

July 2024 Legislative Advocate Report

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CABE Co-Sponsored Bill Update

The following CABE co-sponsored measures are in the Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File.

AB 2071 (J. Carrillo): Would establish the English Learner Roadmap Implementation Grant Pilot Program to assist in the implementation of the California English Learner Roadmap Policy. The State Board of Education would also be tasked with creating a California English Learner Roadmap: Parent Toolkit by 2025. CABE and Californian's Together are co-sponsoring this important measure, which is also a budget priority.

AB 2074 (Muratsuchi): Would task the California Department of Education (CDE) with creating an implementation plan for the California English Learner Roadmap Policy and also requires designated staff at CDE to serve as a point of reference to ensure the implementation plan created roles out and gets to all the school districts; these staffers would serve as a point of reference and assistance. Californians Together and CABE are co-sponsoring this bill, which is also a budget priority.

The Governor signed the following co-sponsored bill, which became law in June. The California Department of Education has issued guidance which districts should have received:

AB 2268 (Muratsuchi): Exempts transitional kindergarten students from the administration of the English Language Proficient Assessments for California. Early Edge, Californians Together, and CABE are cosponsors.

CABE Bill Update

The following are bills CABE has taken a position on and their Legislative location:

AB 1805 (Ta) – Would require that content standards incorporate the landmark desegregation case, *Mendez v. Westminster,* when they are revised. This bill is at the Senate Desk.

AB 1821 (Ramos) – Would ensure California's history is accurately taught, including its treatment of Native Americans with respect to teaching about Spanish missions as well as the Gold Rush Era. The bill is at the Senate Desk.

AB 2226 (Muratsuchi) – Would expand the minimum day for kindergarten programs to full-time beginning in 2026-27. The bill will be heard by the Senate Appropriations Committee on August 5th.

SB 1078 (Min) – Creates legislative intent to establish an Office of Language Access, which would ensure that California's state agencies are able to provide information to our residents in the languages reflected within California to increase access to services by non-English speakers and equity in existing levels of effectiveness and equity towards all residents. The bill is in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Remaining Legislative Calendar

August 5 – Legislature reconvenes

August 16 – Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills.

August 19 – Floor session only.

August 23 – Last day to amend bills on the floor.

August 31 – Last day for each house to pass bills.

August 31 – Legislative recess

September 30 – Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills.

November 5 – General Election.

November 30 – Legislature adjourns.

December 2 – Legislative 2025-26 session convenes.

January 1, 2025 – Statutes take effect.

California Economy Improving

The <u>Department of Finance</u> issued their <u>July Finance Bulletin</u>, which notes California's overall economic situation continues to inch forward with first quarter real GDP growth of 1.2%, followed by an 8.2% increase in personal income.

Initial General Fund cash receipts continue to increase at 1.2% or \$361 million above the Budget Act forecast in June. This month's receipts are of particular importance as they reflect the deadline for second quarter estimated payments for 2024 taxes due, as well as prepayments for the Pass-Through Entity Elective Tax. Both these projections were slightly below forecast. While personal income tax cash receipts were one percent below the June forecast, the total forecast for the fiscal year still totals 1.1% above forecast. Corporation tax cash receipts totaled 2.4% above the June forecast and 2.5% above the fiscal year forecast. Similarly, sales and use tax cash receipts were \$65 million above the June forecast and 20.3% above the fiscal year forecast as a result of higher than anticipated unclaimed property revenues.