



Agriculture, Environment, and Natural Resources

The Agriculture, Environment, and Natural Resources (AENR) Policy Committee is responsible for the review of state and federal legislative proposals, state budget items, regulatory issues, and ballot measures relating to the environment and California's natural resources. The committee's wide range of policy issues includes agriculture, air quality, cannabis, water, forestry, mining, endangered species, disasters, energy, parks and recreation, public lands, coastal resources, fish and game, solid waste, and hazardous waste.

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Primary Legislative Policy Committees

Senate and Assembly Agriculture Committees
Senate and Assembly Appropriations Committees
Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee
Senate Environmental Quality Committee
Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee
Assembly Emergency Management
Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee
Assembly Natural Resources Committee
Assembly Utilities and Energy Committee
Assembly Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee

Primary Budget Subcommittees

Senate Subcommittee No. 2 on Resources, Environmental Protection and Energy
Assembly Subcommittee No. 3 on Climate Crisis, Resources, Energy, and Transportation

Key State Agencies

Board of Forestry and Fire Protection
California Air Resource Board
California Coastal Commission
California Energy Commission
California Environmental Protection Agency
California Natural Resources Agency
California Water Commission
CalRecycle
Department of Cannabis Control
Department of Conservation
Department of Fish and Wildlife
Department of Food and Agriculture
Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
Department of Parks and Recreation
Department of Toxic Substance Control
Department of Water Resources
Office of Emergency Services
Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
Public Utilities Commission
State Mining and Geology Board
State Water Resources Control Board

Key CSAC Affiliates

California Agriculture Commissioners and Sealers Association
California Animal Control Directors Association
California Association of Regional Parks and Open Space Administrators
California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health
California County Planning Directors Association
California Emergency Services Association
California Operational Area Coalition
County Building Officials Association of California
County Engineers Association of California (CEAC)

CSAC Internal Working Groups/Task Forces

Resiliency Working Group
Cannabis Working Group
Coastal Counties Caucus

Legislative Responsibilities

- Agriculture: Williamson Act, weights & measures, pesticide use, county fairs, food safety
- Air Quality
- Animal Control
- Cannabis
- Climate Change
- Emergency Management: California Disaster Assistance Act, funding, Stafford Act, regulatory streamlining, public safety power shutoffs, seismic safety, oil spills
- Energy: project siting, renewable energy, conservation, PACE, Community Choice Aggregation
- Environmental Justice
- Fish & Wildlife
- Flood Control
- Forest management
- Natural Resources: mining, open space conservation, coastal and wetlands
- Parks and Recreation
- Solid Waste Management: facilities, recycling, organic waste, extended producer responsibility
- Water: supply and quality issues, Delta, bonds, groundwater, drinking water, conservation
- Wildfire Prevention and Safety



Housing, Land Use and Transportation

The CSAC Housing, Land Use and Transportation Policy Committee reviews state and federal legislative proposals and budget items, regulatory issues, and ballot resolutions in these three important interrelated areas.

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Senate and Assembly Appropriations Committees
Senate Transportation Committee
Senate Housing Committee
Senate Environmental Quality Committee
Senate Governance and Finance Committee
Senate Governmental Organization Committee
Assembly Transportation Committee
Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee
Assembly Local Government Committee
Assembly Natural Resources Committee
Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

Primary Budget Subcommittees

Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee
Senate Budget Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration and General Government
Senate Budget Subcommittee No. 5 on Public Safety, Judiciary, Labor and Transportation
Assembly Budget Committee
Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 3 on Climate Crisis, Resources, Energy and Transportation
Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration

Key State Agencies

California Air Resources Board
California Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency
California Coastal Commission
California Department of Housing and Community Development
California Department of Transportation
California State Transportation Agency
California Transportation Commission
Department of Finance
Governor's Office of Planning and Research
State Controller's Office
Strategic Growth Council

Key CSAC Affiliates

California Building Officials Association of California

California County Planning Directors Association

County Engineers Association of California

CSAC Internal Working Groups/Task Forces

CSAC Tribal and Intergovernmental Affairs Working Group

CSAC/CEAC Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment Oversight Committee

Legislative Responsibilities

- Housing: housing element law, the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA), affordable housing, rental housing, farmer-worker housing, mobile homes, and financing/permanent source
- Land Use & Planning: general plans, California Environmental Quality Act, Subdivision Map Act, building standards, local coastal plans, regional blueprint plans and Sustainable Communities Strategies, incorporations and annexations, disadvantaged communities, regulatory streamlining, sustainable growth, and climate change
- Native American Issues: Tribal-State Gaming Compacts, mitigation of impacts from tribal gaming and other development, off-reservation gaming, sacred sites/cultural resources, and fee-to-trust and other federal tribal regulations
- Public Works Administration: contracts, procurement methods (e.g. design-build, public private partnerships), and force account
- Transportation: infrastructure (local streets and roads, bridges, complete streets), public transportation, active transportation, interregional rail, airports, state and federal funding, sustainable technologies and practices, and regulatory and project delivery streamlining
- Utilities/Telecommunications: land use and public right-of-way



Government Finance and Administration

The Government Finance and Administration (GFA) Policy Committee reviews state and federal legislative proposals, state budget items, ballot measures, and regulatory changes associated with a wide range of matters involving finance, government operations, and employee relations.

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Senate Banking and Financial Institutions Committee
Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee
Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee
Senate Governance and Finance Committee
Senate Insurance Committee
Senate Labor, Public Employment and Retirement Committee
Assembly Communications and Conveyance Committee
Assembly Elections Committee
Assembly Insurance Committee
Assembly Labor and Employment Committee
Assembly Local Government Committee
Assembly Public Employment and Retirement Committee
Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee
Senate and Assembly Appropriations Committees
Senate and Assembly Judiciary Committees
Senate and Assembly Military and Veterans Affairs Committees
Senate and Assembly Public Safety Committees

Primary Budget Committees/Subcommittees

Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee
- Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration and General Government
Assembly Budget Committee
- Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration
- Subcommittee No. 6 on Budget Process Oversight and Program Evaluation

Key State Agencies

California Department of Finance
California Department of Human Resources
California Department of Industrial Relations
California Division of Workers' Compensation
California Labor and Workforce Development Agency
California Public Employment Relations Board
California Public Employees' Retirement System
California Secretary of State
Commission on State Mandates
Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development
Industrial Welfare Commission (IWC)
State Board of Equalization
State Controller's Office



Government Finance and Administration

State Treasurer's Office

Key CSAC Affiliates

California Assessors' Association
California Association of Clerks and Elections Officials
California Association of County Treasurers and Tax Collectors
California Association of County Veterans Services Officers
California County Librarians Association
California State Association of County Auditors
California Workforce Association
County Administrative Officers Association of California
County Counsels Association of California
County Engineers' Association of California
County Personnel Administrators Association of California
State Association of County Retirement Systems

Legislative Responsibilities

- Broadband, cybersecurity, and telecommunications
- Child care
- Economic development: Financing tools, eminent domain, job training programs
- Elections: Administration and funding
- General Government: State governance, state employee issues, Brown Act, Public Records Act, privacy/identity theft issues
- General Services: Americans with Disabilities Act, prevailing wage, labor compliance, service contracts
- Governance: Boards of Supervisors' authority and duties, LAFCO
- Local revenues: Vehicle License Fees, bonded indebtedness, investments, constitutional protections, fees, reorganization, incorporation
- Mandates: Claiming process, reimbursement, constitutional protections
- Personnel Management: Labor relations/collective bargaining, wages (terms and conditions), personnel records/programs/practices, employee training and development, Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA), California Family Rights Act (CFRA), Pregnancy Disability Leave (PDL)
- Political Reform Act and conflict of interest code
- Public Retirement: 1937 Act law, Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) law, Public Employees Medical and Hospital Care Act (PEMHCA) law
- Risk Management: Unemployment insurance, State Disability Insurance (SDI), health and dental insurance, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), other insurance
- State finance: State budget, school finance, general obligation bonds
- Taxation: Property tax, sales and use tax, other state and local taxes, administration, constitutional protections
- Veterans' Issues: County veterans' service officers funding, benefits, compensation, waivers
- Workers' Compensation



Health and Human Services

The Health and Human Services (HHS) Policy Committee reviews state and federal legislative proposals, state budget items, ballot measures and regulatory activities. Counties are both providers and employers in the health and behavioral health care systems and are responsible for a range of eligibility and enrollment activities related to social services programs.

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Primary Legislative Policy Committees

Senate and Assembly Health Committees
Senate and Assembly Human Services Committees
Senate and Assembly Appropriations Committees
Assembly Aging and Long-Term Care Committee

Primary Budget Committees/Subcommittees

Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee
Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 3 on Health and Human Services
Assembly Budget Committee
Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 1 on Health and Human Services

Key State Agencies

Department of Finance
Covered California
California Health and Human Services Agency
California Business Consumer Services and Housing Agency
Department of Child Support Services
Department of Health Care Services
Department of Housing and Community Development
Department of Social Services Department of State Hospitals Department of Public Health Department of Education
Department of Managed Health Care State Controller's Office
California Emergency Medical Services Authority Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development

Key CSAC Affiliates

California Association of Areas Agencies on Aging
California Association of Public Authorities
California Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems
California Mental Health Services Authority
California State Association of Public Administrators, Public Guardians, and Public Conservators
Child Support Directors Association of California
County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California
County Health Executives Association of California
County Welfare Directors Association of California
First 5 Association of California
Health Officers Association of California

Legislative Responsibilities

- 1991 Realignment
- 2011 Realignment (HHS)
- AB 12
- Adult Day Health Care/Community-Based Adult Services (CBAS)
- Adult Protective Services
- Affordable Care Act
- Aging & Long-Term Care
- Alcohol & Drug Programs
- Benefits
- CalFresh (SNAP)
- CalWORKs
- Child Support
- Child Support Automation
- Child Welfare Services/Foster Care
- Children's Health Care/SCHIP
- Coordinated Care Initiative/Duals Demonstration Project
- County Administration
- County Medical Services Program (CMSP)
- Developmental Disabilities/Regional Centers
- Disproportionate Share Hospitals (DSH)
- Drug Medi-Cal
- Dual Diagnosis
- Eligibility
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- Family Violence
- Federal Waivers
- General Assistance
- Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)
- Health Plans and Medical Care
- Homeless Assistance
- Homelessness
- In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)
- Kin-GAP
- Lanterman-Petris-Short
- Managed Care/Expansion
- Medi-Cal
- Mental Health
- Poverty
- Proposition 10
- Proposition 99
- Public Health
- Public Hospitals
- Reimbursements
- Short-Doyle System
- State Budget
- State Hospitals
- The Uninsured
- Tobacco/Vaping
- Welfare/Social Services Programs



Administration of Justice

The Administration of Justice policy area has responsibility for a broad array of justice-related issues that includes juvenile justice; probation; courts; local law enforcement; adult and juvenile detention; grand juries, and all county functions connected to the civil and criminal justice systems. The committee has primary responsibility for the development of policies relating to the administration and financing of the various county programs under its purview.

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Primary Legislative Policy Committees

Senate and Assembly Public Safety Committees
Senate and Assembly Judiciary Committees
Senate and Assembly Appropriations Committees

Primary Budget Subcommittees

Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 5 on Corrections, Public Safety, Judiciary, Labor and Transportation
Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 5 on Public Safety

Key State Agencies

Attorney General/Department of Justice
Board of State and Community Corrections
California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
California Health and Human Services Agency: Department of State Hospitals, Office of Youth and Community Restoration, Department of Health Care Services
Department of Finance
Judicial Council

Key CSAC Affiliates

California Association of County Executives
California Association of Public Administrators, Public Guardians and Public Conservators
California District Attorneys Association
California Judges Association
California Public Defenders Association
California Revenue Officers Association
California State Coroners' Association
California State Sheriffs' Association
Chief Probation Officers of California

CSAC Internal Working Groups/Task Forces

County Criminal Justice Analysts'

Legislative Responsibilities

- Bail Reform
- Crimes and corrections – 2011 public safety realignment (broad implementation, programmatic, and funding issues; fiscal structure; allocation); detention facilities; criminal administrative fines and fees; victims’ issues; prisons and parole; probation; and Felony Incompetent to Stand Trial
- County counsel
- Court Issues – trial court reforms; court administration and financing; court facilities and security; fines and forfeitures; judges; civil and criminal procedure; attorneys; collection of court-ordered debt
- Family law – family violence; probate; guardianship/conservatorship
- General local government – county officials; grand juries
- Juvenile justice issues
- Law enforcement - alcohol beverages; crime labs; funding; and gambling
- Miscellaneous/state government issues – terrorism; contracts; Political Reform Act; term limits
- Tort Reform – immunity; insurance; liability; settlement and judgments