



League of California Cities 2025 Sponsored Bills

Each year, Cal Cities partners with lawmakers to sponsor legislation that will further Cal Cities' organizational and advocacy priorities. Below is a list of sponsored bills for the 2025 legislative session. If you have general questions, please contact Jason Rhine, Director of Legislative Affairs at jrhine@calcities.org.

Community Services - Caroline Grinder

AB 424 (Davies) Alcohol and other drug programs: complaints.

This measure would require the Department of Health Care Services to notify cities when their complaint is received, when the investigation concludes, and the outcome.

AB 492 (Valencia) Alcohol and drug programs: licensing.

This measure would require the Department of Health Care Services to notify cities any time they approve a new license for an alcohol or drug treatment facility in their jurisdiction.

SB 329 (Blakespear) Alcohol and drug recovery or treatment facilities: investigations.

This measure would implement timelines for when the Department of Health Care Services must respond to complaints. The department would need to assign complaints to staff within 10 days of receiving them and complete an investigation within 60 days.

SB 456 (Ashby) Supporting public art and protecting muralists.

This measure would exempt muralists from having to obtain a contractors license through the California State Licensing Board before being commissioned for public and private art projects.

SB 569 (Blakespear): Homeless Encampment Collaboration Act.

This measure would increase communication between the Department of Transportation and local governments to address encampments on state property.

Environmental Quality – Melissa Sparks-Kranz

AB 846 (Connolly): Endangered species: incidental take: wildfire preparedness activities.

The bill would expedite environmental permits for local wildfire preparedness projects in fire-risk areas near urban communities.

SB 454 (McNerney): State Water Resources Control Board. PFAS Mitigation Program.

The bill would propose the development of a PFAS Mitigation Fund to help clean up manmade PFAS contamination in water supplies and wastewater.

AB 996 (Pellerin): Public Resources: California Coastal Act of 1976.

This bill will be amended to define a clearer review process for the certification for local coastal programs through the Coastal Commission to help local governments update LCPs, including with the latest sea level rise science, planning, and implementation efforts.

AB 262 (Caloza): California Disaster Assistance.

This bill will be amended to authorize the California Office of Emergency Services to prioritize California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) funding for communities that are not eligible for federal FEMA funding, as well as create an individual assistance program under CDAA.

Governance, Transparency, and Labor Relations – Johnnie Ping



SB 239 (Arreguín) Open Meetings: Teleconferencing: Subsidiary Body.

This bill would allow public members of non-decision-making advisory bodies to meet remotely without posting their location or making that location available to the public.

Housing, Community and Economic Development – Brady Guertin

AB 650 (Papan): Planning and zoning: housing element: regional housing needs allocation

This bill will be amended to significantly improve the housing element review process by encouraging local jurisdictions to begin planning earlier and providing greater clarity and certainty to a difficult and complex process. AB 650 would allow local jurisdictions to begin the housing element update process six months earlier than what is required under existing law; incentivize local jurisdictions to submit their draft housing element to HCD 180 days sooner than required by law; and require HCD to provide written communication that identifies specific deficiencies in the draft, and text or analysis that HCD believes needs to be included to comply with the law.

Revenue and Taxation – Ben Triffo

SB 346 (Durazo): Local Agencies: Transient Occupancy Taxes: Short-Term Rental Facilitator.

This measure would, if a local agency chooses to opt-in, require short-term rental platforms, upon request, to provide the Assessor Parcel Number (APN) of a listing to a local agency, require the publishing of the local license number and Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) Certification on the short-term rental listing, and would authorize audit authority to local agencies on TOT when collected and remitted by a short-term rental platform.

Transportation, Communication and Public Works – Damon Conklin,

AB 476 (Gonzalez): Public Infrastructure: Copper Theft.

Cities across the state have all dealt with copper wire theft and have needed to expend substantial amounts of resources on enforcement and repairs. This measure would add new reporting and licensing requirements for scrap metal sellers and would expand restricted/illegal metal possession without proper documentation.

SB 74 (Seyarto): Infrastructure Gap Funding.

This measure would establish the "Gap Fund," managed by the Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (LCI), which will offer grants for the remaining 20 percent of project costs to cities and local agencies. To be eligible, the project must be 80 percent financed with 10 percent coming from local funds; "Gap Fund" grants can be used once per project and the infrastructure projects should be shovel ready.

SB 496 (Hurtado): Advanced Clean Fleets: Appeals Board.

This measure would create an appeals advisory committee made up of state agencies, industry experts, fleets, and local governments to review denied petitions for exemption and extension to the California Air Resource Board (CARB) Advanced Clean Fleets (ACF) regulation.