: administration.

Status: Failed Deadline: Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File

Summary: This bill would set minimum requirements for how grants are managed, specifically for grants of a certain size and length that are available to nonprofit organizations. It would require grant administrators to do certain tasks, like posting details about who is eligible, how to apply, and other important information on their website and on the grant portal created by the California State Library.

[AB 2344 \(Petrie-Norris D\)](#) Fire prevention: grant programs: reporting.

Status: Failed Deadline: Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File

Summary: This bill would require the Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force, on or before July 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, to compile and post on its internet website specified information regarding identified state and federal grant programs relating to fire prevention and resilience.

[AB 2432 \(Gabriel D\)](#) California Victims of Crime Act.

Status: Chapter Number 651, 2024

Summary: The federal Victims of Crime Act of 1984 created the Crime Victims Fund, which provides financial assistance to states for programs that help crime victims. Current state law has various programs under the Office of Emergency Services for crime prevention and education, including family violence and domestic violence prevention programs. This bill would create the California Crime Victims Fund in the State Treasury. The money in this fund would automatically go to the Office of Emergency Services to support services for crime victims. The Office of Emergency Services would get advice from the Victims of Crime Act Steering Committee on how to use the funds, and the Treasurer would be required to report to the Legislature every year on the amounts deposited into the fund.

[AB 2469 \(Committee on Emergency Management\)](#) Emergency Management Assistance Compact: California Wildfire Mitigation Financial Assistance Program.

Status: Chapter Number 402, 2024

Summary: This bill would extend the Emergency Management Assistance Compact inoperative and repealed dates, making the compact inoperative on March 1, 2038, and repealed as of January 1, 2039. This bill would also extend the operative date of the Joint Powers Authority to July 1, 2029, and push out the due date of the report due to the Legislature to July 1, 2028.

[AB 2502 \(Rivas, Luz D\)](#) Public contracts: emergencies.

Status: Failed Deadline: Assembly Local Government Committee

Summary: This bill would additionally define, in the Public Contract Code, an emergency as an immediate action to prevent or mitigate the loss or impairment of life, health, property, or essential public services caused by the impacts of homelessness.

[AB 2594 \(Committee on Emergency Management\)](#) Emergency services: mutual aid: gap analysis.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File: Held under submission.

Summary: This bill would require the Office of Emergency Services to prepare a gap analysis of the state's mutual aid systems on a biennial basis, beginning on January 1, 2025. The bill would require the office to prepare and submit to specified legislative committees a report on a gap analysis no later than February 1, 2025, and biennially thereafter by February 1 of subsequent odd-numbered years.

[AB 2660 \(Committee on Emergency Management\)](#) Office of Emergency Services: federal grant funding.

Status: Failed Deadline: Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File

Summary: This bill would require the Office of Emergency Services (OES), to the extent permitted by federal law, to provide to local operational areas and urban areas the maximum local share of federal grant funding administered by the office from the Emergency Management Performance Grant Program. The bill would also require OES, to the extent permitted by federal law, to provide specified legislative committees with copies of agreements entered into with local governments to spend the state share of federal grant funding administered by the office from specified federal grant programs, including the State Homeland Security Grant Program. The bill would authorize the office to retain up to 3% of the above-described federal grant funding for administrative purposes.

[AB 2684 \(Bryan D\)](#) Safety element: extreme heat.

Status: Chapter Number 1009, 2024

Summary: This bill would require a city or county, upon the next update of one or more of the elements included in the general plan on or after January 1, 2028, to review and update its safety element as necessary to address the hazard of extreme heat. The bill would authorize a city or county that has adopted an extreme heat action plan or other document that fulfills commensurate goals and objectives to use that information in the safety element, and, upon doing so, would require the city or county to summarize and incorporate into the safety element the other plan or document.

[AB 2699 \(Carrillo, Wendy D\)](#) Hazardous materials: reporting: civil liability.

Status: Failed Deadline: Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File

Summary: Existing law requires the Secretary for Environmental Protection to implement a unified hazardous waste and hazardous materials management regulatory program. Every county is required to apply to the secretary to be certified to implement the unified program, and authorizes a city or local agency that meets specified requirements to apply to the secretary to be certified to implement the unified program, as a certified unified program agency. Existing law authorizes a state or local agency that has a written agreement with a certified unified program agency to implement or enforce one or more of the unified program elements as a participating agency. This bill would require this reporting to be made to the California Environmental Protection Agency instead of the Office of Emergency Services and delete the Office of Emergency Services' requirement to adopt regulations, and instead require the California Environmental Protection Agency to be responsible for the adoption and revision of the regulations and for the oversight of the enforcement of the regulations.

[AB 2727 \(Committee on Emergency Management\)](#) Office of Emergency Services: Maritime Firefighting Mutual Aid Program.

Status: Failed Deadline: Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File

Summary: This bill would establish the Maritime Firefighting Mutual Aid Program within the Office of Emergency Services (OES) for the purpose of enhancing maritime firefighting capabilities of local fire departments. The bill, upon appropriation by the Legislature, would require OES to conduct an all-risk maritime response capabilities assessment and acquire

and provide fire boats to local fire departments and would require the local fire departments to utilize the fire boats to enhance local, regional, and mutual aid response capabilities. By requiring local fire departments to utilize fire boats, as provided, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The bill would also establish the Maritime Firefighting Mutual Aid Fund for purposes of the program.

[AB 2730 \(Lackey R\)](#) Sexual assault: medical evidentiary examinations.

Status: Chapter Number 113, 2024

Summary: Current law requires the Office of Emergency Services to establish a protocol for the examination and treatment of victims of sexual assault and attempted sexual assault and the collection of evidence therefrom. This bill would revise the definition of a qualified health care professional as it pertains to a physician assistant and nurse or nurse practitioner by removing the requirement that the consulting physician and surgeon conduct examinations or provide treatment.

[AB 2776 \(Rodriguez D\)](#) Recovery from disaster or emergency: funding priority.

Status: Failed Deadline: Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File

Summary: During a state of war emergency, a state of emergency, or a local emergency, current law requires the director of the Office of Emergency Services (OES) to coordinate the emergency activities of all state agencies in connection with that emergency. This bill would authorize the OES to prioritize funding and technical assistance under specified programs, including, but not limited to, for infrastructure and housing recovery projects, in communities that suffered a loss in population and businesses due to a major federal disaster, state of emergency, or local emergency and have unmet recovery needs as a result of a major federal disaster, state of emergency, or local emergency.

[AB 2781 \(Irwin D\)](#) Public contracting: state grants: prohibition.

Status: Failed Deadline: Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File

Summary: This bill would require a state agency to include, when awarding a contract for grant administration services in the terms of the contract a provision that sets forth standards for resolving actual or perceived conflicts of interest for the contractor.

[AB 2816 \(Gipson D\)](#) School safety: School Mapping Data Grant Program.

Status: Failed Deadline: Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File

Summary: Current law provides that school districts and county offices of education are responsible for the overall development of a comprehensive school safety plan for each of its schools. This bill, upon appropriation by the Legislature, would establish the School Mapping Data Grant Program under the administration of the Office of Emergency Services to provide one-time grants to participating school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools to enter into contracts with qualified vendors providing school mapping data for purposes of assisting public safety agencies in efficiently responding to on-campus emergencies at schools.

[AB 2858 \(Dahle, Megan R\)](#) California Emergency Services Act: State Emergency Plan: frequency of update.

Status: Failed Deadline: Assembly Emergency Management Committee

Summary: This bill would require the Office of Emergency Services to update the State Emergency Plan every 4 years after the update required on or before January 1, 2024.

[AB 2944 \(Waldron R\)](#) Murdered or missing indigenous persons.

Status: Failed Deadline: Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File

Summary: Current law establishes the Rural Indian Crime Prevention Program, a program of financial and technical assistance for local law enforcement, within the Office of Emergency Services, to target the relationship between law enforcement and Indigenous communities to encourage and strengthen cooperative efforts and to implement crime suppression and prevention programs. This bill would authorize the Governor to appoint a Red Ribbon Panel to address the murdered or missing indigenous persons (MMIP) crisis, consisting of specified members. The bill would require the panel to produce and submit, by January 1, 2026, a study with recommendations to address the MMIP crisis to tribes, California's federal elected officials, the Legislature, counties, cities, and federal, tribal, state, county, and local law enforcement agencies.

[AB 2983 \(Rodriguez D\)](#) Office of Emergency Services: comprehensive wildfire mitigation program: impact on fire insurance.

Status: Vetoed by Governor Newsom on September 20, 2024

Summary: Current law requires the Office of Emergency Services to enter into a joint powers agreement with the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to develop and administer a comprehensive wildfire mitigation program to encourage cost-effective structure hardening and retrofitting to create fire-resistant homes, businesses, and public buildings. That law requires the joint powers authority to develop eligibility criteria for property owners, community organizations, and local governments that may receive financial assistance under the wildfire mitigation program. This bill would require, on or before July 1, 2025, the Department of Insurance to be added to the California Wildfire Mitigation Program Board. The bill would also require this joint powers authority, when reviewing projects or proposals, to assess the extent to which the project or proposal would increase the availability of insurance policies covering damage from fire.

Governor's Message: *To the Members of the California State Assembly: I am returning Assembly Bill 2983 without my signature. This bill would require the California Wildfire Mitigation Program Board (Board) to assess the extent to which projects or proposals would increase the availability of insurance policies covering damage from fire and would add the Department of Insurance to the Board. While I appreciate the author's goal to add insurance considerations to the Board's work, this bill could lead to misleading expectations for homeowners as there is no guarantee that the additional assessments required by this bill would result in increased access to insurance. Further, the additional requirements for proposals or projects could lead some communities to opt out of critical wildfire mitigation work that could help prevent a homeowner from ever having to file on insurance claim, which ultimately supports the market and market rate stability. Finally, implementation of this bill would result in ongoing General Fund costs in the millions of dollars not included in the budget. In partnership with the Legislature this year, my Administration has enacted a*

balanced budget that avoids deep program cuts to vital services and protected investments in education, health care, climate, public safety, housing, and social service programs that millions of Californians rely on. It is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications that are not included in the budget, such as this measure. For these reasons I cannot sign this bill. Sincerely, Gavin Newsom

[AB 3027 \(Bains D\)](#) Crime: transnational repression.

Status: Failed Deadline: Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File

Summary: This bill would state that it is the policy of the state to protect individuals and organizations against transnational repression. This bill requires the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) to develop, in coordination with the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) a transnational repression recognition and response training. The bill requires this training to be developed on or before July 1, 2026.

[AB 3179 \(Carrillo, Juan D\)](#) Emergency telecommunications medium- and heavy-duty zero-emission vehicles.

Status: Vetoed by Governor Newsom on September 29, 2024

Summary: This bill would, until January 1, 2030, exempt emergency telecommunications vehicles owned or purchased by emergency telecommunications providers that are used to participate in the federal Emergency Alert System, to provide access to 911 emergency services, or to provide wireless connectivity during service outages from specified requirements in the above-described regulations.

Governor's Message: *To the Members of the California State Assembly: I am returning Assembly Bill 3179 without my signature. This bill would exempt until January 1, 2030 emergency telecommunications vehicles from the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) Advanced Clean Fleets (ACF) regulation that requires the phased-in procurement of medium- and heavy-duty zero-emission vehicles. In 2020, I issued Executive Order (EO) N-79-20, which directed CARB, among other things, to develop strategies to transition to 100 percent medium- and heavy-duty zero-emission vehicles in the state by 2045, where feasible. Pursuant to this EO, CARB developed the Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT) regulation and its companion regulation, the ACF, to accelerate transportation sector emission reductions while providing safe, feasible, and flexible compliance options for affected fleet owners that have over 50 vehicles or over \$50 million in gross annual revenue. Unfortunately, this bill undermines those efforts. California must work diligently to cut greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to our rapidly changing climate, and ensure that we maintain the capacity necessary to respond quickly to emergencies. To that end, I am directing CARB to implement the regulation and its exemptions so as to ensure there are feasible compliance pathways that allow providers to maintain the capacity to rapidly deploy and restore communication services during and after a natural or human-caused disaster. For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill. Sincerely Gavin Newsom*

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Senate Bills

[SB 896 \(Dodd D\)](#) Generative Artificial Intelligence Accountability Act.

Status: Chapter Number 928, 2024

Summary: This bill, the **Generative Artificial Intelligence Accountability Act**, would, among other things, require the Department of Technology, under the guidance of the Government Operations Agency, the Office of Data and Innovation, and the Department of Human Resources, to update the report to the Governor, as required by Executive Order No. N-12-23. This measure would require Cal OES to perform a risk analysis of potential threats posed by the use of Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) to California's critical infrastructure, including those that could lead to mass casualty events. The analysis would be sent to the Governor, and a high-level summary would be submitted to the Legislature annually.

Governor's Message: *To the Members of the California State Senate: I am signing Senate Bill 896, known as the Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) Accountability Act, which requires the California Department of Technology (CDT) and the California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) to update specified reports called for in Executive Order N-12-23. On September 6, 2023, I signed an Executive Order (EO) that underscores California's commitment to developing a deliberative and responsible process for the evaluation and deployment of AI within state government. Over the last year, my Administration has worked tirelessly to study the development, use and risks of AI, including potential threats to, and vulnerabilities of, California's critical infrastructure, including those that could lead to mass casualty events. SB 896 codifies several important aspects of this EO, including direction to CalOES to perform risk analyses on potential threats posed by the use of GenAI to California's critical infrastructure. Under this direction, CalOES has been working with frontier model companies to analyze energy infrastructure risks and convened power sector providers to share threats and security strategies. Building on this work, and in signing this bill, I am further directing CalOES to undertake the same risk assessment with water infrastructure providers in the coming year, and the communications sector shortly thereafter. Sincerely Gavin Newsom*

[SB 946 \(McGuire D\)](#) Personal Income Tax Law: Corporation Tax Law: exclusions: wildfire mitigation payments.

Status: Chapter Number 987, 2024. *Urgency, takes effect immediately*

Summary: This bill would, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2024, and before January 1, 2029, provide an exclusion from gross income for amounts received by a qualified taxpayer, as defined, as a California-qualified wildfire loss mitigation payment, as defined.

[SB 961 \(Wiener D\)](#) Vehicles: safety equipment.

Status: Vetoed by Governor Newsom on September 28, 2024

Summary: This bill would require, commencing with the 2030 model year, every passenger vehicle, motortruck, and bus manufactured, sold as new, or leased as new in the state to be equipped with a passive intelligent speed assistance system, as specified, that would utilize a brief, one-time, visual and audio signal to alert the driver each time the speed of the vehicle is more than 10 miles per hour over the speed limit. The bill would exempt emergency vehicles, certain motortrucks, motorcycles, motorized bicycles, mopeds, and certain

passenger vehicles from this requirement. The bill would require the system to be capable of being fully disabled, by the manufacturer or a franchisee, for emergency vehicles. The bill would require the system, if the system receives conflicting speed limits for the same area, to apply the higher speed limit.

Governor's Message: *To the Members of the California State Senate: I am returning Senate Bill 961 without my signature. This bill would require, beginning with the 2030 model year, that every new passenger vehicle, motor truck, and bus sold or leased in California be equipped with a passive intelligent speed assistance system to alert drivers when they exceed the speed limit by more than 10 miles per hour. While I appreciate the intent to improve traffic safety, this bill presents several challenges. Federal law, as implemented by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), already regulates vehicle safety standards, and adding California-specific requirements would create a patchwork of regulations that undermines this longstanding federal framework. NHTSA is also actively evaluating intelligent speed assistance systems, and imposing state-level mandates at this time risks disrupting these ongoing federal assessments. For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill. Sincerely, Gavin Newsom*

SB 990 (Padilla D) Office of Emergency Services: State Emergency Plan: LGBTQ+ individuals.

Status: Chapter Number 322, 2024

Summary: This bill would require the Office of Emergency Services, as soon as possible, but no later than January 1, 2029, and every 5 years thereafter, to update the State Emergency Plan to include proposed policies and best practices for local government and nongovernmental entities to equitably serve lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, and plus (LGBTQ+) communities during an emergency or natural disaster. The bill would require the office to coordinate with specified representatives from LGBTQ+ communities in complying with this requirement.

SB 1034 (Seyarto R) California Public Records Act: state of emergency.

Status: Chapter Number 161, 2024

Summary: This bill revises the definition of "unusual circumstances" in the California Public Records Act (CPRA). By revising the definition, the bill extends the time limit for an agency to respond up to 14 days based on the need to search for, collect, and appropriately examine Public Records Act (PRA) requests during a state of emergency (SoE) that is 1) proclaimed by the Governor; 2) in the jurisdiction where the agency is located, and; 3) when the SoE currently affects the agency's ability to respond to requests due to staffing shortages or closure of facilities where the requested records are located.

SB 1088 (Alvarado-Gil R) Office of Emergency Services: state matching funds: water system infrastructure improvements.

Status: Failed Deadline: Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File

Summary: This bill would, contingent on funding being appropriated pursuant to a bond act, as specified, establish the Rural Water Infrastructure for Community Wildfire Protection Program within the OES for the distribution of state matching funds to communities within the Wildland Urban Interface in designated high fire hazard severity zones or very high fire hazard severity zones to improve water system infrastructure.

[SB 1149 \(Niello R\)](#) Government Claims Act: liability.

Status: Senate Rules Committee - DEAD

Summary: This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation that would provide the County of Placer with certain protections from liability in connection with the removal of the collapsed Highway 49 Bridge.

[SB 1176 \(Niello R\)](#) Wildfires: workgroup: toxic heavy metals.

Status: Failed Deadline: Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File

Summary: This bill would require, upon appropriation by the Legislature, the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, the Office of Emergency Services, and the Department of Toxic Substances Control to form a workgroup related to exposure of toxic heavy metals after a wildfire. The bill would require the workgroup to do certain things, including establishing best practices and recommendations for wildfire-impacted communities and first responders to avoid exposure to heavy metals after a wildfire. The bill would require the agencies report their findings to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2026.

[SB 1215 \(Committee on Governmental Organization\)](#) Fire protection: Office of the State Fire Marshal: State Board of Fire Services: membership: quorum.

Status: Chapter Number 133, 2024 – Urgency, takes effect immediately

Summary: The bill would authorize the State Fire Marshal, the Chief Deputy Director of the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection who is not the State Fire Marshal, the Director of Emergency Services, and the Chairperson of the California Fire Fighter Joint Apprenticeship Committee to assign a designee to serve as a proxy on the board.

[SB 1218 \(Newman D\)](#) Water: emergency water supplies.

Status: Failed Deadline: Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File

Summary: This bill would declare that it is the established policy of the state to encourage, but not mandate, the development of emergency water supplies, and to support their use during times of drought or unplanned service or supply disruption, as provided.

[SB 1246 \(Limón D\)](#) California Prompt Payment Act: nonprofit organizations.

Status: Vetoed by Governor Newsom on September 28, 2024

Summary: This bill would apply the California Prompt Payment Act to all State agency grants to nonprofit organizations. To do this, the bill would eliminate existing provisions limiting the Prompt Payment Act to grants for victim services or crime prevention and to grants under \$500,000 in value.

Governor's Message: *To the Members of the California State Senate: I am returning Senate Bill 1246 without my signature. This bill would extend Prompt Payment Act requirements and penalties to all grants to nonprofit organizations and delete the \$500,000 threshold on contracts or grants with nonprofits eligible for late payment penalties. Nonprofit organizations play a critical role in supporting our state's communities, and I commend the author's continued effort to support these organizations. I also understand the goal of ensuring that our nonprofit partners are receiving payments in a timely manner; however, this broad expansion will have a significant impact across all state agencies that are currently working to decrease administrative costs. I believe a more focused evaluation of this issue is warranted, to help ensure nonprofits are provided the financial stability they need while*

taking into account the unintended consequences when broad requirements are placed across the state's disparate range of programs. I encourage the author and stakeholders to continue working with my administration on an approach to advance the goals of this bill while considering the current fiscal environment and the totality of the impacts. In partnership with the Legislature this year, my Administration has enacted a balanced budget that avoids deep program cuts to vital services and protected investments in education, health care, climate, public safety, housing, and social service programs that millions of Californians rely on. It is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications that are not included in the budget, such as this measure. For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill. Sincerely, Gavin Newsom

[SB 1429 \(Ochoa Bogh R\)](#) Education finance: emergencies: snowstorms.

Status: Chapter Number 477, 2024

Summary: This bill adds snowstorms to the list of specified emergency situations for which the average daily attendance of local educational agencies (LEA) used for state funding purposes is held harmless.

[SB 1461 \(Allen D\)](#) State of emergency and local emergency: landslide.

Status: Ordered to inactive file.

Summary: This bill would include a landslide among those causes of the conditions constituting a state of emergency or local emergency.

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[AB 296 \(Rodriguez D\)](#) **Office of Emergency Services: 9-1-1 Public Education Campaign.**

Status: Failed Deadline: Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File

Summary: This bill would establish the 911 Public Education Campaign, to be administered by the Office of Emergency Services in collaboration with the State 911 Advisory Board for the purpose of educating the public on when it is appropriate to call 911 for assistance. The bill would include in the goals of the campaign reducing the number of unnecessary calls to 911 call centers and reducing delays in the 911 system caused by nonemergency calls being placed. The bill would require the campaign to give local public agencies the ability to tailor the message of the campaign, focus on social media, and be distributed to the public via local public agency channels.

[AB 799 \(Rivas, Luz D\)](#) **Interagency Council on Homelessness: funding: state programs.**

Status: Chapter Number 263, 2024

Summary: This bill would additionally require the Council on Homelessness to include the Governor's Tribal Advisor, remove reference to competitive funding and would instead require the council to coordinate applications for funding. The bill would require council staff to develop and regularly maintain a strategic funding guide and a calendar of new or existing funding opportunities. The bill would require agencies and departments administering state programs to provide the council updated information on new or existing funding opportunities on a quarterly basis. The bill would also require council staff to collect fiscal and outcome data from state agencies and departments administering state homelessness programs with a grantee or entity that is required to enter data elements on the individuals and families it serves into its local Homeless Management Information System.

[AB 1505 \(Rodriguez D\)](#) **California Earthquake Authority: closed meetings.**

Status: Chapter Number 301, 2024

Summary: This bill would provide, as an exception to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, that the CEA's governing board or advisory panel is authorized to hold closed sessions when addressing the development of rates, reinsurance, and strategy when discussion in open session concerning those matters would prejudice the position of the CEA. The bill would authorize the CEA's governing board or advisory panel, at any regular or special meeting, to meet in a closed session as described above upon a 2/3 vote of the members present at the meeting taken after first providing an opportunity for members of the public to be heard on the issue of the appropriateness of meeting in closed session.

[AB 1814 \(Ting D\)](#) **Law enforcement agencies: facial recognition technology.**

Status: Failed Deadline: Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File

Summary: This bill would prohibit a law enforcement agency or peace officer from using a facial recognition technology (FRT)-generated match as the sole basis for probable cause in an arrest or search. The bill would prohibit a judge from granting an application for a warrant based solely on an FRT match. The bill would authorize a court to award damages of up to \$25,000 to an individual who is subjected to a violation of these provisions and reasonable

attorney's fees to the prevailing party.

[AB 1819 \(Waldron R\)](#) Enhanced infrastructure financing districts: public capital facilities: wildfires.

Status: Chapter Number 357, 2024

Summary: Current law allows a city or county to create an enhanced infrastructure financing district to fund public facilities or other important community projects. The district's governing board can issue bonds by a majority vote to raise money for these projects. This bill would also allow these districts, if they are located at least partially in high-risk fire zones designated by the State Fire Marshal, to fund equipment for clearing vegetation, creating firebreaks, putting power lines underground to prevent wildfires, and fire prevention and firefighting equipment. However, the bill would prevent the district from using money from the bonds to buy the equipment for vegetation clearance, firebreaks, and firefighting.

[AB 1824 \(Valencia D\)](#) California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018: opt out right: mergers.

Status: Chapter Number 940, 2024

Summary: This bill would require a business to which another business transfers the personal information of a consumer as an asset that is part of a merger, acquisition, bankruptcy, or other transaction in which the transferee assumes control of all or part of the transferor to comply with a consumer's opt-out direction to the transferor.

[AB 1839 \(Alanis R\)](#) Peace officers: education and hiring grants.

Status: Failed Deadline: Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File

Summary: This bill would create the Law Enforcement Officer Grant Program, offering up to \$6,000 per year to students in a modern policing degree program at a California community college. Recipients must commit to working as a peace officer for 4 years. If they don't meet this requirement, they must repay the grant. The bill also requires the development of materials to inform high school students, especially those from underserved communities, about the program and grants. This would happen if funding is provided.

[AB 1858 \(Ward D\)](#) Comprehensive school safety plans: active shooters: armed assailants: drills.

Status: Chapter Number 530, 2024

Summary: Current law requires the comprehensive school safety plan to include the development of procedures for conducting tactical responses to criminal incidents, including procedures related to individuals with guns on school campuses and at school-related functions. This bill would additionally require, as part of the comprehensive school safety plan, if the plan includes procedures to prepare for active shooters or other armed assailants by conducting a drill, the development of specified procedures relating to that drill.

[AB 1933 \(Calderon D\)](#) Wildfire risk models.

Status: Failed Deadline: Senate Insurance Committee

Summary: Current Department of Insurance regulations set forth requirements and limitations for wildfire risk models used to measure or assess the wildfire risk associated with a residential or commercial structure for classifying structures according to their wildfire risk or estimating

losses corresponding to wildfire risk classifications. On or before January 1, 2026, and on or before each January 1 thereafter, this bill would require the department to report to the Assembly Committee on Insurance and the Senate Committee on Insurance regarding wildfire risk models it regulates.

[AB 1951 \(Fong, Vince R\)](#) California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: roadside wildfire prevention projects.

Status: Failed Deadline: Assembly Natural Resources Committee

Summary: Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), a lead agency must create a mitigated negative declaration for a project that could significantly affect the environment if changes to the project would reduce or avoid the impact, and there's no solid evidence that the revised project would still have a significant effect. This bill would exempt wildfire prevention projects within 50 feet of a roadway from CEQA. Since local agencies would need to decide if a project qualifies for this exemption, the bill would create a state-mandated local program.

[AB 1954 \(Alanis R\)](#) Sexually violent predators.

Status: Chapter Number 816, 2024

Summary: Current law allows the civil commitment of someone classified as a sexually violent predator and provides a process for them to petition for conditional release. It requires officials like the sheriff, police chief, county counsel, and district attorney in the person's home county to help the State Department of State Hospitals find housing for them. The department also creates a committee with these officials. Normally, the person is placed in their home county, but in rare cases, they can be placed elsewhere. This bill would also require officials from the alternative placement county to help find housing for the sexually violent predator if needed.

[AB 1964 \(Fong, Vince R\)](#) State agencies: budgeting.

Status: Failed Deadline: Assembly Budget Committee

Summary: This bill would require the Department of Finance to create a list of all state agencies by January 1, 2026, dividing them into five equal sections assigned to different legislative budget subcommittees. Starting January 1, 2027, the department would publish this list online and annually indicate which section of agencies must use zero-based budgeting, where each agency justifies its entire budget from scratch. From 2027 onward, these agencies would need to develop their budgets using this method, working with the department to submit a report to various budget committees for review.

[AB 2013 \(Irwin D\)](#) Generative artificial intelligence: training data transparency.

Status: Chapter Number 817, 2024

Summary: Current law requires the Department of Technology to create a complete list of all high-risk automated decision systems being used, developed, or considered by state agencies by September 1, 2024. This bill would require, by January 1, 2026, that any developer of a generative artificial intelligence system (or major updates to such a system released after January 1, 2022) must post detailed information online about the data used to train the AI system before it becomes available to Californians. This applies whether or not the system is offered for a fee.

[AB 2020 \(Bonta D\)](#) Survivors of Human Trafficking Support Act.

Status: Chapter Number 615, 2024

Summary: This bill would require the Commission on Peace Officer Standards to, by no later than June 1, 2026, develop guidelines for interacting with survivors of human trafficking. The bill would require each law enforcement agency to, by no later than December 1, 2026, adopt a written policy for interacting with survivors of human trafficking based on the guidelines developed by the commission.

[AB 2030 \(Davies R\)](#) Public contracts: small business participation.

Status: Failed Deadline: Appropriations Committee Suspense File

Summary: The Small Business Procurement and Contract Act allows state agencies to award contracts valued between \$5,000 and \$250,000 to certified small businesses, microbusinesses, or disabled veteran businesses without full competitive bidding, if they get quotes from at least two businesses. This bill would expand that rule to include LGBT, minority, and women-owned businesses for contracts in the same value range.

[AB 2075 \(Alvarez D\)](#) Resident Access Protection Act.

Status: Failed Deadline: Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File

Summary: This bill would enact the Resident Access Protection Act. The act would provide a resident of a long-term care facility with the right to in-person, onsite access to a visitor or a health care and social services provider during a public health emergency in which visitation rights of residents are curtailed by a state or local order and prescribe how a resident may leave on outings. The act would require a long-term care facility, among other things, to provide safety protocols required of care staff, visitors, and health and social services providers during a public health emergency to the residents, resident representatives, and visitors in writing.

[AB 2338 \(Jones-Sawyer D\)](#) Statewide Homelessness Coordinator.

Status: Failed Deadline: Appropriations Committee Suspense File

Summary: Current law requires the Governor to create an Interagency Council on Homelessness. This bill would require the Governor to appoint a Statewide Homelessness Coordinator, confirmed by the Senate, to lead efforts to end homelessness in California. The coordinator's duties would include working with local leaders, overseeing homelessness programs, coordinating funding and services across agencies, and providing annual recommendations to the Legislature and Governor.

[AB 2348 \(Ramos D\)](#) California Emergency Services Act: notification systems: Feather Alert.

Status: Chapter 661, 2024

Summary: The California Emergency Services Act allows the use of the Emergency Alert System for emergencies. Current law lets law enforcement request a "Feather Alert" for missing Indigenous people under suspicious circumstances. If the California Highway Patrol agrees, they activate the alert in the area and help spread the message. This bill would require the department to work with tribal nations and others to create rules on how law enforcement and emergency agencies should handle these missing person cases. It would also require the department to respond to requests to activate a Feather Alert within 48 hours.

Governor's Message: *To the Members of the California State Assembly: I am signing Assembly Bill 2348, which requires the California Highway Patrol (CHP) to develop policies and procedures for activating a Feather Alert (Alert), authorizes specified entities to directly request Alert activations, expands the criteria for determining whether to request and activate an Alert, and establishes timelines for these decisions and any necessary activations. In 2022, I proudly signed Assembly Bill 1314 (Ramos) to establish California's first emergency alert system dedicated to locating missing Indigenous persons, known as a Feather Alert. This bill is an important step forward in full implementation of the Alert, but it introduces operational complexities that must be addressed to ensure the emergency alert system functions effectively. Throughout the process, my Administration emphasized the need to align the criteria of this alert system with others, like AMBER and Silver Alerts, to avoid creating a patchwork of varying criteria that could cause confusion and hinder the emergency response. During such emergencies, the best outcomes are achieved by quickly mobilizing local resources in the area, supplemented by the CHP, with clear coordination between state, local, and tribal authorities. Strengthening government-to-government coordination and setting consistent standards will help all agencies respond more swiftly and effectively, ultimately providing better protections and outcomes for tribal communities. To work towards this end, I have directed the California Highway Patrol to propose reforms through the budget to streamline standards and further the effective implementation of the emergency alert systems. I look forward to working with the Legislature to accomplish this work. Sincerely, Gavin Newsom*

[AB 2408 \(Haney D\)](#) Firefighter personal protective equipment: perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.

Status: Failed Deadline: Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File

Summary: This bill would, commencing July 1, 2026, prohibit a person from manufacturing, knowingly selling, offering for sale, distributing for sale, distributing for use, or purchasing or accepting for future use in this state firefighter personal protective equipment containing intentionally added PFAS chemicals. The bill would make a violation of this provision subject to the civil penalty provisions described above. The bill would specify that an individual firefighter shall not be personally liable for payment of the civil penalty.

[AB 2416 \(Connolly D\)](#) Residential property insurance: wildfire risk.

Status: Ordered to inactive file.

Summary: Current Department of Insurance regulations prohibit an insurer from using a rating plan that does not take into account and reflect specified wildfire risk mitigation, including property-level building hardening measures. This bill would require the department, on or before January 1, 2030, and every 5 years thereafter, to consider whether or not to update its regulations to include additional building hardening measures for property-level mitigation efforts and communitywide wildfire mitigation programs.

[AB 2422 \(Grayson D\)](#) Department of Financial Protection and Innovation: online resources: financial abuse: domestic violence victims.

Status: Chapter Number 650, 2024

Summary: Currently, the Department of Financial Protection and Innovation oversees laws related to financial institutions like banks and credit unions. It regulates consumer financial

products and publishes an annual report on its actions to protect consumers from discrimination and unfair practices. This bill would require the department to provide online resources by January 1, 2027, to help financial institutions and the public address financial abuse against domestic violence victims, aiming to protect their assets. The department could use existing websites and materials from government agencies, nonprofits, and community groups to do this.

[AB 2512 \(Patterson, Jim R\)](#) Telecommunications: automatic dialing-announcing devices: artificial voices.

Status: Failed Deadline: Communications & Conveyance Committee

Summary: Current law authorizes the Public Utilities Commission to control and regulate the connection of an automatic dialing-announcing device to a telephone line. This bill would expand that definition of "automatic dialing-announcing device" to include calls made using an artificial voice.

[AB 2546 \(Rendon D\)](#) Law enforcement and state agencies: military equipment: funding, acquisition, and use.

Status: Chapter Number 408, 2024

Summary: Current federal law authorizes the United States Department of Defense to transfer surplus personal property, including arms and ammunition, to federal or state agencies for use in law enforcement activities at no cost to the acquiring agency with the requirement to adopt a military equipment use policy before obtaining military equipment. Current law also requires a law enforcement agency to obtain approval from their governing body before obtaining military equipment. Current law defines military equipment for purposes of these provisions. **This bill would** replace certain devices referred to in this definition by a specific trade name with a general description of those devices.

[AB 2604 \(Low D\)](#) Hate crimes.

Status: Failed Deadline: Assembly Public Safety Committee

Summary: Current law defines "hate crime" as a criminal act committed, in whole or in part, because of actual or perceived characteristics of the victim, including, among other things, race, religion, disability, and sexual orientation. Current law requires the bias motivation to be a cause in fact of the offense, whether or not other causes also exist. This bill would specify that discriminatory selection of a victim because of a protected characteristic is a type of bias motivation for purposes of determining whether the crime was committed, in whole or in part, because of the protected characteristic.

[AB 2644 \(Davies R\)](#) Crimes: drug cartels.

Status: Failed Deadline: Assembly Public Safety Committee

Summary: This bill would make findings and declarations stating that drug cartels are foreign terrorist organizations. The bill would require the Attorney General to submit a report to the Legislature with policy recommendations to enhance the ability of the state to prevent criminal activity of drug cartels, as specified.

[AB 2647 \(Low D\)](#) Property taxation: disabled veterans' exemption: welfare exemption: housing for law enforcement and firefighters.

Status: In Assembly Revenue & Taxation Committee, hearing canceled at request of author.

Summary: The California Constitution states that all property is taxable, assessed at a uniform percentage of its fair market value, unless specified otherwise. Current law includes tax exemptions, such as one for disabled veterans, which allows them to exempt up to \$100,000 of their home's value from taxes (or \$150,000 if their income is below \$40,000). This bill proposes to replace the current disabled veterans' exemption with a new one that allows 100% disabled veterans to exempt up to \$863,790 of their home's value from taxes. It also provides that an unmarried surviving spouse can receive the same property tax exemption amount if certain conditions are met.

[AB 2710 \(Lackey R\)](#) Peace officers: active shooter incidents.

Status: Failed Deadline: Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File

Summary: This bill would require the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) to convene a panel of law enforcement experts to report to the Legislature and the commission, by January 1, 2027, specified topics related to active shooter incidents, including successful trainings and response protocols that have been demonstrated in active shooter incidents and the use of school resource officers on campus for threat prevention, detection, and assessment. The bill would repeal these provisions as of January 1, 2031.

[AB 2715 \(Boerner D\)](#) Ralph M. Brown Act: closed sessions.

Status: Chapter Number 243, 2024

Summary: The Ralph M. Brown Act requires that all meetings of a legislative body of a local agency be open and public and that all persons be permitted to attend and participate. Current law authorizes a legislative body to hold a closed session with specified individuals on, among other things, matters posing a threat to the security of essential public services. This bill would additionally authorize a legislative body to hold a closed session with other law enforcement or security personnel and to hold a closed session on a threat to critical infrastructure controls or critical infrastructure information relating to cybersecurity.

[AB 2732 \(Papan D\)](#) Grant Information Act of 2018: internet web portal: climate-related grants: childcare sector.

Status: Failed Deadline: Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File

Summary: The Grant Information Act of 2018 requires the California State Library to set up a website where people can find state grant opportunities. Current law mandates that the Natural Resources Agency update the state's climate adaptation strategy, called the Safeguarding California Plan, every three years and work with other agencies to assess climate change vulnerabilities in various sectors, including transportation and public health. This bill would require the library, in collaboration with the agency, to add a "childcare" category to the grant opportunities website. It would also require the library to work with all agencies administering grants to highlight which grants are available for childcare providers.

[AB 2742 \(Sanchez R\)](#) Emergency vehicles: penalties.

Status: Failed Deadline: Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File

Summary: This bill would prohibit a person driving a vehicle upon a highway or a pedestrian from willfully obstructing a highway, including in the course of a protest, in any manner that interferes with the ability of an authorized emergency vehicle to pass and would make a violation of this provision punishable by specified fines.

[AB 2765 \(Pellerin D\)](#) Public Utilities Commission: reports: telecommunications service: backup electricity.

Status: Chapter Number 740, 2024

Summary: The Public Utilities Commission must create and annually update a report that includes various information, such as its annual work plan, performance criteria for the commission and its director, a summary of transactions and proceedings from the past year, and details on public meetings held outside of San Francisco. The report also tracks trends related to deenergization events and their impact on telecommunications and public safety. This bill would add a requirement for the report to include details about audits and inspections done to ensure compliance with backup electricity rules for telecommunications providers. This includes the total number of violations found in the past year, organized by the company, and a summary of actions taken against those violations.

[AB 2775 \(Gipson D\)](#) Emergency medical services.

Status: Failed Deadline: Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File

Summary: The Emergency Medical Services Authority (authority) is responsible for the coordination and integration of all emergency medical services. Existing law requires the authority to develop planning and implementation guidelines for EMS systems that address specified components, including the assessment of hospital and critical care centers and data collection and evaluation. This bill would authorize the authority to develop planning and implementation guidelines for the use of telehealth and authorize the authority to develop guidelines for the collection of data regarding the use of telehealth in EMS systems.

[AB 2777 \(Calderon D\)](#) Office of Information Security: Baseline Information Security Score.

Status: Failed Deadline: Appropriations Committee Suspense File

Summary: Current law creates the Office of Information Security within the Department of Technology to protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of state systems and applications. The Chief of this office must establish an information security program that includes creating and updating security policies and requiring state agencies to certify their compliance with these policies. The office can also conduct independent security assessments of state agencies. This bill would require the office to develop a Baseline Information Security Score metric by January 1, 2026, to assess the information security status of state agencies. This metric will use available information, including compliance certifications and results from independent security assessments.

[AB 2797 \(McKinnor D\)](#) Telephone corporations: carriers of last resort: tariffs.

Status: Failed Deadline: Senate Energy, Utilities and Commerce Committee

Summary: Current law allows the Public Utilities Commission to regulate public utilities, including telephone companies, and set fair rates. It also requires the commission to

investigate the definitions of universal service in telecommunications. This led to a decision on the obligations of "carriers of last resort," which provide basic local exchange service to any customer in their area. This bill would change the rules for telephone companies wanting to be relieved of these obligations. They would no longer need to be a "carrier of last resort" if they submit a notice with specific information to the commission and adjust their tariffs. The notice must identify a census block with no population or no basic phone customers, or an urban census block with at least two providers offering alternative voice services.

[AB 2811 \(Lowenthal D\)](#) Attorneys: court filings: artificial intelligence.

Status: Failed Deadline: Assembly Judiciary Committee

Summary: Current law provides that it is the duty of an attorney to support the Constitution and laws of the United States and this state, and to maintain inviolate the confidence, and at every peril to the attorney to preserve the secrets, of the attorney's client. This bill would additionally require an attorney to execute and maintain, for a period of 7 years, an affidavit certifying whether generative artificial intelligence was used in the drafting of each document that the attorney files, or intends to file, in a state or federal court within this state. The bill would require an attorney to, upon request or demand by a state or federal court within this state, file the affidavit with the court, provided that the 7-year retention period has not yet expired.

[AB 2885 \(Bauer-Kahan D\)](#) Artificial intelligence.

Status: Chapter Number 843, 2024

Summary: Current law requires the Secretary of Government Operations to create a plan to assess the impact of deepfakes—audio or visual content altered by AI to misrepresent people—on the government, businesses, and residents of California. The Department of Technology, under the Government Operations Agency, must also inventory high-risk automated decision systems used by state agencies. These systems use AI and data analytics to assist or replace human decision-making. Additionally, local agencies must provide specific information to the public before approving economic development subsidies and report on job losses or replacements due to automation or AI. This bill would define "artificial intelligence" as a machine-based system that can generate outputs to influence environments based on the input it receives.

[AB 2930 \(Bauer-Kahan D\)](#) Automated decision systems.

Status: Ordered to inactive file.

Summary: This bill would require developers and deployers of automated decision systems to conduct an impact assessment before launching their system and annually thereafter. The assessment must detail the system's purpose and benefits. They must share this assessment with the Civil Rights Department, which will keep it confidential under the California Public Records Act. Before an automated system makes significant decisions about a person, it must inform them that it is being used and provide specific information. Additionally, individuals affected by these decisions will have a chance to correct any incorrect personal data used by the system.

[AB 2942 \(Villapudua D\)](#) Novel Allogeneic Adipose Cell-Based Viral Therapies Clinical Trials Grant Program.

Status: Failed Deadline: Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File

Summary: This bill proposes the creation of a new grant program, which would begin once the Legislature provides funding. The program would support clinical trials focused on using a new type of therapy based on fat cells to treat cancer. The state Treasurer would manage the program, giving grants to healthcare facilities that meet certain standards, such as providing patient safety information. A large portion of the funding would go to trials in low-income communities that typically don't have access to advanced treatments. The Treasurer would also need to report back to the Legislature on how the funded trials are progressing.

[AB 2968 \(Connolly D\)](#) School safety and fire prevention: fire hazard severity zones: comprehensive school safety plans: communication and evacuation plans.

Status: Chapter Number 582, 2024

Summary: Under current law, school districts and county offices are responsible for creating a safety plan for each school. Each school must develop this plan with input from law enforcement and first responders. Small districts have a different process to follow. The safety plan must include strategies for dealing with emergencies, including specific disaster procedures. Charter schools must also include a safety plan in their petitions. Starting in the 2026-27 school year, this bill would require school safety plans to include a procedure for finding shelter for students and staff during evacuations and notifying local emergency authorities.

[AB 2973 \(Hart D\)](#) Emergency services.

Status: Failed Deadline: Assembly Health Committee

Summary: Under current law, counties must have a written agreement with any city or fire district that was providing emergency medical services (EMS) as of June 1, 1980. Until that agreement is in place, these cities and fire districts must continue providing EMS at the same level, and they retain control over those services. This bill would allow a county's board of supervisors or local EMS agency to provide or support EMS services for people in the county.

[AB 2979 \(Fong, Mike D\)](#) Income taxation: exclusion: victim compensation.

Status: Chapter Number 119, 2024, *Urgency, takes effect immediately*

Summary: The Personal Income Tax Law, in modified conformity with federal law, generally defines "gross income" as income from whatever source derived, except as specifically excluded, and provides various exclusions from gross income for purposes of computing tax liability. This bill would exclude from gross income any payment received from the California Victim Compensation Board pursuant to specified law.

[AB 3020 \(Reyes D\)](#) 2-1-1 Infrastructure Act.

Status: Failed Deadline: Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File

Summary: Previously, until January 1, 2023, the Public Utilities Commission could spend up to \$1.5 million to help close gaps in 2-1-1 disaster information services in counties without access. This bill would require the Office of Planning and Research (OPR) to create a 2-1-1 Strategic Advisory Committee, composed of state agency leaders, community representatives, a 2-1-1 service user, and local officials. The committee would identify

funding for 2-1-1 services, recommend policies to improve the system, and hold public meetings.

[AB 3055 \(Bonta D\)](#) Survivors of human trafficking: identification cards.

Status: Failed Deadline: Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File

Summary: Current law allows the DMV to issue ID cards to applicants who provide certain information and pay a fee, with fee waivers for seniors and low-income individuals. This bill would require the DMV to create a faster, assisted process for human trafficking survivors to get a new or replacement ID card, with no fee. It would also create a special application form that others can fill out on their behalf. The California Victim Compensation Board would post information about this process on its website.

[AB 3062 \(Bauer-Kahan D\)](#) Fire protection districts: electrical corporations and local publicly owned electric utilities: prescribed or controlled burns: notice requirements.

Status: Chapter Number 753, 2024

Summary: Current law requires electric companies and utilities to submit yearly wildfire plans, including how they notify customers affected by power outages. These plans must also ensure that public safety offices, first responders, healthcare facilities, and telecom operators are notified. This bill would allow fire protection districts to require electric companies or utilities to notify them at least 24 hours before conducting controlled burns, with some exceptions.

[AB 3075 \(Nguyen, Stephanie D\)](#) Local government: grant programs: technical assistance.

Status: Failed Deadline: to Print

Summary: Current law establishes various grant programs that are available to, or implemented by, local governments, including a building code enforcement incentive program, the Natural Disaster Emergency Shelter Program, and the Homeless Emergency Aid program. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to provide additional technical assistance to local government accessing state grant programs.

[AB 3090 \(Maienschein D\)](#) Drinking water standards: emergency notification plan.

Status: Chapter Number 68, 2024

Summary: This bill would authorize and encourage a public water system, when updating an emergency notification plan, to provide notification to water users by means of other communications technology, including, but not limited to, text messages, email, or social media.

[AB 3099 \(Alvarez D\)](#) California Commission on the United States Semiquincentennial.

Status: Failed Deadline: Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File

Summary: This bill would establish the California Commission on the United States Semiquincentennial in the state government to plan and coordinate commemorations and observances and encourage celebrations throughout the state related to the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

[AB 3107 \(Connolly D\)](#) State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission: microgrids: study.

Status: Failed Deadline: Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File

Summary: This bill would require the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to conduct a study on the benefits of microgrids for local governments and communities and would require the Energy Commission, on or before January 1, 2027, to submit a report on that study to the Legislature. The bill would repeal its provisions on January 1, 2031.

[AB 3113 \(Papan D\)](#) Forestry and fire prevention: contracts for use of communications, telecommunications, and powerlines.

Status: Failed Deadline: to Print

Summary: Current law allows the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to contract with property owners to use their land or facilities for communication systems needed to prevent or fight forest fires. This bill would make minor, nonsubstantive changes to that law.

[AB 3150 \(Quirk-Silva D\)](#) Fire safety: fire hazard severity zones: defensible space: State Fire Marshal.

Status: Failed Deadline: Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File

Summary: Current law requires the State Fire Marshal to classify lands in state responsibility areas into fire hazard severity zones and assign ratings based on fire risk. The zones are periodically reviewed and updated as needed. The State Fire Marshal must also identify and review fire hazard zones in areas outside state responsibility areas, classifying them as moderate, high, or very high risk. Local agencies must make this information public and adopt fire hazard zones within 120 days. This bill would update these rules and require the State Fire Marshal to review and classify fire hazard zones outside state responsibility areas at least every 5 years.

[AB 3186 \(Petrie-Norris D\)](#) Public works: prevailing wages: access to records.

Status: Referred to Senate Rules Committee - DEAD

Summary: Current law requires the Labor Commissioner to investigate contractors or subcontractors who violate public works laws, including paying proper wages. Contractors must keep detailed payroll records, but when these records are shared publicly, personal details like names and addresses must be hidden. This bill would require owners or developers of public works projects to provide certain records to the Labor Standards Enforcement, Taft-Hartley trust funds, and joint labor-management committees. If owners or developers fail to comply, they face penalties. The Director of Industrial Relations would set rules for releasing these records.

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[SB 265 \(Hurtado D\)](#) Cybersecurity preparedness: critical infrastructure sectors.

Status: Failed Deadline: Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File

Summary: This bill would require Cal OES to direct Cal-CSIC to prepare, and Cal OES to submit to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2025, a strategic, multiyear outreach plan to assist critical infrastructure sectors in their efforts to improve cybersecurity and an evaluation of options for providing grants or alternative forms of funding to, and potential voluntary actions that do not require funding and that assist, that sector in their efforts to improve cybersecurity preparedness.

[SB 504 \(Dodd D\)](#) Wildfires: defensible space: grant programs: local governments.

Status: Chapter Number 982, 2024

Summary: Current law requires the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection to create a statewide program that allows trained entities, like counties, to assist the Department with defensible space and home hardening education. The director must also set up a common platform for these entities to report assessment data. Additionally, the law establishes a grant program for local agencies to support fire prevention and education efforts. This bill would allow these education programs to incorporate new technologies and game elements to improve learning for property owners.

[SB 893 \(Padilla D\)](#) California Artificial Intelligence Research Hub.

Status: Failed Deadline: Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File

Summary: **This bill would** require the Government Operations Agency, the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development, the California Privacy Protection Agency, and the Department of Technology to collaborate to establish the California Artificial Intelligence Research Hub (hub) in the Government Operations Agency, as prescribed. The bill would require the hub to serve as a centralized entity to facilitate collaboration between government agencies, academic institutions, and private sector partners to advance artificial intelligence research and development that seeks to harness the technology's full potential for public benefit while safeguarding privacy, advancing security, and addressing risks and potential harms to society.

[SB 908 \(Cortese D\)](#) Fentanyl: child deaths.

Status: Chapter Number 867, 2024

Summary: The State Department of Public Health manages the California Overdose Surveillance Dashboard, which tracks drug-related overdose data, including fentanyl-related deaths. This bill would require the department to actively monitor and identify trends in fentanyl-related deaths among children aged 0 to 5. The department would also need to develop guidelines and raise awareness to help protect children from fentanyl exposure. By January 1, 2026, the department must share its findings and guidance annually with local health departments, county boards of supervisors, and the Legislature. These requirements would end on January 1, 2029.

[SB 927 \(Dahle R\)](#) Income taxes: gross income exclusions: state of emergency: natural disaster settlements.

Status: Senate Appropriations Suspense File: Held in committee & under submission.

Summary: This bill would, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2023, and before January 1, 2033, provide an exclusion from gross income for amounts received from a settlement entity, as defined, by a qualified taxpayer to replace property damaged or destroyed by a natural disaster that was declared a state of emergency by both the Governor and the President of the United States.

[SB 945 \(Alvarado-Gil R\)](#) The Wildfire Smoke and Health Outcomes Data Act.

Status: Failed Deadline: Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File

Summary: Current law requires the State Department of Public Health to protect public health and develop plans for air quality issues caused by wildfires. This bill, the Wildfire Smoke and Health Outcomes Data Act, would require the department to create a statewide data platform by July 1, 2026, to track wildfire smoke and its health effects. The platform would gather data from various sources to help understand the health impacts of wildfire smoke and assess the effectiveness of forest health and wildfire mitigation efforts. The department must also develop protocols for data sharing and quality control.

[SB 952 \(Dahle R\)](#) Personal income taxes: Fire Safe Home Tax Credits Act.

Status: Senate Appropriations Suspense File hearing: Held in committee & under submission.

Summary: This bill would allow credits against the tax imposed by the Personal Income Tax Law for each taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2025, and before January 1, 2030, to a qualified taxpayer for qualified costs relating to qualified home hardening, as defined, and for qualified costs relating to qualified vegetation management in specified amounts, not to exceed an aggregate amount of \$500,000,000 per taxable year.

[SB 967 \(Padilla D\)](#) University of California: pilot project: dust forecast and warning system: Imperial County and Coachella Valley.

Status: Failed Deadline: Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File

Summary: This bill would request the Regents of the University of California to conduct a pilot project in the County of Imperial and the Coachella Valley to develop a 3-day wintertime regional dust forecast capability and a dust storm early warning system for the monsoon season.

[SB 1003 \(Dodd D\)](#) Electricity: wildfire mitigation.

Status: Read second time. Ordered to third reading. - DEAD

Summary: Current law establishes the Wildfire Safety Division and requires the division to perform certain regulatory functions related to wildfire mitigation plans of electrical corporations. Current law transferred all functions of the Wildfire Safety Division to the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety effective July 1, 2021. This bill would repeal the Wildfire Safety Division.

SB 1004 (Wilk R) Income taxes: exclusions: wildfires.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense file: Held in committee & under submission.

Summary: The Personal Income Tax Law and the Corporation Tax Law, in conformity with federal income tax law, generally defines “gross income” as income from whatever source derived, except as specifically excluded, and provides various exclusions from gross income. This bill, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2024, and before January 1, 2029, would provide an exclusion from gross income for any qualified taxpayer for amounts received for costs and losses associated with wildfires, as provided.

SB 1014 (Dodd D) Wildfire safety: The California Wildfire Mitigation Strategic Planning Act.

Status: Failed Deadline: Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File

Summary: Current law assigns the Deputy Director of Community Wildfire Preparedness and Mitigation to oversee fire preparedness and mitigation efforts for the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. This bill would require the deputy director to create a Wildfire Risk Mitigation Planning Framework by January 1, 2026, and update it every three years. The framework must enable detailed evaluations of wildfire risk reduction actions and allow for geographic comparisons to help coordinate and enhance long-term wildfire mitigation efforts.

SB 1021 (Archuleta D) Emergency vehicles: blue warning lights.

Status: Failed Deadline: Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File

Summary: This bill would authorize parole officers to display the blue warning light from their emergency vehicles if they complete a 4-hour classroom training course regarding the operation of emergency vehicles that is certified by the Standards and Training for Corrections Division of the Board of State and Community Corrections.

SB 1060 (Becker D) Property insurance underwriting: risk models.

Status: Failed Deadline: Assembly Insurance Committee

Summary: Current law establishes the Department of Insurance, which regulates the insurance business, including how insurers assess risks. Insurers must have guidelines for deciding whether to provide coverage. This bill would allow insurers to use risk models that consider wildfire risk reduction strategies, such as fuel reduction and home hardening, in their underwriting decisions. Starting January 15, 2026, and every year after, insurers using these models must report to the department on how much they account for various risk reduction efforts. The department will then post this information, excluding any confidential details, on its website.

SB 1105 (Padilla D) Paid sick leave: agricultural employees: emergencies.

Status: Chapter Number 525, 2024

Summary: The Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act of 2014 gives California employees who work for the same employer for 30 or more days the right to paid sick days. Employers must provide these sick days upon request for various reasons, such as caring for themselves or a family member. Employers cannot deny employees the use of accrued sick days or retaliate against them for doing so. The Labor Commissioner is responsible for enforcing the act and investigating violations. This bill would extend the right to paid sick days to

agricultural employees who work outdoors, allowing them to take time off during emergencies involving smoke, heat, or flooding.

SB 1114 (Niello R) State agencies: budget and personnel disclosure.

Status: Failed Deadline: Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File

Summary: This bill would require a state agency that has an internet website to post, in a conspicuous place on the home page, a brief disclosure in clear, legible table form of its total personnel, both full and part time, its total authorized budget, and the source, whether General Fund, Special Fund, or federal funds, of all funds appropriated to it for the current and previous 3 fiscal years.

SB 1157 (Hurtado D) State contracts: certification process: forced labor and human trafficking.

Status: Failed Deadline: Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File

Summary: Current law requires state agency contracts for clothing and supplies to include a certification that the products are not made using forced labor. Anyone who falsely certifies this is committing a misdemeanor. This bill would expand these requirements to include certification that contractors comply with rules against human trafficking, which would cover prohibitions for contractors and their employees. It also updates the definition of forced labor to include knowingly using threats or physical restraint to obtain someone's labor. Contractors and subcontractors would need to inform their employees about these prohibited activities and potential consequences for violations. If a contractor fails to certify compliance, they cannot bid on or propose contracts under these rules.

SB 1159 (Dodd D) California Environmental Quality Act: roadside wildfire risk reduction projects.

Status: Failed Deadline: Appropriations Committee Suspense File

Summary: The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency to create a mitigated negative declaration for projects that might significantly impact the environment if changes can reduce that impact and no substantial evidence suggests otherwise. CEQA also mandates the Office of Planning and Research to develop guidelines for its implementation, which include a list of project types exempt from CEQA requirements, known as categorical exemptions. This bill would require the office to evaluate and the secretary to consider including roadside projects within five road miles of a city that aim solely to reduce wildfire risk as categorical exemptions by January 1, 2026. The office must also determine suitable eligibility criteria for these projects.

SB 1178 (Padilla D) California Water Quality and Public Health Protection Act.

Status: Failed Deadline: Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File

Summary: Currently, the State Water Resources Control Board and California's nine regional water quality control boards manage water quality and set waste discharge requirements under federal and state laws. This bill would require the board to create regulations for annual reporting by compliance entities about waste discharges by August 1, 2025. Compliance entities must submit their first report by June 1, 2026, and then annually on waste discharges and their locations. If waste discharges harm California's water quality, any nonexempt compliance entity must label products sold in the state with a warning label

within three months. The bill also allows the board to impose administrative penalties for not filing or for late submissions, with the penalties going into a new fund for water quality and public health impacts.

[SB 1179 \(Durazo D\)](#) Affordable Internet and Net Equality Act of 2024.

Status: Failed Deadline: Senate Governmental Organization Committee

Summary: The Affordable Internet and Net Equality Act of 2024 would require the Department of Technology, along with the Public Utilities Commission and the Department of General Services, to create the Net Equality Program. This law would stipulate that the state and its agencies can only contract with internet service providers that offer affordable home internet to households receiving certain public assistance. Affordable home internet is defined as costing no more than \$30 a month and meeting specific speed requirements. Internet providers would also need to set up a phone number for eligible households to sign up and promote the availability of their affordable service, along with other requirements. The bill includes additional related provisions.

[SB 1214 \(Nguyen R\)](#) California Commission on the United States Semiquincentennial.

Status: Failed Deadline: Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File

Summary: This bill would create the California Commission on the United States Semiquincentennial until January 1, 2028, to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and the founding of the U.S. The commission would plan events for this anniversary and would be funded entirely by private or federal money, which would go into a new Semiquincentennial Fund in the State Treasury. These funds would be available for use with legislative approval. The commission's records, excluding personal items, would need to be filed with the State Archives before January 1, 2028. These provisions will only take effect if the Treasurer confirms that enough funding is available.

[SB 1235 \(Gonzalez D\)](#) Public postsecondary education: Artificial Intelligence and Deepfake Working Group.

Status: Failed Deadline: Senate Education Committee

Summary: Current law requires the Secretary of Government Operations to assess the effects of deepfakes on state government, businesses, and residents in California, including privacy risks. This bill would direct California State University, Long Beach, to create an Artificial Intelligence and Deepfake Working Group, in consultation with other public colleges. The university would develop a plan in the first year to identify topics for evaluation and stakeholders to include in the group. The working group must have at least one representative from ten specified areas, along with the Secretary of the Government Operations Agency, the Executive Director of the California Privacy Protection Agency, and the Secretary of State or their designees.

[SB 1325 \(Durazo D\)](#) Public contracts: best value procurement: goods.

Status: Failed Deadline: Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File

Summary: Current law sets rules for public contracting by local and state agencies, allowing some purchases to go through a lowest responsible bidder process. This bill would let public entities award contracts using a best value procurement method for goods valued at \$250,000 or more. It would require these entities to create and publish procedures for fairly

evaluating bidders' qualifications. The procedures could include a policy to assess bidders' commitments to high road jobs, which would factor into their overall score. Additionally, the bill mandates that the solicitation documents include specific information and directs public entities to use a scoring method based on price and other criteria outlined in the documents.

SB 1351 (Padilla D) Electricity: state policy.

Status: Failed Deadline: Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File

Summary: Current law aims for 90% of California's electricity sales to come from renewable and zero-carbon sources by December 31, 2035, 95% by 2040, and 100% by 2045.

Additionally, all electricity for state agencies must come from these sources by 2035. The Public Utilities Commission, Energy Commission, and Air Resources Board are required to report to the Legislature every four years about this policy. This bill would add a requirement for these agencies to create a clean energy infrastructure plan by January 1, 2026, detailing the necessary infrastructure and processes to meet the state's energy goals, which will be included in their regular reports.

SB 1390 (Caballero D) Groundwater recharge: floodflows: diversion.

Status: Failed third reading

Summary: Current law states that all water in California belongs to the people, but individuals can gain rights to use it through appropriation for beneficial purposes. It allows for diverting floodwaters for groundwater recharge without needing an appropriative water right under certain conditions, such as when a local agency warns of an imminent flooding risk. "Floodflow" includes water that could flood usually dry areas, affecting agriculture or developed land. "Imminent" means there's a high chance of flooding happening soon. Those diverting water must notify the State Water Resources Control Board and relevant agencies within 48 hours of starting the diversion, submit a preliminary report within 14 days, and a final report within 15 days after the diversion ends. These rules apply to diversions started before January 1, 2029. This bill would broaden the conditions for diverting floodwaters without a water right, expanding the definition of "floodflow" to include projected inundation of dry areas and changing "imminent" to mean flooding likely within the next 72 hours.

SB 1447 (Durazo D) Hospitals: seismic compliance: Children's Hospital Los Angeles.

Status: Chapter Number 896, 2024

Summary: The Alfred E. Alquist Hospital Facilities Seismic Safety Act of 1983 sets seismic safety standards for certain hospitals. By January 1, 2030, all acute care hospitals must either retrofit to meet these standards or demolish, replace, or repurpose buildings that don't comply. This bill allows Children's Hospital Los Angeles to request a delay of up to 3 years for this compliance deadline. The hospital can submit a seismic compliance plan and, if needed, a specific evaluation report to seek this extension. The bill requires the hospital and the Department of Health Care Access and Information to establish at least two major milestones to track progress toward compliance. The submitted plans will be reviewed for reasonableness, and the hospital must provide any requested documentation to support this review.

[SB 1497 \(Menjivar D\)](#) **Polluters Pay Climate Cost Recovery Act of 2024.**

Status: Ordered to inactive file.

Summary: This bill, called the Polluters Pay Climate Cost Recovery Act of 2024, would create a program requiring fossil fuel companies to pay for the damage caused by their products from 2000 to 2020. The goal is to reduce the financial burden of climate-related harms on California taxpayers. Within 90 days of the bill becoming law, the California Environmental Protection Agency must publish a list of companies responsible for over 1 billion metric tons of fossil fuel emissions during that time, including those with significant business in California.

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[AB 1792 \(Rodriguez D\)](#) **Emergency medical services: personal protective equipment.**

Status: Vetoed by Governor Newsom on September 20, 2024

Summary: This bill would require the Emergency Medical Services Authority to develop standards, on or before January 1, 2027, for personal protective equipment for ambulance personnel and to update the standards on or before January 1, 2032, and every 5 years thereafter.

Governor's Message: *To the Members of the California State Assembly: I am returning Assembly Bill 1792 without my signature. This bill would require the Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) to develop personal protective equipment (PPE) standards specifically for ambulance personnel by January 1, 2027. I support efforts to protect and maximize the safety of our state's life-saving emergency responders. However, current law already requires employers to evaluate workplace hazards and provide all necessary PPE and training to employees. Requiring EMSA to set new, separate standards for PPE used by ambulance personnel could create a conflict between these new standards and existing regulations promulgated and enforced by The Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA). For this reason, I cannot sign this bill. Sincerely, Gavin Newsom*

[AB 2022 \(Addis D\)](#) **Mobilehome parks: emergency preparedness.**

Status: Vetoed by Governor Newsom on September 22, 2024

Summary: The Mobilehome Parks Act regulates mobilehome parks and assigns enforcement responsibilities to the Department of Housing and Community Development and local agencies. Current law requires parks with 50 or more units to have someone living on-site who can respond to emergencies and understands the park's emergency procedures. Starting January 1, 2027, this bill would require that person to also know the emergency procedures for accessing park entrances and exits.

Governor's Message: *To the Members of the California State Assembly: I am returning Assembly Bill 2022 without my signature. This bill would impose new requirements on the Emergency Preparedness Plans (EPP) that mobilehome park owners must implement starting January 1, 2027. The bill would also update requirements for park owners to notify residents of the EPP, require enforcement agencies to ensure compliance and impose penalties, and*

require the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to post these changes by June 30, 2026. While the goal of improving emergency communication between park owners and residents is commendable, the bill raises several concerns. By applying the proposed requirements only to Mobilehome Parks (MHPs) and excluding Special Occupancy Parks (SOPs), the bill would disrupt the historically consistent regulations for both park types, complicating enforcement and creating uneven safety standards. Additionally, the bill contains several ambiguities around park owners' responsibilities, particularly concerning their knowledge and handling of critical infrastructure during an emergency. The bill would also result in a significant increase in workload for HCD to process, implement, and monitor these new requirements. The expansion of staff and resources to meet these ongoing obligations must be evaluated within the broader context of the state budget, ensuring that long-term workload demands align with available resources. For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill. Sincerely, Gavin Newsom

AB 2182 (Haney D) Public works.

Status: Vetoed by Governor Newsom on September 27, 2024

Summary: Current law mandates that workers on public works projects be paid at least the general prevailing wage set by the Director of Industrial Relations. When awarding a contract for public work, the awarding body must obtain the prevailing wage rates for regular, holiday, and overtime work for each type of worker needed for the project. Starting July 1, 2026, this bill would change the requirement to a semiannual review period until January 1, 2031. If the director finds a change in the prevailing wage during this period, they must inform the awarding body. However, their decision would not be final, allowing contractors or representatives to file a petition for review.

Governor's Message: *To the Members of the California Assembly: I am returning Assembly Bill 2182 without my signature. This bill would require that any change in prevailing wage rates apply to existing contracts on certain public works projects. The bill also grants joint labor-management committees (JLMCs) reasonable access to public works jobsites and allows JLMCs to file actions in court to enforce this requirement. While I am a steadfast supporter of prevailing wage law, the adjustments proposed by this measure would likely lead to uncertainty in the cost of public works projects, potentially creating significant cost pressures on the state budget. In partnership with the Legislature this year, my Administration has enacted a balanced budget that avoids deep program cuts to vital services and protected investments in education, health care, climate, public safety, housing, and social service programs that millions of Californians rely on. It is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications that are not included in the budget, such as this measure. For this reason, I cannot sign this bill. Sincerely, Gavin Newsom*

AB 2279 (Cervantes D) Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Justice Program.

Status: Vetoed by Governor Newsom on September 28, 2024

Summary: Current law requires the Department of Justice to assist local law enforcement and tribal governments on issues related to policing and criminal investigations on Indian lands, improve crime reporting, and support communication between local law enforcement and tribal governments. This bill would create a Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Justice Program within the Department of Justice, subject to legislative funding. The program would have specific responsibilities, including acting as a liaison

between tribal governments, families, and law enforcement agencies.

Governor's Message: *To the Members of the California State Assembly: I am returning Assembly Bill 2279 without my signature. This bill would establish the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) Justice Program within the Department of Justice to fund and support law enforcement agencies' investigatory activities. I appreciate the author's commitment to addressing the ongoing MMIP crisis. My administration continues to prioritize policies that increase collaboration between law enforcement and tribal communities to bring justice to those impacted. In partnership with the Legislature, we increased funding in this year's budget for the MMIP Grant Program, which has awarded millions of dollars to support tribes' efforts to identify, publicize, investigate, and solve MMIP cases. This measure is duplicative of those efforts and creates a new, unfunded grant program not included in the 2024 Budget Act. In partnership with the Legislature this year, my Administration has enacted a balanced budget that avoids deep program cuts to vital services and protected investments in education, health care, climate, public safety, housing, and social service programs that millions of Californians rely on. It is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications that are not included in the budget, such as this measure. For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill. Sincerely, Gavin Newsom*

AB 2549 (Gallagher R) Patient visitation.

Status: Vetoed by Governor Newsom on September 20, 2024

Summary: Current law regulates health facilities and requires them to allow visits from a patient's domestic partner, their partner's children, and the partner of the patient's parent or child, unless certain conditions apply. Violating this law is a misdemeanor.

This bill, known as Dianne's Law, would expand visiting rights to include a patient's children and grandparents. It would also require health facilities to create alternative visitation protocols when access must be restricted for health or safety reasons, aiming to allow visits as much as possible while ensuring safety. Additionally, the bill would prevent health facilities from banning in-person visits during end-of-life situations, unless the patient specifically requests it. Visitors may need to follow the same safety protocols as staff during their visit.

Governor's Message: *To the Members of the California State Assembly: I am returning Assembly Bill 2549 without my signature. This bill would require a health facility to develop alternate visitation protocols that allow patient visitation to the greatest extent possible during circumstances that require restricted visitor access, and would require a facility to allow inperson visitation in end-of-life situations. I believe there are many benefits to in-person visitation for people in health facilities who are sick, in recovery, or simply require a higher level of care. During the COVID-19 pandemic, state and local officials worked with public health and infectious disease experts to evaluate the risks and benefits of in-person interactions, and these standards were updated regularly as personal protective equipment, testing, and vaccines became available. California established a locally-driven response, where counties with fewer risks had higher flexibilities. This bill instead proposes a facility-by-facility approach. I am concerned that requiring facilities to develop individual, alternative protocols will result in confusion and create different access to patients based on each facility's management, rather than public health recommendations. For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill. Sincerely, Gavin Newsom*

AB 2681 (Weber D) Weapons: robotic devices.

Status: Vetoed by Governor Newsom on September 23, 2024

Summary: This bill would prohibit a person from manufacturing, modifying, selling, transferring, or operating a robotic device that is equipped or mounted with a weapon. The bill would make a violation punishable by a fine of at least \$100 but not more than \$2,000. The bill would exclude certain entities from these provisions, including, among other entities, a defense industrial company, as defined, with respect to robotic devices that are within the scope of a contract the company has or is seeking with the United States Department of Defense, or a person building a robot for participation in a bonafide robot competition.

Governor's Message: *To the Members of the California State Assembly: I am returning Assembly Bill 2681 without my signature. This bill would make it an infraction to manufacture, modify, sell, transfer, or operate a robotic device equipped or mounted with a weapon. I support the author's intent to prohibit the weaponization of an emerging technology and place common sense restrictions on potentially dangerous devices. However, this bill would also prohibit beneficial law enforcement use of such devices. For example, when confronted with armed and barricaded suspects, law enforcement agencies sometimes use remotely operated robots to deploy less-lethal force to drive these suspects into the open or protect officers from dangerous suspects. For this reason, I cannot sign this bill. Sincerely, Gavin Newsom*

AB 2903 (Hoover R) Homelessness.

Status: Vetoed by Governor Newsom on September 25, 2024

Summary: Starting September 1, 2025, state agencies managing homelessness programs must report annual cost and outcome data to the California Interagency Council on Homelessness. The council will work with these agencies to create procedures for data collection and reporting. Beginning April 1, 2026, the council will compile this data and make it publicly available each year.

Governor's Message: *To the Members of the California State Assembly: I am returning Assembly Bill 2903 without my signature. This bill would require state agencies and departments administering homelessness programs to report cost and outcome data annually to the California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal \CH) using standardized procedures, beginning September 1, 2025. It would also require Cal \CH to compile and publicly release this data each year starting April 1, 2026. While I fully support efforts to increase accountability and the effectiveness of our state homelessness programs, similar measures are already in place. Legislation enacted as part of the 2024 Budget Act (Assembly Bill 166, Chapter 48) includes enhanced reporting requirements for two of the state's largest homelessness programs. Specifically, Assembly Bill 166 mandates monthly reporting of outcomes for all rounds of the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program, and annual outcome reporting for the Encampment Resolution Grants Program. These reports will be made publicly available by Cal ICH. Additionally, I recently signed Assembly Bill 799, which addresses the same objectives as this bill in a more targeted and cost-effective manner. For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill. Sincerely, Gavin Newsom*

[AB 3023 \(Papan D\)](#) Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force: interagency funding strategy: multiple benefit projects: grant program guidelines.

Status: Vetoed by Governor Newsom on September 22, 2024

Summary: Current law creates the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection within the Natural Resources Agency, which handles fire protection and prevention. It also establishes the Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force to develop a strategy for the goals outlined in the "Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan" from January 2021. The department has expertise in preventing wildfires and managing vegetation, which can benefit public resources by reducing severe wildfires and improving watershed management. This bill requires the task force to collaborate with the agency to create a funding strategy for projects that address wildfires, watershed health, biodiversity, and climate adaptation to enhance resilience in fire-prone areas.

Governor's Message: *To the Members of the California State Assembly: I am returning Assembly Bill 3023 without my signature. This bill would require creating an interagency funding strategy to "align ongoing planning and implementation" of state actions to deliver on our climate change and biodiversity goals, including wildfire and watershed restoration activities. While I appreciate the author's intent to seek greater alignment between specific state programs, this bill duplicates existing efforts already well underway to achieve integrated outcomes on California's climate change and biodiversity goals. For example, nearly 45 state entities under my Administration are developing nature-based solutions to achieve the targets created as a result of AB 1757 (C. Garcia, 2022). This level of involvement and integration was possible due to years of interagency collaboration and process-building. Furthermore, this bill would result in state General Fund impacts not included in the 2024 Budget Act and could present legal challenges surrounding General Obligation bonds and how existing programs would manage inconsistencies with bond law. In partnership with the Legislature this year, my Administration has enacted a balanced budget that avoids deep program cuts to vital services and protected investments in education, health care, climate, public safety, housing, and social service programs that millions of Californians rely on. It is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications that are not included in the budget, such as this measure. Sincerely, Gavin Newsom*

[AB 3263 \(Calderon D\)](#) Electrical corporations: financing orders.

Status: Vetoed by Governor Newsom on September 25, 2024

Summary: Current law allows the Public Utilities Commission to set rates for public utilities, ensuring those rates are fair and reasonable. It also lets electrical companies request permission to recover costs from catastrophic wildfires, including expenses for fire prevention, by issuing bonds backed by these rates. This bill would expand this authority to also include recovering costs for wildfire prevention efforts, operational and maintenance expenses linked to wildfire plans, vegetation management costs, and any expenses related to federal or state emergency declarations.

Governor's Message: *To the Members of the California State Assembly: I am returning Assembly Bill 3263 without my signature. This bill pre-authorizes private electric utilities to finance and securitize categories of costs that would be recovered through a volumetric charge on customers' electric utility bills, including costs for vegetation management and other operational and maintenance expenses related to wildfire mitigation, and costs stemming from a state or federal emergency declaration. This bill also preauthorizes a*

private electric utility to issue recovery bonds for vegetation management expenses. I share the author's concern about the pace of increasing electric costs and its impact on customer electric rates and bills. Managing these costs and ensuring affordable electric bills for all customers is essential for electrifying our economy with clean energy resources and meeting the everyday energy needs of Californians. This is why I am deeply committed to advancing efforts both administratively and in partnership with the Legislature over the next several years. While the premise of this bill aligns with efforts to ensure electric bill affordability, I am concerned that this bill attempts to circumvent the CPUC's existing authority to review and authorize the financing and securitization of certain electric cost categories. In addition, allowing the pre-authorization of bonds to finance private utility yearly expenses, including but not limited to vegetation management expenses, may reduce electric rates and bills marginally in the near-term, but could ultimately lead to higher electric rates and bills for ratepayers in the medium-term, unless the financing costs are offset through other means. For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill. Sincerely, Gavin Newsom

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Senate Bills

[SB 336 \(Umberg D\)](#) State grant programs: negotiated indirect cost rates.

Status: Vetoed by Governor Newsom on September 29, 2024

Summary: Current law sets up the Department of General Services to provide centralized services for state government and establishes various state grant programs. Federal law sets rules for managing federal grants, including guidelines for direct and indirect costs. This bill would require state agencies that manage grant programs to reimburse grantees for indirect costs at specified rates, as long as this is allowed by other laws and the grantee includes their requested rate in their application. The bill would also allow applicants for state grants to choose to be reimbursed for indirect costs at specific rates, provided they disclose this in their application if they are selected as grantees.

Governor's Message: *To the Members of the California State Senate: I am returning Senate Bill 336 without my signature. This bill requires a state agency administering a grant program to reimburse grantees for indirect costs related to the grant program at one of four rate structures, as requested by the grantee in its state grant application. Nonprofits provide valuable resources and services, often to our most underserved communities, which is why I signed AB 590 last year to authorize advance payments to nonprofit organizations. While funding agencies understand the need to cover indirect costs, this bill could have unintended consequences by allocating a significant amount of grant funding toward indirect costs, rather than project implementation, which would create cost pressures to balance services to Californians. I encourage the Legislature to continue working on this issue to find a balance between funding indirect costs and project implementation. For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill. Sincerely Gavin Newsom*

[SB 571 \(Allen D\)](#) Fire safety: ingress and egress route recommendations: report.

Status: Vetoed by Governor Newsom on September 22, 2024

Summary: Current law creates the Office of Planning and Research in the Governor's office and requires it to update the "Fire Hazard Planning" guidance document by July 1, 2020,

with input from fire safety experts. This document must include land use strategies to lower fire risks to communities. This bill would require the office to conduct a study and create a report with recommendations on improving state standards for access and evacuation routes during natural disasters. To help develop this report, the office must consult with a working group that includes voluntary representatives, such as those from the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

Governor's Message: *To the Members of the California State Senate: I am returning Senate Bill 571 without my signature. This bill would require the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (LUCI) to conduct a study, prepare recommendations, and produce a report that evaluates potential improvements to state standards for ingress and egress and evacuation routes for use in the event of a natural disaster. My Administration understands and takes seriously the dangers that wildfires pose to our state. This is why I have worked with the Legislature, as well as through an Executive Order, to better prepare Californians against fire risk. I remain committed to advancing wildfire safety efforts; however, this bill requires ongoing funding and should be considered in the annual budget process. In partnership with the Legislature this year, my Administration has enacted a balanced budget that avoids deep program cuts to vital services and protected investments in education, health care, climate, public safety, housing, and social service programs that millions of Californians rely on. It is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications that are not included in the budget, such as this measure. In addition, the regulatory authority for wildfire ingress and egress requirements lies with the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, which only recently updated the Minimum Fire Safety Regulations. For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill. Sincerely, Gavin Newsom*

SB 892 (Padilla D) Public contracts: automated decision systems: procurement standards.

Status: Vetoed by Governor Newsom on September 20, 2024

Summary: Current law states that contracts for purchasing information technology goods and services must be managed by the Department of Technology. Other contracts for IT goods or services go through the Department of General Services. Both departments can delegate their authority to other agencies. The California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA) gives consumers rights over their personal information, including the right to request its deletion. The California Privacy Rights Act of 2020 updated the CCPA and established the California Privacy Protection Agency to enforce it. This bill requires the Department of Technology to create regulations for a standard on procuring automated decision systems (ADS), considering principles and industry standards related to AI risk management.

Governor's Message: *To the Members of the California State Senate: I am returning Senate Bill 892 without my signature. This bill would task the California Department of Technology (CDT) to create an automated decision system procurement standard that complies with various requirements specified in the bill. Beginning on January 1, 2027, every state contract for an automated decision system would have to comply with these new regulations. My administration shares the author's commitment to ensuring the safe deployment of artificial intelligence (AI) and automated decision systems. Last year, I signed AB 302 (Ward, 2023), requiring CDT to conduct a comprehensive inventory of all high-risk automated decision systems that state agencies use, develop, or procure. And last September, I issued Executive Order 12-23, which, among other provisions, requires state agencies and departments to develop guardrails and deploy AI ethically and responsibly throughout state government to*

protect against potential risks. Unfortunately, several aspects of this bill disrupt that ongoing work, including existing information technology modernization efforts, which would lead to implementation delays and higher expenses for critical projects. Additionally, this bill creates new and ongoing General Fund costs not included in the 2024 Budget Act. In partnership with the Legislature this year, my Administration has enacted a balanced budget that avoids deep program cuts to vital services and protected investments in education, health care, climate, public safety, housing, and social service programs that millions of Californians rely on. It is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications that are not included in the budget, such as this measure. For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill. Sincerely, Gavin Newsom

SB 1119 (Newman D) Hospitals: seismic compliance.

Status: Vetoed by Governor Newsom on September 28, 2029

Summary: The Alfred E. Alquist Hospital Facilities Seismic Safety Act of 1983 sets safety standards for certain hospitals to protect them from earthquakes. Hospitals that want more time to meet these standards must apply to the Department of Health Care Access and Information by April 1, 2019, unless certain exceptions apply. Hospitals must achieve final compliance by July 1, 2022, if they are replacing or retrofitting their buildings, or by January 1, 2025, if they are rebuilding. The department can waive these requirements for O'Connor Hospital and Santa Clara Valley Medical Center in San Jose if they submit a feasible compliance plan that promotes public safety. If accepted, the hospitals must report their progress to the department by certain deadlines, and penalties apply if they miss these deadlines. This bill would also allow the department to waive the requirements for Providence St. Joseph Hospital, Providence Eureka General Hospital, Providence St. Jude Medical Center, and Providence Cedars-Sinai Tarzana Medical Center.

Governor's Message: *To the Members of the California State Senate: I am returning Senate Bill 1119 without my signature. This bill would provide an extension to seismic safety compliance deadlines for four Providence hospitals: St. Joseph Hospital and General Hospital in the City of Eureka, St. Jude Medical Center in the City of Fullerton, and Cedars-Sinai Tarzana Medical Center in the City of Tarzana. The magnitude 6.6 Sylmar Earthquake in 1971 caused the collapse of several hospitals, rendering many incapable of providing emergency care. As a result, the Legislature passed the Alfred E. Alquist Hospital Seismic Safety Act in 1972, requiring new hospitals to be constructed to ensure they can provide emergency services after a disaster. Later in 1994, this requirement was extended to include pre-1973 hospitals, following the Northridge earthquake. The law set a January 1, 2008 deadline by which general acute care hospitals must be retrofitted or replaced so that they do not pose a risk of full collapse, and a January 1, 2030 deadline by which they must be capable of remaining operational. The vast majority of California hospitals have taken the necessary steps to prevent a full collapse in the event of an earthquake, and are now working to meet the higher standard of remaining operational. The Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) categorizes the probable seismic performance of a building's structural systems and risk to life into five Structural Performance Category (SPC) ratings. An SPC-1 category building has the lowest rating, indicating a significant risk of building collapse in a major earthquake. The law that required all SPC-1 buildings to be retrofitted or replaced by 2008 - to avoid a full collapse - has been extended multiple times, most recently through a final January 1, 2025 deadline. It is this deadline, for the most*

dangerous and highest-risk hospital structures, that the bill proposes to extend again. This bill requests an additional extension for ten buildings at significant risk of collapse in a major earthquake (SPC-1) located across the four named hospitals in parts of California known for seismic activity. All Californians depend on the hospitals in their communities for reliable, high-quality health care services and emergency response in times of need. We trust our hospitals with our own lives and the lives of our loved ones. I cannot in good faith support a further extension to the 2008 SPC-1 deadline, knowing that these buildings may collapse in the event of an earthquake. According to the U.S. Geological Survey, Northern California faces a 72 percent chance and the Los Angeles region faces a 60 percent chance of a magnitude 6.7 or greater earthquake by 2043. The question is not if California will experience a significant earthquake, it's when. Without the deadline extension proposed in this bill, the four hospitals will be faced with the reality of fines or being unable to renew their license under the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), leading to a potential loss of hospital care in their communities. As such, I encourage the named hospitals at risk of non-compliance with the 2025 SPC-1 deadline to prioritize the remaining work, and I am directing HCAI and CDPH to provide technical assistance as needed. For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill. Sincerely, Gavin Newsom

[SB 1155 \(Hurtado D\)](#) Political Reform Act of 1974: post-government employment restrictions.

Status: Vetoed by Governor Newsom on September 29, 2024

Summary: This bill would, for a period of one year after leaving office, prohibit the head of a state administrative agency from acting as an agent or attorney for any other person by making an appearance before, or making an oral or written communication to, a state administrative agency or the Legislature if the appearance or communication is made for compensation and for the purpose of influencing legislative or administrative action.

Governor's Message: *To the Members of the California State Senate: I am returning Senate Bill 1155 without my signature. This bill would prohibit the head of a state administrative agency - defined broadly to include any appointed official who receives a salary based on their appointment - from lobbying any legislative or administrative action by any state administrative agency or the Legislature for one year after leaving their position. This bill seeks to expand the existing "one-year ban," which prohibits certain officials from lobbying their former agency after leaving office, to include lobbying the Legislature or other state agencies. Notably, this bill would not extend these same restrictions to members of the Legislature. I am supportive of efforts to increase transparency and accountability in our governmental institutions, but we need equivalent rules and restrictions across the branches of our government. I am committed to legislation next year that includes the same revolving door requirement for members of the Administration as well as the Legislature. Absent uniform requirements, this bill falls short of its stated intent to ensure integrity in the policymaking process. For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill. Sincerely Gavin Newsom*

[SB 1220 \(Limón D\)](#) Public benefits contracts: phone operator jobs.

Status: Vetoed by Governor Newsom on September 22, 2024

Summary: Current law generally prohibits state agencies from hiring call centers for public benefit programs unless those centers employ workers in California. There are exceptions for certain health care contracts. If a contractor uses out-of-state workers, the state can terminate the contract. This bill would extend these rules until July 1, 2030, requiring state and

local agencies to use call centers with California workers. It would also ban the use of artificial intelligence (AI) or automated systems that could replace workers' core job functions. Agencies using such technology must inform affected workers and the public about it. Contractors would need to certify that their services are provided by California workers, and these rules would also apply to local government agencies.

Governor's Message: *To the Members of the California State Senate: I am returning Senate Bill 1220 without my signature. This bill prohibits state and local agencies from using public benefit-related call center services that use artificial intelligence (AI) or automated decision-making systems (ADS) that eliminate or automate the core job function of a worker. This bill also extends to local governments an existing state requirement that public benefit-related call center services be performed solely by workers employed in California. Technology can and should enhance the experience of the workforce - by making work more efficient and pushing us to attain new heights of achievement and innovation. At the same time, we must consider appropriate guardrails and control the risks posed by this technology. On September 6, 2023, I signed Executive Order (EO) N-12-23 to underscore our commitment to developing a responsible process for the evaluation and deployment of AI within state government. Through the implementation of this EO, the state will soon issue criteria to evaluate the impact of AI on the state workforce, as well as guidelines on how state agencies and departments can support their employees. Further, thanks to legislation enacted last year, my Administration is developing a comprehensive inventory of high-risk ADS that assist or replace human decision-making and significantly impact individuals. Analyzing these systems will help guide future actions and policies regarding the use of AI across the state, including in call centers for public benefit programs. Given that my Administration is actively undergoing efforts to identify, inventory, and analyze these systems, in addition to the efforts underway in my EO, imposing a prohibition on AI or ADS at this stage would be premature. For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill. Sincerely, Gavin Newsom*

SB 1432 (Caballero D) Health facilities: seismic standards.

Status: Vetoed by Governor Newsom on September 12, 2024

Summary: The Alfred E. Alquist Hospital Facilities Seismic Safety Act of 1983 sets seismic safety standards for certain hospitals built after March 7, 1973. By January 1, 2030, hospital owners must either upgrade non-compliant buildings or seismically retrofit all acute care facilities unless an exception applies. This bill allows hospital owners to apply for extensions to the compliance deadline. The department must then approve or deny these extension requests, potentially extending the deadline for compliance to January 1, 2035.

Governor's Message: *To the Members of the California State Senate: I am returning Senate Bill 1432 without my signature. This bill would authorize any hospital to apply to the Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) for a five-year extension of the 2030 seismic safety compliance deadline, extending full compliance up to January 1, 2035. The magnitude 6.6 Sylmar Earthquake in 1971 caused the collapse of several hospitals, rendering many incapable of providing emergency care. As a result, the Legislature passed the Alfred E. Alquist Hospital Seismic Safety Act in 1972, requiring new hospitals to be constructed to ensure they can provide emergency services after a disaster. Later in 1994, this requirement was extended to include pre-1973 hospitals. As such, California hospitals have known for 30 years that they face a 2030 deadline to be fully compliant. All Californians depend on the hospitals in their communities for reliable, high-quality health care services*

and emergency response in times of need. While most hospitals have taken the necessary steps to prevent full collapse in the event of an earthquake, many still have not met the higher standard of guaranteeing the continued ability to provide services. This is critically important. In the aftermath of an earthquake, not only would these hospitals be unable to provide emergency care to victims, but they would also require emergency response efforts to be diverted to rapidly evacuate and transfer patients to other facilities. The question is not if California will experience a significant earthquake, it's when. According to the U.S. Geological Survey, Northern California faces a 72 percent chance of a magnitude 6.7 or greater earthquake by 2043. Any extensions that may be considered to the 2030 deadline must balance the increased risk for the patients, hardworking hospital staff and emergency responders, and people living in that community. Providing an extended deadline should be limited in scope, granted only on a case-by-case basis to hospitals with demonstrated need and a clear path to compliance, and in combination with strong accountability and enforcement mechanisms. This bill's proposal to allow any hospital a five-year compliance extension is too long. I encourage any hospitals at risk of non-compliance with the 2030 deadline to prioritize remaining work. For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely, Gavin Newsom

[SB 1443 \(Jones R\)](#) California Interagency Council on Homelessness.

Status: Vetoed by Governor Newsom on September 22, 2024

Summary: Current law requires the Governor to create the California Interagency Council on Homelessness. The council's tasks include identifying resources and services to prevent and end homelessness and promoting better coordination among systems to meet the needs of those experiencing homelessness. It includes various members, including the Secretaries of Business, Consumer Services, Housing, and Health and Human Services as co-chairs. This bill would add a representative from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities to the council.

Governor's Message: *To the Members of the California State Senate: I am returning Senate Bill 1443 without my signature. This bill would add a representative from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) to serve as a member of the California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH). Cal ICH was created to coordinate an all-of-government approach to prevent and end homelessness in California. Cal ICH consists of 20 members, including the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Agency responsible for services for people with developmental disabilities and leading the Master Plan for Developmental Services. The Cal ICH Advisory Committee is also required to include a representative with a developmental disability who is currently or has formerly experienced homelessness. Since Cal ICH already includes leaders from relevant state agencies and individuals with lived experience, the existing representation makes this bill unnecessary. For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.* Sincerely, Gavin Newsom

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