



AGENDA ITEM 14

Action

2026 Legislative Priorities

Item Goals

- Review and consider legislation for the Commission to support in the 2026 legislative session.

Behavioral Health Landscape

- The Commission is frequently asked to consult on or provide guidance for developing legislative proposals, particularly those that may affect its operations or create new responsibilities. In addition, Commission staff proactively support legislation that aligns with the Commission's behavioral health priorities.

Relevant Commission Work

- Beginning with the 2026 legislative session, the Commission reviews all legislation through the Legislative and External Affairs (LEX) Advisory Committee, using the committee's decision-making framework.
- During the March 26, 2026, Commission meeting, the Commission took a position on the following:
 - **AB 96 (Jackson)** – *Support*
 - **AB 1540 (González)** – *Support*
 - **Proposed budget cut** to the Medi-Cal community-based mobile crisis intervention services – *Oppose*
- During the April 16, 2026, LEX Advisory Committee meeting, the committee recommended that the full Commission take a position on the following:
 - **AB 1586 (Ramos)** – *Support*
Clarifies that School Resource Officers (SRO) may voluntarily administer opioid antagonists under the existing school volunteer program with associated

protections; and requires SRO distribution/use reporting to POST for a five-year legislative report.

- **AB 1626 (Gabriel) – Support**
Expands required coach training to include youth athlete behavioral health awareness, trauma-informed recognition, supportive communication and referral procedures; and directs CDE to create/post and disseminate a model youth sports mental health training by September 1, 2027.
- **AB 1665 (Pacheco) – Support**
Require coaches in elementary schools, middle schools and interscholastic sports to complete training in student behavioral health, aligned with AB 1626, every two (2) years.
- **AB 2011 (Hart) – Support**
Codifies the 2024 federal Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act (MHPAEA) Final Rule into California law.
- **AB 2150 (Haney) – Support**
Requires California employers that mandate CPR certification to also provide a separate online naloxone-use video module (American Heart Association or Red Cross), with trainings reviewed and approved by the Emergency Medical Services Authority.

Proposed Motions

- That the Commission support AB 1586 (Ramos) and directs staff to communicate its position to the Legislature and the Governor.
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