



2026 Legislative Priorities

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Decision Making Framework

Alignment

- Does the legislation directly relate to behavioral health or to the Commission and its work?
- Does the legislation relate to the implementation of the Behavioral Health Services Act or the state's Behavioral Health Transformation?
- Is it aligned with the strategic plan of the Commission to:
 1. *Champion vision into action (elevate diverse voices, improve systems, apply global best practices);*
 2. *Catalyze best practices (build capacity, strengthen workforce, ensure equitable access);*
 3. *Inspire innovation (promote adaptive policy, fund new ideas, share impact stories); or*
 4. *Drive expectations (reduce stigma, measure outcomes, raise public and policymaker awareness)?*

Impact and Equity

- Does the legislation advance equity for marginalized or underserved groups?
- What is the potential impact (high, medium, low)?
- What is the urgency or timing of the legislation?
- Is funding identified and sufficient to implement and sustain the legislation?
- Are the intended impacts consistent with the Commission's vision for all Californians to experience wellbeing through a coordinated, prevention and recovery focused system?

Landscape and Value

- Do stakeholders support the legislation?
- Do the individuals, communities, or organizations directly impacted by the legislation support it?
- Is the Commission's support meaningful or necessary for the legislation's success?
- Does this duplicate current legislation or other statutory mandates?

Potential Outcomes

- Support
- Oppose
- Oppose unless amended
- Watch
- No position

Assembly Bill 2150 (Haney)

SUMMARY

Requires require employers to provide a brief naloxone training module to employees who are already required to maintain CPR certification for their occupations.

CONNECTION

Aligns with the Commission's SUD portfolio, BHSA, Strategic Plan Update, and previously supported policy.

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California Association of Alcohol and Drug Program Executives

Assembly Bill 1586 (Ramos)

SUMMARY

Requires schools to ensure that each school resource carries an opioid antagonist and complete opioid overdose recognition and response training; while also providing liability protection.

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California Association of Alcohol and Drug Program Executives (CAADPE)

CONNECTION

Aligns with the Commission's SUD portfolio, BHSA, Strategic Plan Update, and previously supported policy.

Assembly Bill 1626 (Gabriel)

SUMMARY

Requires mental health training for youth sports coaches. Through this training, coaches will be provided with potentially lifesaving tools to support California's youngest student athletes

CONNECTION

Aligns with recommendations in the Commission's school mental health policy report & previously supported efforts.

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California Alliance of Child and Family Services (CACFS)

Assembly Bill 2011 (Hart)

SUMMARY

Codifies the 2024 federal Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act (MHPAEA) Final Rule into California law.

CONNECTION

Aligns with the Commission's SUD portfolio, BHSA, Strategic Plan Refresh, and previously supported policy.

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Steinberg Institute; CA Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychology; CA State Association of Psychiatrists; Kennedy Forum; Department of Insurance

Assembly Bill 2138 (Krell)

SUMMARY

Expands access to peer support by requiring peers to be integrated into Enhanced Care Management (ECM) teams and by ending automatic employment disqualifications that exclude qualified candidates.

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Steinberg Institute

CONNECTION

Aligns with the Commission's Strategic Plan Update priorities, Peer Respite Grant Program, and efforts by the Client, Family, and Community Inclusion, Lived Experience, and Diversity Advisory Committee.

Motion 1

AB 2150 (HANEY)

The Legislative and External Affairs Advisory Committee recommends that the full Commission support AB 2150 (Haney) and directs staff to communicate its position to the Legislature and the Governor.

Motion 2

AB 1586 (RAMOS)

The Legislative and External Affairs Advisory Committee recommends that the full Commission support AB 1586 (Ramos) and directs staff to communicate its position to the Legislature and the Governor.

Motion 3

AB 1626 (GABRIEL)

The Legislative and External Affairs Advisory Committee recommends that the full Commission support AB 1626 (Gabriel) and directs staff to communicate its position to the Legislature and the Governor.

Motion 4

AB 2011 (HART)

The Legislative and External Affairs Advisory Committee recommends that the full Commission support AB 2011 (Hart) and directs staff to communicate its position to the Legislature and the Governor.

Motion 5

AB 2138 (KRELL)

The Legislative and External Affairs Advisory Committee recommends that the full Commission support AB 2138 (Krell) and directs staff to communicate its position to the Legislature and the Governor.