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Subject

Status of 2025 Legislation Considered by the
Legislation Committee

The following is the final status report on 2025 legislation considered by the Judicial Council's Legislation Committee so far during the 2025–2026 legislative session. The bills are listed in numerical order by house (Assembly and Senate) and indexed by subject matter. The second column, Bill No. (Author), Description and Updates, summarizes the relevant provisions and the version of the bill on which the Legislation Committee's position is based. The third column, Judicial Council Position, tracks the council's initial position and any subsequent change to that position. Because you and Justice Corrigan have recused yourselves from taking part in deliberations or discussions of any electronic recording issues that may come before the Judicial Council, the status chart does not include any actions taken by the Legislation Committee on behalf of the council concerning Assembly Bill 882 (Papan) Electronic court reporting.

The text of all versions of a bill, committee analyses, vote information, history, and bill status can be found on the Legislature's website at leginfo.ca.gov/faces//billSearchClient.xhtml. Our position letters on legislation as well as fiscal impact statements for those bills that would have a substantial fiscal impact on the judicial branch are hyperlinked in the report. These letters are also published on the Judicial Council's Governmental Affairs webpage at courts.ca.gov/position-letters.htm.

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AB 32 (Tracy Kenny)	<u>AB 32 (Soria) Tribal judges</u> As introduced December 2, 2024 Expands some of the existing security protections afforded to certain governmental officials so that those protections would include specified tribal court judges. Specifically, this bill (1) expands the definition of “public safety officer” to include tribal court judges in the statute that allows a public safety officer to make their address, phone number, and email address confidential on the affidavit of voter registration; (2) includes tribal court judges in the statute proscribing the assault or murder of governmental officers as related to the performance of their official duties; and (3) includes tribal court judges in the list of persons who can make their home address confidential in Department of Motor Vehicles records.	Support	Author	Status Assembly Appropriations Committee <i>Held under submission</i>
AB 35 (Heather Resetarits)	<u>AB 35 (Alvarez) California Environmental Quality Act: expedited judicial review: clean hydrogen transportation projects</u> As introduced December 2, 2024 Establishes specified procedures for the administrative and judicial review of the environmental review and approvals granted for a “clean hydrogen transportation project.” Requires an action or proceeding brought to attack, review, set aside, void, or annul the approval of a clean hydrogen environmental assessment or the issuance of a discretionary permit or authorization for a clean hydrogen transportation project, including any potential appeals to the Court of Appeal or the Supreme Court, to be resolved, to the extent feasible, within 270 days of the filing of the certified record of proceedings with the court. Requires the Judicial Council, on or before December 31, 2026, to adopt a rule of court to implement the judicial streamlining. As amended April 21, 2025 Requires an action or proceeding brought to attack, review, set aside, void, or annul the approval of a clean hydrogen environmental assessment or the issuance of a discretionary permit or authorization for a clean hydrogen transportation project, including any potential appeals to the Court of Appeal or the Supreme Court, to be resolved, to the extent feasible, within 270 days of the filing of the certified record of proceedings with the court.	Oppose	Author	Status Assembly Natural Resources Committee
AB 223 (Mureed Rasool)	<u>AB 223 (Pacheco) Jury selection: acknowledgment and agreement</u> As introduced January 9, 2025 Makes plain language revisions to the juror and prospective juror oaths obtained from the jury panel prior to the examination of prospective trial jurors assigned for voir dire and after the completion of trial jurors’ selection.	Sponsor	Judicial Council	Status Signed by the Governor (Stats. 2025, ch. 29)
AB 343 (Tracy Kenny)	<u>AB 343 (Pacheco) California Public Records Act: elected or appointed officials</u> As amended July 1, 2025	Support	California Judges Association	Status Signed by the Governor (Stats. 2025, ch. 142)

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AB 741 (Tracy Kenny)	<u>AB 741 (Ransom) Department of Justice: child abuse reporting</u> As amended July 14, 2025 Requires the Department of Justice (DOJ) to monitor the Child Abuse Central Index (CACI) and notify the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program if a child abuse investigation record involving a CASA employee or volunteer is added to the CACI, and allows the DOJ to increase the fee for a CASA candidate's criminal history information sufficient to cover the cost of processing subsequent child abuse investigation notifications from the CACI.	Support	California CASA	Status Signed by the Governor (Stats. 2025, ch. 619)
AB 792 (Morgan Lardizabal)	<u>AB 792 (Lee) Court interpreters: multiregional bargaining</u> As introduced February 18, 2025 Amends section 71808 of the Government Code to authorize the union to request multiregional bargaining when more than one interpreter bargaining region is engaged in bargaining within the same calendar year. Requires the courts to accept the request within 30 days unless agreement is reached by all regions except for one. UPDATE: As amended June 12, 2025 Removes the provision that requires the courts to accept the union's request for multiregional bargaining and instead requires mutual consent of the courts and union.	Oppose, unless amended Remove opposition	California Federation of Interpreters (CFI)	Status Signed by the Governor (Stats. 2025, ch. 277)
AB 839 (Heather Resetarits)	<u>AB 839 (Rubio, Blanca) California Environmental Quality Act: expedited judicial review: sustainable aviation fuel projects</u> As amended June 24, 2025 Authorizes the Governor to certify up to three sustainable aviation fuel projects that meet certain requirements as "infrastructure projects," thereby providing judicial streamlining benefits to those projects.	Oppose	Author	Status Senate Environmental Quality Committee <i>Hearing cancelled at request of author</i>
AB 946 (Tracy Kenny)	<u>AB 946 (Bryan) Chief probation officer: designee</u> As introduced February 20, 2025 Amends Government Code section 27771, which sets forth the duties of the chief probation officer, to create an exception allowing, in a county with a population of at least 3.5 million people, those duties to be performed by the chief probation officer, or by a designee who is appointed by the county board of supervisors and who has jurisdiction over youth development. Like Senate Bill 357, provides the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors with the authority to delegate some or all the responsibilities of the probation department to its recently created Youth Development Department; the bill only impacts Los Angeles County directly at this time because it is the only county with a population that exceeds 3.5 million.	Oppose	Author	Status Assembly Public Safety Committee <i>Hearing postponed by committee</i>
AB 1018 (Mureed Rasool)	<u>AB 1018 (Bauer-Kahan) Automated decision systems</u> As amended September 5, 2025 Defines an "automated decision system" (ADS) as a computational process derived from machine learning, statistical modeling, data analytics, or artificial intelligence that issues recommendations, scores, or classifications to assist human discretionary decision-making in	Oppose, unless amended	Author	Status Ordered to inactive file at the request of Senator Wiener

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	consequential decisions. Specifies that a “consequential decision” includes, among other things, a decision that materially impacts the terms of the criminal justice system with respect to pretrial release, sentencing, and alternatives to incarceration. States that a developer for an ADS shall conduct an initial impact assessment, as specified, and starting January 1, 2026, shall conduct an evaluation prior to initially deploying the ADS, making it available to deployers, or annually thereafter. Specifies that an impact assessment must describe the ADS’s purpose, list all approved uses, list the expected accuracy and reliability, assess whether any disparate treatment occurs, outline conditions wherein disparate treatment may occur, and so on. Requires a deployer to contract with an auditor to conduct an impact assessment, as specified. Requires a deployer of an ADS to, before any consequential decision is finalized, (1) notify the subject that an ADS will be used; (2) provide notification of the name/number/developer of the ADS; (3) provide notification of the personal characteristics/attributes of the subject that the ADS takes into account; (4) provide notification of sources of personal information used to make the decision; (5) provide the subject with an opportunity to correct any inaccurate personal information, rectify the decision if the inaccurate information influenced the decision, otherwise appeal the decision, and other changes; (6) retain documentation related to ADS use for as long as the ADS is used plus five years thereafter; and (7) create an internal compliance program. Authorizes specified public entities to bring civil actions to enforce its provisions, exempts ADSs that are aircraft or cybersecurity related, and authorizes claims to be brought under the Unruh Civil Rights Act.			
AB 1071 (Mureed Rasool)	<u>AB 1071 (Kalra) Criminal procedure: discrimination: Racial Justice Act</u> As amended June 25, 2025 Makes a variety of changes to the Racial Justice Act (RJA), including amendments to the RJA’s outlined remedies, appellate procedures, postconviction vehicles, and counsel appointments. Among other things, the changes include modifying the review standard for appellate stay-and-remand requests, specifying that certain postconviction remedies must result in a “meaningful modification of judgment,” authorizes courts to impose any lawful remedy allowed by law, narrows the number of cases that have a harmless error requirement, creates a new statute for postconviction RJA claims, and sets forth new scheduling requirements, appointment of counsel, and per se reversals of denied petitions if denied without explanation of grounds. As amended September 5, 2025 Amends the RJA by, among other things, specifying that a defendant or petitioner may request discovery in preparation to file an RJA claim, allowing courts to impose a remedy specific to the violation that is not otherwise prohibited by law, lowering the prima facie showing threshold for habeas RJA claims, allowing a defendant to be appointed counsel for an RJA habeas petition if they pled a plausible allegation, and specifying that a court can remedy an RJA claim brought by habeas or the vacatur process by selecting from the applicable remedies outlined in the RJA.	Oppose unless amended and funded Remove opposition	Smart Justice California Ella Baker Center for Human Rights	Status Signed by the Governor (Stats. 2025, ch. 721)
AB 1073 (Heather Resetarits)	<u>AB 1073 (Farías) Judicial officers: disqualification</u> As introduced February 20, 2025	Oppose <i>*No letter*</i>	Asian Law Alliance William C. Velasquez Institute	Status Assembly Judiciary Committee

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	Amends Code of Civil Procedure section 170.6 to authorize a motion for disqualification to be brought, following reversal by the California Supreme Court, to disqualify one or more members of the panel whose decision was reversed. Requires, following a reversal by the California Supreme Court and remand to a Court of Appeal for further proceedings, other than of a ministerial nature, the presiding justice of the Court of Appeal to assign the case to a panel of three justices and to notify the parties of the assignment within 30 days of the issuance of the remittitur to the Court of Appeal. Limits the disqualification to the members of the panel who authored or concurred in the opinion that was reversed. Provides that for cases reversed on or after January 1, 2026, a motion must be made within 15 days of the attorney being notified of the assignment of the appellate panel, and for cases reversed prior to January 1, 2026, that are still pending, the motion must be made by January 16, 2026. Authorizes, upon presentation of a motion directed to one or more justices of a Court of Appeal, the presiding justice to, at the presiding justice's discretion, assign up to three new justices, regardless of the number of justices to whom the motion is directed. Directs the California Law Revision Commission to deliver a study regarding the recusal of judicial officers for prejudice and conflict of interest by September 30, 2028.			<i>Bill not set for hearing</i>
AB 1084 (Heather Resetairis)	<u>AB 1084 (Zbur) Change of name and gender and sex identifier</u> As introduced February 20, 2025 Eliminates, for an adult, the mechanism to file an objection to an adult petitioner's change of name to conform to the petitioner's name to the petitioner's gender identity. Requires the court to enter an order granting the petition without a hearing within two weeks of the petition's filing. As amended May 23, 2025 Effective immediately, requires, for a minor, a change of name to conform a minor petitioner's name to their gender identity signed by all living parents of the minor, the court to enter, within six weeks of the filing of the petition and without a hearing, an order that the change of name is granted. Requires, if the petition is not signed by all living parents of the minor, the court to make an order reciting specified information, and requires the petition and the order to be served on any parent who did not sign the petition. Requires that no hearing date be set unless an objection is timely filed and shows good cause for opposing the name change. As amended September 4, 2025 Delays implementation of this change to July 1, 2026, to allow time for council and court implementation.	Oppose, unless amended Remove opposition	Equality California	Status Signed by the Governor (Stats. 2025, ch. 723)
AB 1099 (Tracy Kenny)	<u>AB 1099 (Bryan) Developmental services: initial intake: assessment</u> As amended April 22, 2025 Creates specific procedures for foster children who are being assessed by a regional center. Requires that if a regional center cannot determine eligibility within 15 days, it must proceed with additional assessment, and a decision not to conduct additional assessment cannot be based solely on a lack of documentation or the age of the person when they received a diagnosis. Additionally prioritizes additional assessments for foster children, requiring that they be completed within 60 days, as is the case under current law for clients at elevated risk. Also requires that the assessments and eligibility determinations meet these timelines regardless of documentation	Support	Disability Rights California Children's Law Center Public Counsel	Status Senate Appropriations Committee <i>Held under submission</i>

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	availability, with regional centers tasked to help gather necessary documents to expedite the process.			
AB 1363 (Heather Resetarits)	<u>AB 1363 (Stefani) Protective orders: Wyland’s Law</u> As amended July 10, 2025 Assembly Bill 1363, called “Wyland’s Law,” requires a superior court that issued a protective order to, upon oral or written request, make information available to the requestor, including, among other things, information demonstrating when the superior court or its designee transmitted information to the Department of Justice (DOJ). Requires the DOJ to maintain a record demonstrating its receipt of the information transmitted about a protective order. Authorizes, subject to an appropriation by the Legislature, the DOJ to establish, or contract with a vendor to establish, an automated protected person information and notification system to provide a petitioner or a protected person in a protective order case with automated access to information about their case, as specified. Requires a record demonstrating whether the superior court has fulfilled its transmission obligations or a record demonstrating receipt of information about a protective order that the DOJ is required to maintain to be open to public inspection and copying. Applies the provisions to a case pending before January 1, 2026, to the extent information about a protective order is necessary to verify a superior court’s specified transmission obligations. As amended August 29, 2025 Subject to an appropriation by the Legislature, authorizes the Department of Justice to establish, or contract with a vendor to establish, an automated protected person information and notification system to provide a petitioner or a protected person in a protective order case with automated access to information about their case. Requires a record demonstrating whether the superior court has fulfilled its existing transmission obligations or a record demonstrating receipt of information about a protective order that the Department of Justice maintains to be open to public inspection and copying.	Neutral if amended and funded As amended, no position <i>*No letter*</i>		Status Signed by the Governor (Stats. 2025, ch. 574)
AB 1375 (Tracy Kenny)	<u>AB 1375 (Hoover) Consideration when determining child custody: human trafficking</u> As introduced February 21, 2025 Adds a new section to the Family Code to require a court, before making any order granting custody of a child, to make independent findings relating to whether a parent or the child are victims of human trafficking or whether a parent has been convicted of, or caused the child or other parent to be a victim of, human trafficking. Requires a court, if the court found that a child or parent has been the victim of human trafficking, to include in an order granting custody how the order provides the necessary protections to the child. UPDATE: As amended July 17, 2025 Requires a family court, when making a determination of the best interests of a child under section 3011, to consider all admissible evidence that a parent has caused human trafficking of the child or other parent.	Oppose Remove opposition	Author	Status Signed by the Governor (Stats. 2025, ch. 452)

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AB 1384 (Heather Resetarits)	AB 1384 (Nguyen) Summary proceedings for obtaining possession of real property: procedural requirements As introduced February 21, 2025 Limits the court's authority to set a later hearing date for a noticed motion to cases involving a residential tenancy, even for good cause, by amending existing law to specify that the court's discretion to set a later date, for good cause shown, only applies to actions involving residential tenancies.	Oppose	California Business Properties Association	Status Signed by the Governor (Stats. 2025, ch. 299)
SB 28 (Dana Cruz)	SB 28 (Umberg) Treatment court program standards As amended May 23, 2025 Effective immediately, requires treatment court programs compliant with state and national guidelines incorporating All Rise (formerly known as the National Association of Drug Court Professionals) standards be used under Proposition 36. Removes the requirement that Judicial Council revise the standards of judicial administration for treatment court by January 1, 2026.	Oppose, unless amended	Author	Status Assembly Public Safety Committee <i>Hearing postponed by committee</i>
SB 59 (Heather Resetarits)	SB 59 (Wiener) Change of gender and sex identifier As amended March 20, 2025 Expands current confidentiality law to apply to all filed petitions, regardless of the age of the petitioner, and any papers associated with a proceeding for a change of gender and sex identifier, for a single petition for change to the petitioner's name and to recognize the change to the petitioner's gender and sex identifier, or for a change of name to conform the petitioner's name to the petitioner's gender identity, as specified. Makes these confidentiality requirements retroactive dating back five years, beginning December 31, 2026, and requires the Judicial Council to ensure that all courts have implemented a method to ensure the court maintains the confidentiality of these petitions and associated papers that were filed prior to the effective date of this act. Requires the court to immediately take steps to make a record confidential if a person, entity, or the court discovers that a court record is not being kept confidential. Prohibits those records from being posted publicly on the internet or otherwise by anyone other than the petitioner. As amended September 2, 2025 Removes retroactive confidentiality requirements, and delays implementation of provisions making records confidential to July 1, 2026. Requires the council, by July 1, 2026, to create a form to allow for parties to petition to make prior name and gender change records confidential, and makes clear the authority of the court to seal these records to protect the privacy interests of the petitioners in this information.	Oppose, unless amended As amended, remove opposition	Equality California	Status Signed by the Governor (Stats. 2025, ch. 738)
SB 281 (Mureed Rasool)	SB 281 (Pérez) Pleas: verbatim immigration advisement As introduced February 5, 2025 States that the immigration advisement administered under Penal Code section 1016.5 to a defendant prior to a plea must be given verbatim. Requires that the immigration advisement a court must give to a defendant inform the defendant that a conviction for the offense that they have been charged with may have the consequences of deportation, exclusion from admission to the U.S., or denial of naturalization.	Oppose, unless amended (The author's office adopted the requested amendments immediately upon official	California Attorneys for Criminal Justice	Status Signed by the Governor (Stats. 2025, ch. 666)

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	As amended July 15, 2025 States that, in specifying that the advisement be given verbatim, it is not the intent of the Legislature to require a vacation of judgment and withdrawal of plea simply because the court failed to provide the advisement verbatim.	adoption of the council's position.) <i>*No letter*</i>		
SB 357 (Tracy Kenny)	<u>SB 357 (Menjivar) Juveniles: delinquency</u> As introduced February 12, 2025 Authorizes the board of supervisors of any county to delegate all or part of the following duties assigned by the Welfare and Institutions Code to another county department: responsibilities concerning the juvenile court and the oversight of the youth under its jurisdiction to the probation officer, including, among others, the responsibility to investigate and report to the court on any youth for whom a juvenile justice petition has been filed, as well as to supervise minors placed on probation and to manage juvenile halls and other juvenile detention facilities. As amended April 10, 2025 Applies this delegation authority in a county with a population of at least 3.5 million people and expands to include youth subject to transition jurisdiction of the juvenile court under Welfare and Institutions Code section 450. As amended July 17, 2025 Applies only to a county with a population of at least six million people, provides protections to represented employees, and provides that duties that are legally required to be performed by a peace officer may not be delegated.	Oppose	Author	Status Ordered to inactive file on request of Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry <i>Two-year bill</i>
SB 552 (Tracy Kenny)	<u>SB 552 (Cortese) Juveniles: wards: case plans</u> As introduced February 20, 2025 Requires a case plan to be developed and included in the social study of the minor in cases in which the probation officer recommends wardship and either does not recommend removal of the minor from their parent or guardian or recommends commitment of the minor to a juvenile home, ranch, camp, forestry camp, or juvenile hall. The case plan would need to be provided with the social study at disposition and specified information. Also requires the court to order a minor to comply with any case plan that is developed and to review the ward's progress toward meeting the goals in a case plan at a hearing no less than once every six months.	Support <i>*No letter*</i>	Juvenile Court Judges of California	Status Senate Appropriations Committee <i>Held under submission</i>
SB 589 (Tracy Kenny)	<u>SB 589 (Alvarado-Gil) Spousal support: factors</u> As introduced February 20, 2025 Extends the provisions of Family Code section 4324.5, which currently prohibits a court from awarding spousal support to a party who has been convicted within five years of the filing of the petition for dissolution of a sexually violent or domestic violence felony perpetrated against the other spouse, provides that the injured spouse is entitled to 100 percent of the community property interest in the injured spouse's retirement and pension benefits, allows the injured spouse to request that the court set the date of separation as the date of the incident giving rise to the conviction, and provides that if an award of attorney's fees is to be made that it be made from	Oppose	Author	Status Senate Judiciary Committee <i>Bill not set for hearing</i>

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	community funds and not from the injured spouse's separate property, to cases in which "the family court finds that a violent sexual felony has, in fact, been perpetrated by one spouse against the other" and the incident occurred within five years of the filing of the petition.			
SB 676 (Heather Resetarits)	<u>SB 676 (Limón) California Environmental Quality Act: judicial streamlining: state of emergency: fire</u> As amended March 24, 2025 Requires, for a project located in a geographic area that was damaged by fire for which the Governor declared a state of emergency on or after January 1, 2023, and where the project is not otherwise exempt from CEQA, as specified, the lead agency to prepare the record of proceedings concurrently with the administrative process. Also requires an action or proceeding brought to attack, review, set aside, void, or annul the certification of an environmental impact report, or the adoption of a negative declaration or mitigation negative declaration, for the project to be resolved, to the extent feasible, within 270 calendar days of the filing of the certified record of proceedings. As amended July 9, 2025 Limits application of expedited review to projects to maintain, repair, restore, demolish, or replace property or facilities damaged or destroyed by wildfire. As amended September 2, 2025 Provides that the applicant seeking review must pay the costs of the trial court and Court of Appeal in hearing and deciding any action or proceeding seeking expedited review, and delays implementation until January 1, 2027, to allow for the adoption of a rule of court setting the fees for these actions.	Oppose	Author	Status Signed by the Governor (Stats. 2025, ch. 550)
SB 786 (Heather Resetarits)	<u>SB 786 (Arreguín) Planning and zoning: general plan: judicial challenges</u> As amended May 1, 2025 Requires in any order or judgment issued in an action brought to challenge the validity of the general plan of any city or county, or any mandatory housing element, that the order or judgment be immediately appealable, regardless of whether any final judgment has been issued. Requires a county or city to comply with the above-described requirements if the court finds that the general plan or mandatory element does not substantially comply with certain requirements, regardless of whether a final judgment has been issued. Removes a court's authority to grant a city or county two extensions of time. Specifies that the remedies are not stayed during the pendency of an appeal of the order or judgment, but authorizes a court to stay remedies if there is a showing by a county or city that it would suffer irreparable harm. Requires, rather than authorizes, a court to grant these remedies as temporary relief during a pendency of a challenge to the validity of the general plan. Requires a court to set a date for the request for temporary relief to be heard no later than 30 days after the filing of the request. Requires the hearing to be set and heard at the earliest possible date but no later than 120 days after the filing of the request. Allows the court to continue the hearing but for no more than 60 days.	Oppose Remove opposition	Attorney General Rob Bonta	Status Signed by the Governor (Stats. 2025, ch. 526)

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SB 808 (Heather Resetarits)	<u>SB 808 (Caballero) Civil Actions: writs: expedited judicial review: housing development projects</u> As amended May 23, 2025 Establishes an expedited judicial review process for a local agency's decision to deny a permit for a new housing development or residential unit, as specified. Allows a party to seek judicial review of a housing permit denial through a writ of mandate, and requires the court to hear the matter and issue a decision within set time frames. Further requires the temporary assignment of judicial officers to ensure the timelines are met. Specifically requires local agencies, upon the request of an applicant for a permit, to compile a record of its proceedings as they occur and to certify the record within 15 days of the service of a writ. Requires that a hearing be set no later than 45 days after the filing of the writ and that the court issue a decision no later than 30 days after the matter is submitted or 75 days after the writ was filed, whichever is earlier. If the presiding judge of the court in which the action is filed determines that, as a result of either the press of other court business or other factors, the court will be unable to meet any of the deadlines required, authorizes the presiding judge to request the temporary assignment of a judicial officer to hear the petition and render a decision within the time limits required; the request "shall be entitled to priority."	Oppose	Attorney General Rob Bonta	Status Signed by the Governor (Stats. 2025, ch. 527)
SB 830 (Heather Resetarits)	SB 830 (Arreguín) California Environmental Quality Act: judicial streamlining: City of Emeryville: hospital As amended July 10, 2025 Requires, for a project located in a geographic area that was damaged by fire for which the Governor declared a state of emergency on or after January 1, 2023, and where the project is not otherwise exempt from CEQA, as specified, the lead agency to prepare the record of proceedings concurrently with the administrative process. Requires an action or proceeding brought to attack, review, set aside, void, or annul the certification of an environmental impact report, or the adoption of a negative declaration or mitigation negative declaration, for the project to be resolved, to the extent feasible, within 270 calendar days of the filing of the certified record of proceedings. As amended September 2, 2025 Extends the deadline from 270 to 365 calendar days to review the project, and clarifies that the applicant seeking review must pay the costs of the trial court and Court of Appeal in hearing and deciding any action or proceeding seeking expedited review.	Oppose <i>*No letter*</i>		Status Ordered to inactive file on request of Senator Arreguín

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Bill No. (Advocate)	Bill No. (Author) Description and Updates	Sponsor	Status as of October 22, 2025
AB 136 (Morgan Lardizabal)	<u>AB 136 (Committee on Budget) Courts: property disposition</u> As amended June 24, 2025 Authorizes, in section 5 of the courts budget trailer bill, the Judicial Council to sell the Plumas/Sierra Regional Courthouse, the Modesto Main Courthouse, and the Ceres Superior Courthouse at fair market value with net proceeds to be deposited into the general fund.	Judicial Council <i>No letter—budget trailer bill</i>	Status Signed by the Governor (Stats. 2025, ch. 11)
AB 223 (Mureed Rasool)	<u>AB 223 (Pacheco) Jury selection: acknowledgment and agreement</u> As introduced January 9, 2025 Makes plain-language revisions to the juror and prospective juror oaths obtained from the jury panel prior to the examination of prospective trial jurors assigned for voir dire and after the completion of selection of trial jurors.	Judicial Council Sponsor	Status Signed by the Governor (Stats. 2025, ch. 29)