

PUBLIC RISK INNOVATION, SOLUTIONS, & MANAGEMENT

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY

Web Conference/Telephonic Meeting

Thursday, May 21, 2026
10:30 a.m.
Fourth Meeting – 2026

Members Present

Greg Milligan, ACCEL-City of Santa Barbara
Jennifer Collins, California Schools JPA
Matthew Duarte, CAPRI
Shauna Biagio, City of Hanford
Barbara Esquivel, MPA
Erika Leahy, City of Napa
Nancy Rice, Monterey County
Rhonda Haynes, OCFA
Steve Taylor, Shasta County
Catherine Laveau, Ventura County

Members Absent

Alexander Zaretsky, Gold Coast Transit
Marisol Thorn, City of El Cajon
Angela Colton, City of San Diego

Legislative Activity

PRISM Lobbyist, Jason Schmelzer, provided an update on the legislative session. It is nearing the mid-point of the 2026 legislative session, and all bills must pass through their house of origin by next Friday, May 29th. The Governor released the May revision of the budget last week reflecting a decrease in the deficit, largely in part due to AI revenue and businesses residing in California.

The Committee, staff, and lobbyists discussed and reviewed a total of 34 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	Caloza	AB-0672	Real Property Tax; Welfare Exemption; Community Land Trusts	Drop
EE Benefits	Reyes	SB-0951	Employment; Technological Displacement; Notice	Oppose Unless Amended
Liability	Wiener	SB-0934	Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity Change Efforts; Actions for Recovery of Damages; Statute of Limitations	Oppose 2

The following bills were discussed and the positions remain unchanged:

Area	Author	Bill No.	Bill Description	Current Position
EE Benefits	Ahrens	AB-1564	Employer-Employee Relations; Confidential Communications	Oppose 2
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	Ahrens	AB-1961	Civil Actions; Protective Orders; Workplace Violence	Support 2
EE Benefits	Lee	AB-2095	Employment Discrimination; Conviction History	Oppose 3
EE Benefits	Haney	AB-2150	Training Requirements; Opioid Overdose Reversals	Watch
EE Benefits	Sanchez	AB-2365	Education-Related Positions; Dismissals; Egregious Misconduct; Employment Prohibition	Watch
EE Benefits	Pacheco	AB-2563	Sex Discrimination; Scope	Watch
EE Benefits	Petrie-Norris	AB-2656	Public Employees; Notice; Artificial Intelligence Performing Service With Scope of Work	Oppose 2
EE Benefits	McNerney	SB-0947	Employment; Automated Decision Systems	Oppose 3
EE Benefits	Menjivar	SB-1024	Firefighter Postpartum & Recovery Leave	Watch
EE Benefits	Durazo	SB-1149	Employees; Bereavement Leave	Watch
Health	Aguiar-Curry	AB-2000	Prescription Drugs	Watch
Health	Ortega	AB-2575	Health Care Services; Artificial Intelligence	Watch
Health	Rubio	SB-1309	Coverage; Lung Cancer	Watch
Liability	Bryan	AB-1537	Peace Officers; Secondary Employment	Watch
Liability	Sanchez	AB-1819	Automated External Defibrillators	Watch
Liability	Zbur	AB-1930	Civil Law	Watch
Other	Jackson	AB-1664	Elections; Law Enforcement Investigations of Election Records or Voting Systems	Watch
Other	Irwin	AB-1985	Schools; Athletic Coaches; Mental Health Training	Watch
Other	Berman	AB-2003	Schools; Suicide Prevention	Watch
Other	Boerner	AB-2241	School Facilities; Inclusive School Playgrounds	Watch
Other	Gonzalez	SB-0937	Law Enforcement; Flashbang Grenades & Explosive Breaching Charges	Watch

Other	Cabaldon	SB-0994	Local Government; Nondisclosure Agreements	Watch
Other	Wiener	SB-1004	Law Enforcement; Masks	Watch
Other	Cervantes	SB-1013	Automated License Plate Recognition Systems	Watch
Work Comp	Ortega	AB-1576	Subsequent Injuries Payments	Oppose 3
Work Comp	Archuleta	SB-0536	WC Insurance Fraud Reporting	Watch
Work Safety	Bryan	AB-1883	Workplace Surveillance Tools	Oppose 2
Work Safety	Ortega	AB-2321	Bureau of Investigations	Watch

Staff Legislative Activity Report

Staff provided an update on various coalition meetings on legislative matters. A website (<https://fixcaworkerscomp.com/>) has been launched by a large employer group for education on workers' compensation issues. Additionally, employer groups have continued efforts to educate the legislature on tort related matters.

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, June 25, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.** to be held **via Web Conference.**