
A California watchlist — Legislative View

Ai Regulation in California

Bills, positions, and funder activity in California (CA) — current through May 24 (today).

Date	May 24 (today)
Scope	California only · in-scope bills filtered to Ai Regulation
Evidence in	CA
Sources	IRS Form 990 Schedule I; LegiScan bill text; state committee analyses; official position records.

Public records only. Every claim in this brief cites a database row, source URL, or filing. No causal inferences are drawn beyond the documented record.

Executive summary

Where California stands today on ai regulation, what the coalition map looks like, and what to watch over the rest of the session.

Ai Regulation activity is currently concentrated in CA (1 state); cross-state evidence is still pending.

The dataset behind this brief covers **53** in-scope bills in California, **1,917** official position records drawn from state committee proceedings, and **1** tracked 501(c)(3) funder surfaced from IRS Form 990 Schedule I filings. Cross-state template-text matching has produced **151** pairs above our similarity threshold so far this session.

The coalition picture is unusually well-documented for this scope: **321** support filings and **434** opposition filings appear on the official record, drawn from 24 distinct organizations across the in-scope bill set. The Coalition Map section that follows ranks those organizations by sustained engagement — number of distinct bills they have weighed in on — rather than headline volume, so single-shot testifiers don't crowd out the operators with durable interest in the topic.

What we know now

- 53 in-scope bills are active, with the strongest current concentration in CA.
- Official state-source evidence from CA gives the brief 1917 recorded bill-position row(s), grounding the campaign in source documents.
- No tracked operator (matched to an EIN) has surfaced yet — current operator names are source-derived and unverified.

What to watch next

- 4 template cluster(s) already connect bills across states — watch for new sibling filings.
- Texas Appleseed funded Consumer Federation of America (\$10,000, 2023), which testified in support of CA AB1018.

How to read this brief

The pages that follow move from *what is on file* to *who is engaged* to *where the money is*. Section 2 is a deep-dive on each of the most active bills, with sponsors, a description in the bill's own statutory language, the breakdown of documented positions, and a primary-source link. Section 3 — the Coalition Map — ag-

gregates the position roster across all in-scope bills, so you can see which organizations show up repeatedly on each side rather than only on the headline measure. Section 4 lists individual evidence records flagged during the build. Section 5 documents the funder→bill chains we have been able to fully verify from IRS Form 990 Schedule I filings. Section 6 covers cross-state template spread. The closing methodology section names the source tables and known gaps. Citations and primary-source URLs are footnoted at the end of each major section.

53 in-scope bills already introduced; 151 template links to bills in other states; 867 organizations with recorded bill activity; 1 active organizations connected to tracked funding

Active campaign signal in CA

Key bills in California

The most-active bills in California on ai regulation, ranked by combined sponsor activity, position depth, and recent committee movement. Each entry lists the statutory citation, sponsors of record, the documented position roster, and a primary source link for verification.

CA AB1018 (ORDERED TO INACTIVE FILE AT THE REQUEST OF SENATOR WIENER.)

Automated decision systems.

Sponsors *Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, Isaac Bryan, Liz Ortega, Steve Padilla, Chris Ward, et al..* **Last action** *Ordered to inactive file at the request of Senator Wiener. (2025-09-13).*

An act to add Chapter 24.6 (commencing with Section 22756) to Division 8 of the Business and Professions Code, to amend Section 51 of the Civil Code, and to add Article 3 (commencing with Section 12959) to Chapter 6 of Part 2.8 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, relating to artificial intelligence.

| **441** documented positions on file — **185** support, **256** oppose, **0** monitor.

Supports (185)

ACCE Action (Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment)
American Federation of Musicians, Local 7
Asian Americans Advancing Justice Southern California
CFT-a Union of Educators and Classified Professionals,...
California Center for Movement Legal Services
California Civil Liberties Advocacy
+179 more

Opposes (256)

Advanced Medical Technology Association
Advanced Medical Technology Association (ADVAMED)
Aerospace and Defense Alliance of California
America's Physician Groups
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists-District IX
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists-District Ix
+250 more

See note ¹ for primary source.

CA AB1064 (CONSIDERATION OF GOVERNOR'S VETO STRICKEN FROM FILE.)

Leading Ethical AI Development (LEAD) for Kids Act.

Sponsors *Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, Gail Pellerin.* Last action *Consideration of Governor's veto stricken from file. (2026-01-22).*

An act to add Chapter 25.1 (commencing with Section 22757.20) to Division 8 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to artificial intelligence.

| 46 documented positions on file — 34 support, 12 oppose, 0 monitor.

Supports (34)

AI for Education
American Academy of Pediatrics, California
California Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
California Initiative for Technology and Democracy
Center for Digital Democracy
Children's Advocacy Institute
+28 more

Opposes (12)

CalBroadband
California Chamber of Commerce
Chamber Of Progress
Civil Justice Association of California
Computer and Communications Industry Association
TechNet
+6 more

See note ² for primary source.

CA AB1405 (IN COMMITTEE: HELD UNDER SUBMISSION.)

Artificial intelligence: auditors: enrollment.

Sponsors *Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, Scott Wiener.* Last action *In committee: Held under submission. (2025-08-29).*

An act to add Chapter 5.9.5 (commencing with Section 11549.80) to Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of, and to repeal Section 11549.86 of, the Government Code, relating to artificial intelligence.

| 70 documented positions on file — 7 support, 63 oppose, 0 monitor.

Supports (7)

California Institute for Technology and Diversity
Oakland Privacy
TechEquity Action
Transparency Coalition.AI
Transparency Coalition.ai
+2 more

Opposes (63)

Business Software Alliance
California Chamber of Commerce
Computer and Communications Industry Association
Consumer Protection Committee
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TechCA
+57 more

See note ³ for primary source.

CA AB1609 (FROM COMMITTEE CHAIR, WITH AUTHOR'S AMENDMENTS: AMEND, AND RE-REFER...)

Customer service chatbots.

Sponsors *Rick Zbur*. Last action *From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on P & C.P. Read... (2026-04-14)*.

An act to add Chapter 22.6.1 (commencing with Section 22625) to Division 8 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to artificial intelligence.

See note ⁴ for primary source.

CA AB2013 (CHAPTERED BY SECRETARY OF STATE - CHAPTER 817, STATUTES OF 2024.)

Generative artificial intelligence: training data transparency.

Sponsors *Jacqui Irwin*. Last action *Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 817, Statutes of 2024. (2024-09-28)*.

An act to add Title 15.2 (commencing with Section 3110) to Part 4 of Division 3 of the Civil Code, relating to artificial intelligence.

See note ⁵ for primary source.

CA AB2355 (CHAPTERED BY SECRETARY OF STATE - CHAPTER 260, STATUTES OF 2024.)

Political Reform Act of 1974: political advertisements: artificial intelligence.

Sponsors *Sabrina Cervantes, Wendy Carrillo*. Last action *Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 260, Statutes of 2024. (2024-09-17)*.

An act to amend Sections 84504, 84504.1, 84504.2, 84504.3, 84054.4, and 84504.5 of, and to add Section 84514 to, the Government Code, relating to the Political Reform Act of 1974.

| **23** documented positions on file — **9** support, **14** oppose, **0** monitor.

Supports (9)

California Clean Money Campaign

California Contract Cities Association

Chamber Of Progress

Computer and Communications Industry Association

Context Fund

Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce

+3 more

See note [6](#) for primary source.

CA AB2652 (IN COMMITTEE: HELD UNDER SUBMISSION.)

State Department of Education: artificial intelligence working group.

Sponsors *Al Muratsuchi*. Last action *In committee: Held under submission. (2024-05-16)*.

An act to add Section 33328.5 to the Education Code, relating to the State Department of Education.

See note [Z](#) for primary source.

CA AB2811 (IN COMMITTEE: SET, FIRST HEARING. HEARING CANCELED AT THE REQUEST O...)

Attorneys: court filings: artificial intelligence.

Sponsors *Josh Lowenthal*. Last action *In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author. (2024-04-01)*.

An act to add Section 6068.1 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to artificial intelligence.

See note [8](#) for primary source.

Notes — Key bills

- 1 **CA AB1018.** Source: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billAnalysisClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB1018
- 2 **CA AB1064.** Source: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billAnalysisClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB1064
- 3 **CA AB1405.** Source: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billAnalysisClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB1405
- 4 **CA AB1609.** Source: <https://legiscan.com/CA/bill/AB1609/2025>
- 5 **CA AB2013.** Source: <https://legiscan.com/CA/bill/AB2013/2023>
- 6 **CA AB2355.** Source: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billAnalysisClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB2355
- 7 **CA AB2652.** Source: <https://legiscan.com/CA/bill/AB2652/2023>
- 8 **CA AB2811.** Source: <https://legiscan.com/CA/bill/AB2811/2023>

Coalition map

The organizations on each side of ai regulation bills in California, aggregated across every in-scope measure. Bill counts are the number of separate bills on which each organization has filed an official position — a useful proxy for sustained engagement rather than one-off testimony.

Across the in-scope bill set this brief documents **321** distinct support filings, **434** opposition filings, and **0** monitor-only positions. The tables below list the organizations most active on each side, ranked by the number of distinct bills they have engaged with.

Most-active supporters

Organizations that have testified or filed in support on the largest number of distinct in-scope bills.

Organization	Bills	Recent engagements
Oakland Privacy	11	CA AB302, CA SB896, CA AB2355, CA AB2877, CA AB3030, +1 more
TechEquity Action	5	CA SB7, CA AB316, CA AB853, CA AB1018, CA AB1405
California Civil Liberties Advocacy	4	CA AB302, CA SB11, CA AB316, CA AB1018
Common Sense Media	4	CA AB2877, CA SB11, CA AB1018, CA AB1064
Transparency Coalition.AI	4	CA SB942, CA SB11, CA SB468, CA AB1405
California Employment Lawyers Association	3	CA AB2930, CA SB7, CA AB1018
California Federation of Labor Unions, AFL-CIO	3	CA SB7, CA AB316, CA AB1018
California Initiative for Technology and Democracy	3	CA SB942, CA AB316, CA AB1064
California School Employees Association	3	CA SB1288, CA SB7, CA AB1018
Consumer Attorneys of California	3	CA SB7, CA AB316, CA AB1018
Consumer Federation of California	3	CA SB7, CA AB316, CA AB1018
Consumer Reports	3	CA AB2930, CA AB853, CA AB1018

Most-active opposition

Organizations that have testified or filed in opposition on the largest number of distinct in-scope bills.

Organization	Bills	Recent engagements
TechNet	11	CA SB1047, CA AB2877, CA SB11, CA SB7, CA AB316, +1 more
California Chamber of Commerce	10	CA SB1047, CA AB2877, CA SB11, CA SB7, CA AB316, +1 more
Computer and Communications Industry Association	7	CA SB1047, CA SB11, CA SB420, CA AB853, CA AB1018, +1 more
Chamber Of Progress	6	CA SB1047, CA SB7, CA SB420, CA AB1018, CA AB1064, +1 more
Consumer Technology Association	5	CA SB1047, CA AB2930, CA SB7, CA AB853, CA AB1018
California Hospital Association	4	CA AB2930, CA SB7, CA SB468, CA AB1018
Abundance Institute	3	CA SB1047, CA SB420, CA SB813
American Staffing Association	3	CA AB2930, CA SB7, CA AB1018
Association of National Advertisers	3	CA SB1047, CA SB11, CA AB1018
CalBroadband	3	CA AB2930, CA AB1018, CA AB1064
California Credit Union League	3	CA AB2930, CA SB7, CA AB1018
California Manufacturers and Technology Association	3	CA SB1047, CA SB7, CA AB1018

Note: organization names are surfaced from official committee filings and witness lists. Where an organization appears under multiple legal names (e.g. parent and chapter), we do not consolidate without an explicit identity match in our funder graph.

Evidence highlights

Specific findings flagged during the build of this brief — the individual records that drove the headline metrics, with source references for verification.

State activity is proven

53 live ai regulation bills across 1 states define the current campaign footprint.

Official state-source evidence anchors the brief

1917 official bill-position row(s) from CA give the demo direct source evidence instead of only inference.

Template spread remains an open question

4 template cluster(s) currently reinforce cross-state bill copying.

Funding context

1 funder(s) are directly connected to 1 bill-active organization(s) via IRS 990 grants, producing 1 bill-position attribution(s).

The network is investigative context

0 active operator node(s) and the filtered campaign graph help frame where to inspect next.

Funders with legislative leverage

Where the funder→bill chain runs all the way through: grantor → grant → recipient organization → position on a tracked bill.

The following funders have at least one fully-documented chain in this brief — a 501(c)(3) grant to an organization that subsequently filed a position on a bill currently in scope. Chains are factual, not causal. We list the funder, the recipient, and the bill; we do not claim the grant *caused* the position.

Texas Appleseed

EIN 74-2804268. Tracked grants total \$10,000 across 1 recipient; 1 in-scope bill carry a documented position from those recipients.

Bill	Position	Recipient (testifying)
CA AB1018 Automated decision systems.	Supports	Consumer Federation of America

Cross-state template spread

Bills that share substantial text with bills in other states — the model-legislation pattern, surfaced from pairwise similarity scoring.

The following clusters exceed our similarity threshold across multiple states. Cluster identity is determined by shared text passages, not topic or sponsor. A high-similarity cluster usually indicates either a shared draft passed between state legislatures or a model-legislation organization circulating boilerplate.

Cluster	Bills	States	Max similarity
cluster-1 CA AB1018, CA AB1405, CA AB2013, CA AB2652, +89 more	93	CA, CO, CT, FL, GA, HI, IA, IL, IN, MD, MI, MN, MO, MS, NV, NY, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA, VT	79%
cluster-4 CA SB503, IL SB2259, IN HB1620, MD SB987, +2 more	6	CA, IL, IN, MD, NV, WI	78%
cluster-2 CA AB2355, KS HB2559, KS SB375	3	CA, KS	71%
cluster-3 CA AB412, OK SB746	2	CA, OK	71%

Methodology and sources

How this brief was built — and where to verify it.

Every metric in this brief is computed directly against our database of public records. Confidence ratings are conservative; a *High* rating requires both breadth (multiple states or multiple sources) and depth (state-source evidence, not inference). The full methodology is documented at legislativeview.com/methodology.

Source tables

1. **bills.** Bill metadata and text, ingested from LegiScan across all 50 states. Refreshed nightly. Topic scope determined by required-keyword match against title and full text.
2. **bill_positions.** Official state-source position records from Texas committee witness lists and California Senate/Assembly committee analyses. Match status indicates whether the testifying organization has been resolved to a tracked entity.
3. **bill_similarity.** Pairwise text-similarity scores across in-scope bills. Default scoring is token-overlap with section-structure weighting; an optional sentence-embedding pass catches paraphrased templates that token overlap misses.
4. **grants.** IRS Form 990 Schedule I named grants — funder, recipient, amount, year, purpose. Approximately \$98M tracked across the in-scope organization set.
5. **organizations.** Funder and recipient identity records. Curated set of 52 anchor entities plus 298 backfilled from grant recipients.

Known data gaps

- Most bill-active entities are still source-derived — The brief uses strict exact-name and reviewed exact-alias matching, so unmatched witness-list organizations remain stubs.

May 24 (today). Public records only. Citations available on request from the underlying data warehouse.