

PUBLIC RISK INNOVATION, SOLUTIONS, & MANAGEMENT

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY

Web Conference/Telephonic Meeting

Thursday, June 25, 2026
10:30 a.m.
Fifth Meeting – 2026

Members Present

Jennifer Collins, California Schools JPA
Marisol Thorn, City of El Cajon
Alexander Zaretsky, Gold Coast Transit
Shauna Biagio, City of Hanford
Nancy Rice, Monterey County
Erika Leahy, City of Napa
Rhonda Haynes, OCFA
Angela Colton, City of San Diego
Steve Taylor, Shasta County
Catherine Laveau, Ventura County

Members Absent

Greg Milligan, ACCEL-City of Santa Barbara
Matthew Duarte, CAPRI
Barbara Esquivel, MPA

Legislative Activity

PRISM Lobbyist, Jason Schmelzer, provided an update on the legislative session. The deadline for all bills to pass through the second house policy committee is by next Friday. The legislature will then break for summer recess and will resume session in August. Jason also provided an update on reform efforts and PRISM awareness in the legislature.

The Committee, staff, and lobbyists discussed and reviewed a total of 27 bills.

The following bills were newly introduced or recently amended and that warranted a new/change in position:

Area	Author	Bill No.	Bill Description	Current Position
EE Benefits	Smallwood-Cuevas	SB-0238	Employment; Artificial Intelligence	Watch
Liability	Alanis	AB-0387	Nevaeh Youth Sports Safety Act	OUA
Liability	Pacheco	AB-1821	Cali Public Records Act; Methods of Submission, Fees & Agency Response Times	Support 2
Liability	Wiener	SB-0934	Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity Change Efforts; Actions for Recovery of Damages; SOL	Oppose 3
Other	Zbur	AB-2615	Educational Equity; Discrimination	Drop
Other	Arreguin	SB-0239	Crime; Crime Threats	Drop
Work Comp	Chen	AB-1048	WC Provider Contracts	Oppose 3
Work Comp	Arreguin	SB-0632	Community Colleges; California College Promises	Drop
Work Comp	Richardson	SB-0795	WC: Professional Athletes	Watch

The following bills were discussed and the positions remain unchanged:

Area	Author	Bill No.	Bill Description	Current Position
EE Benefits	Ortega	AB-1582	Higher Education Employer-Employee Relations Act	Watch
EE Benefits	Gonzalez	AB-1896	Public Employment; Disqualifications	Watch
EE Benefits	Calderon	AB-1940	Unlawful Practices; Discrimination; Menopause	Watch
EE Benefits	McNerney	SB-0947	Employment; Automated Decision Systems	Oppose 3
EE Benefits	Cabaldon	SB-1054	Unemployment Insurance; Reporting Requirements	Watch
EE Benefits	Perez	SB-1083	Non-Certificated Employees; Disciplinary Hearings; Egregious Misconduct	Watch
Health	Bauer-Kahan	AB-0302	Confidentiality of Medical Information Act	Watch
Health	Ta	AB-2233	Behavioral Health; Treatment Plans	Watch
Health	Ortega	AB-2575	Health Care Services; Artificial Intelligence	Watch
Health	Allen	SB-1244	Public Agency Benefits Intermediary Compensation Disclosure Act	Watch
Liability	Lowenthal	AB-0883	California Public Records Act	Watch
Liability	Ramos	AB-1586	Opioid Overdose Reversal Medication; School Resource Officers	Support 1
Liability	Gabriel	AB-1626	Youth Health; Sports; Coaches	Watch
Health	Zbur	AB-1930	Abortion or Gender-Affirming Health Care Services	Watch
Liability	Kalra	AB-2042	Civil Actions; Setting Aside Default or Default Judgment	Watch
Other	Ward	AB-1337	Information Practices Act of 1977	Concerns
Other	Jackson	AB-1664	Elections; Law Enforcement Investigations of Election Records or Voting Systems	Watch
Other	Muratsuchi	AB-1721	Schools; Comprehensive School Safety Plans	Watch
Other	Stefani	AB-1974	Firearms; Voluntary Firearm Storage Program	Watch
Other	Bauer-Kahan	AB-2007	Youth Programs; Identifying Information of Youth	Oppose 2
Other	Davies	AB-2242	Schools; Sextortion informational Poster	Watch
Other	Wahab	SB-0691	Body-Word Cameras; Policies	Watch
Other	Gonzalez	SB-0937	Law Enforcement; Flashbang Grenades & Explosive Breaching Charges	Watch
Other	Cervantes	SB-1013	Automated License Plate Recognition Systems	Watch
Work Comp	Archuleta	SB-0536	WC Insurance Fraud Reporting	Watch
Work Comp	Caballero	SB-0555	WC; Average Annual Earnings	Watch
Work Safety	Ortega	AB-2321	Bureau of Investigations	Watch

Strategic Communications Services

The Committee reviewed and discussed the proposed plan for strategic communications relating to tort reform. The plan includes three phases of use of the program money allocated, with the first phase starting July 1, 2026 and utilizing \$600k. Phase One would include creation of a website, social media presence, digital ads, poll voter attitudes, consultation with legal counsel, etc.

At a future meeting, the committee will discuss the need for a sub-committee to participate at a more direct level in the tort reform discussions and oversight of the strategic communications efforts.

The Committee approved Phase One along with retention of legal counsel for advice regarding Fair Political Practices Commission compliance issues.

Staff Report

Staff advised that at their May meeting, the Executive Committee approved the recommendation for an in-house government affairs position, which will be included within the budget for the Board of Director's approval at their meeting in June.

Future Meetings

The next regularly scheduled meeting is ***Thursday, August 20, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.*** to be held ***via Web Conference.***