

Staff Summary for December 11-12, 2024

21A. Administrative Items – Legislative Report**Today's Item**Information Action

Receive updates on legislative activity and consider providing direction to staff on potential actions.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions (N/A)**Background**

At each regularly scheduled Commission meeting, staff identifies state legislation or regulations being developed by other agencies that may affect the Commission's resources and workload or may be of interest to commissioners. Additionally, the Department provides a report on active bills it is tracking during the legislative session.

The California State Legislature convened on December 2, 2024 to begin the next two-year legislative cycle for 2025-26. Both houses also convened a special session, called by Governor Newsom to prepare the state for the incoming federal administration, which has signaled multiple policy proposals that would be harmful to California. Both houses are recessed for the regular session and the first extraordinary session of 2025–26 until January 6, 2025.

At any meeting, the Commission may direct staff to provide information to, or share concerns with, bill authors. Today is an opportunity for the Commission to provide direction to staff concerning proposed legislation.

Legislative Calendar Highlights*

** The 2025 dates are tentative*

Nov. 30: Adjournment sine die (final adjournment) at midnight for the 2023-24 session

Dec. 2: The 2025–26 regular session convened for an organizational session; 29 new members sworn into office

Dec. 23-25: Winter holiday

Dec. 31-Jan. 1, 2025: New Year holiday

Jan. 1: Statutes take effect, unless another date was specified

Jan. 6: Legislature reconvenes for the 2025026 regular session and the first extraordinary session

Jan. 10: Governor's budget must be submitted

Jan. 20: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day observed

Jan. 24: Last day to submit bill requests to the Office of Legislative Counsel

Feb. 17: Presidents' Day

Feb. 21: Last day for bills to be introduced

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Bills Introduced During the 2023-2024 Session

Before the end of the day on December 2, over 140 bills and resolutions had been introduced and ten — primarily related to the functioning of each house — were passed. Due to the number of bills and the timing associated with meeting deadlines, staff was unable to review the bills in detail; an initial glance did not identify any bills that would have a significant impact on the Commission. Regular reporting on bills by staff and the Department will resume in February.

The most current version of individual bills and resolutions, their history and their status, may be found at www.leginfo.legislature.ca.gov.

Significant Public Comments (N/A)

Recommendation (N/A)

Exhibits (N/A)

Motion (N/A)