

2026 TENTATIVE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

COMPILED BY THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE AND THE OFFICE OF THE ASSEMBLY CHIEF CLERK
Revised March 27, 2026

DEADLINES

JANUARY						
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- Jan. 1** Statutes take effect (Art. IV, Sec. 8(c)).
- Jan. 5** Legislature reconvenes (J.R. 51(a)(4)).
- Jan. 10** Budget must be submitted by Governor (Art. IV, Sec. 12 (a)).
- Jan. 16** Last day for **policy committees** to hear and report to fiscal committees **fiscal bills** introduced in their house in the odd-numbered year (J.R. 61(b)(1)).
- Jan. 19** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- Jan. 23** Last day for any committee to hear and report to the **Floor** bills introduced in that house in the odd-numbered year (J.R. 61(b)(2)). Last day to **submit bill requests** to the Office of Legislative Counsel.
- Jan. 31** Last day for each house to **pass bills introduced** in that house in the odd-numbered year (Art. IV, Sec. 10(c)), (J.R. 61(b)(3)).

FEBRUARY						
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- Feb. 16** Presidents' Day.
- Feb. 20** Last day for bills to be **introduced** (J.R. 61(b)(4)), (J.R. 54(a)).

MARCH						
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- Mar. 26** **Spring Recess** begins upon adjournment (J.R. 51(b)(1)).
- Mar. 30** Farmworkers Day observed.

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- Apr. 6** Legislature reconvenes from **Spring Recess** (J.R. 51(b)(1)).
- Apr. 24** Last day for **policy committees** to hear and report to fiscal committees **fiscal bills** introduced in their house (J.R. 61(b)(5)).

MAY						
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- May 1** Last day for **policy committees** to hear and report to the Floor **non-fiscal bills** introduced in their house (J.R. 61(b)(6)).
- May 8** Last day for **policy committees** to meet prior to June 1 (J.R. 61(b)(7)).
- May 15** Last day for **fiscal committees** to hear and report to the Floor bills introduced in their house (J.R. 61 (b)(8)). Last day for **fiscal committees** to meet prior to June 1 (J.R. 61 (b)(9)).
- May 25** Memorial Day.
- May 26 – 29 Floor Session only.** No committees, other than conference or Rules committees, may meet for any purpose (J.R. 61(b)(10)).
- May 29** Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house (J.R. 61(b)(11)).

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- June 1** Committee meetings may resume (J.R. 61(b)(12)).
- June 15** Budget Bill must be passed by **midnight** (Art. IV, Sec. 12(c)(3)).
- June 25** Last day for a legislative measure to qualify for the Nov. 3 General Election ballot (Elections Code Sec. 9040).

JULY						
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- July 2** Last day for **policy committees** to meet and report bills (J.R. 61(b)(13)). **Summer Recess** begins upon adjournment of session, provided Budget Bill has passed (J.R. 51(b)(2)).
- July 3** Independence Day observed.

AUGUST						
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- Aug. 3** Legislature reconvenes from **Summer Recess** (J.R. 51(b)(2)).
- Aug. 14** Last day for **fiscal committees** to meet and report bills to the Floor (J.R. 61(b)(14)).
- Aug. 17 – 31 Floor Session only.** No committee, other than conference and Rules committees, may meet for any purpose (J.R. 61(b)(15)).
- Aug. 21** Last day to **amend** on the Floor (J.R. 61(b)(16)).
- Aug. 31** Last day for **each house to pass bills** (Art. IV, Sec. 10(c)), (J.R. 61(b)(17)). **Final recess** begins upon adjournment. (J.R. 51(b)(3)).

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IMPORTANT DATES OCCURRING DURING FINAL RECESS

2026

- Sept. 30 Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature before Sept. 1 and in the Governor’s possession on or after Sept. 1 (Art. IV, Sec. 10(b)(2)).
- Nov. 3 General Election.
- Nov. 30 Adjournment *sine die* at midnight (Art. IV, Sec. 3(a)).
- Dec. 7 12 Noon convening of the 2027-28 Regular Session (Art. IV, Sec. 3(a)).

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- Jan. 1 Statutes take effect (Art. IV, Sec. 8(c)).

The Physician Assistant Board (Board) may adopt the following positions regarding pending or proposed legislation.

Legislative Positions

Definitions

Oppose

The Board will actively oppose proposed legislation and demonstrate opposition through letters, testimony, and other action necessary to communicate the oppose position taken by the Board.

Oppose, unless amended

The Board will take an oppose position and actively lobby the legislature to amend the proposed legislation by requesting specific amendments to alter the text of the bill after it has been introduced.

Neutral

The Board neither supports nor opposes the addition/amendment/repeal of the statutory provision(s) set forth by the bill.

Neutral, if amended

The Board will take a neutral position and actively lobby the legislature to amend the proposed legislation by requesting specific amendments to alter the text of the bill after it has been introduced.

Watch

The watch position adopted by the Board will indicate interest regarding the proposed legislation. The Board staff and members will closely monitor the progress of the proposed legislation and amendments.

Support

The Board will actively support proposed legislation and demonstrate support through letters, testimony, and any other action necessary to communicate the support position taken by the Board.

Support, if amended

The Board will take a support position and actively lobby the legislature to amend the proposed legislation by requesting specific amendments to alter the text of the bill after it has been introduced.

MEMORANDUM

DATE	May 18, 2026
TO	Physician Assistant Board (Board)
FROM	Jasmine Dhillon, Legislative and Regulatory Specialist
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 14. Report, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committee

A. **[Assembly Bill \(AB\) 1558](#) (Arambula) Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health Practitioners Act**

Status: This bill is located in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Summary: This bill would establish a volunteer health practitioner registration system overseen in this state by the Emergency Medical Services Authority that would facilitate registered out-of-state volunteer health practitioners practicing in California without a California license. The relevant boards may restrict the services that may be provided by such volunteers. Boards may also impose administrative sanctions both on California licensees volunteering in other states and out-of-state volunteers practicing in this state.

Fiscal Impact: This bill would require the Board to implement regulations as there are no regulations that allow the Board to restrict services by volunteer health practitioners. It is possible that this bill could increase complaint volume and increase the Board's disciplinary action if administrative sanctions are imposed on California licensees and out-of-state licensees. The costs for the Board's Enforcement Unit are expected to be absorbable within current budget and staffing resources.

B. **[AB 1973](#) (Aguar-Curry) Abortion: authorized procedures.**

Status: This bill is located in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Summary: Existing law generally makes it a public offense, punishable by a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or by imprisonment, or both, for a person to perform an abortion without a valid license to practice as a physician and surgeon. As an exception to that prohibition, existing law authorizes a person to perform an abortion by

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medication or aspiration techniques in the first trimester of pregnancy if they have a valid, unrevoked, and unsuspended license or certificate under the Medical Practice Act, the Osteopathic Act, the Nursing Practice Act, or the Physician Assistant Practice Act that authorizes the person to perform the functions necessary for abortion by medication or aspiration techniques.

This bill would instead authorize a person to perform an abortion if they are authorized under those acts to perform an abortion and would delete the restriction that the abortion be performed only in the first trimester of pregnancy. The bill would make conforming changes to specified training requirements imposed on nurse practitioners, qualified nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives, nurse-midwives, and physician assistants to perform those abortions.

Fiscal Impact: Staff does not anticipate any fiscal impact.

C. **[AB 1979](#) (Bonta) Health care services: artificial intelligence**

Status: This bill is located in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Summary: This bill would require specified health facilities, including physician's offices, to ensure that no clinical decision is based solely on the output of a clinical decision support system, as defined. These facilities would be prohibited from using artificial intelligence to guide or supervise unlicensed personnel in performing any function that requires a professional license. The bill would authorize the appropriate professional licensing board to pursue an injunction or restraining order to enforce these provisions to the extent that a violation constitutes the practice of a health care profession without a license. The bill would specify that these provisions do not prohibit the use of artificial intelligence for documentation and communication that does not involve the application of professional judgment, including automated messages to inform patients of updates to their health records. By placing new requirements on health facilities and clinics, this bill would expand the scope of a crime and would impose a state-mandated local program.

Fiscal Impact: AB 1979 could increase complaint volume for the Board; however, an estimate of an exact increase cannot be determined. The volume is likely to be low because the Board does not currently receive allegations of unlawful practice using AI technology. As for costs to the PAB's Enforcement Unit, investigations of unlicensed practice can vary from the analyst writing a cease & desist letter to a full investigation by the Division of Investigation. Any effect on the Board's enforcement is expected to be absorbable within current budget and staffing resources.

D. **[AB 2140](#) (Johnson) Healing arts: reports: claims against licensees**

Status: This bill was held in the Assembly Business and Professions Committee and is dead.

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Summary: Current law makes failure of a licensee of the Medical Board of California, the Podiatric Medical Board of California, the Board of Psychology, the Dental Board of California, the Dental Hygiene Board of California, the Osteopathic Medical Board of California, the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, the Board of Registered Nursing, the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians of the State of California, the State Board of Optometry, the Veterinary Medical Board, the Board of Behavioral Sciences, the Physical Therapy Board of California, the California State Board of Pharmacy, the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensers Board, the California Board of Occupational Therapy, the Acupuncture Board, or the Physician Assistant Board, a claimant, or their counsel to report a settlement, judgment, or arbitration award over \$3,000 of a claim or action for damages for death or personal injury caused by negligence, error or omission in practice, or by the unauthorized rendering of professional services, by a person who holds a license, certificate, or other similar authority from one of those boards, who does not possess professional liability insurance as to the claim, within 30 days to the agency that issued the license, certificate, or similar authority, punishable by a fine of not less than \$50 or more than \$500, as specified. This bill would increase the minimum fine for a violation of that provision to \$100.

E. [Senate Bill \(SB\) 1088](#) (Blakespear) **Health care decisions: life-sustaining treatment**

Status: This bill is located in the Senate.

Summary: Existing law defines a request regarding resuscitative measures to mean a written document, signed by an individual with capacity or legally recognized health care decisionmaker and the individual's physician that directs a health care provider regarding resuscitative measures, as prescribed. Existing law includes a prehospital "do not resuscitate" form, as developed by the Emergency Medical Services Authority or other substantially similar form, and Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment form (POLST form), as approved by the Emergency Medical Services Authority as requests regarding resuscitative measures. This bill would replace the term "Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment" with "POLST," or "Portable Orders Listing Scope of Treatment." The bill would authorize a request regarding resuscitative measures to be entered into by an individual with capacity or a health care agent, conservator, or surrogate, as defined, and a physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant acting under the supervision of the physician.

Fiscal Impact: Staff does not anticipate any fiscal impact.

F. [SB 1376](#) (Wahab) **Physician assistants**

Status: This bill is located in the Assembly Business and Professions Committee.

Summary: The Physician Assistant Practice Act establishes the Physician Assistant Board to license and regulate physician assistants. Existing law authorizes the board to convene from time to time as deemed necessary by the board. Existing law further requires the board to receive permission from the Director of Consumer Affairs to

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meet more than 6 times annually, and requires the director to approve meetings that are necessary for the board to fulfill its legal responsibilities.

This bill would delete the provision requiring the board to receive permission from the director to meet more than 6 times annually and for the director to approve meetings.

Fiscal Impact: Staff does not anticipate any fiscal impact.

G. **SB 1391 (Wahab) Department of Consumer Affairs: retired category licenses**

Status: This bill is located in the Assembly Business and Professions Committee.

Summary: Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of various professions and vocations by boards within the Department of Consumer Affairs. Existing law authorizes any of the boards within the department, except as specified, to establish by regulation a system for a retired category of license for persons who are not actively engaged in the practice of their profession or vocation. This bill would additionally require a board that offers a retired category of licensure to disclose that information on its internet website.

Fiscal Impact: Staff does not anticipate any fiscal impact.

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