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Executive Summary

The Legislation Committee represents the Judicial Council's position with other agencies and entities, such as the Legislature, the Governor's Office, federal and local government, statewide and local bar associations, and other court-related professional associations and stakeholders. The committee determines positions and advocacy for those positions, consistent with the council's policy goals and input from council advisory committees. This report summarizes the committee's activities during the first year of the 2025–2026 legislative session.

2025–2026 Legislative Session

The first year of the 2025–2026 legislative session ended on September 13, 2025, when the Legislature adjourned for its interim recess. The Legislature will return on January 5, 2026, to take up its work in the second year of the session.

Over the course of 2025, Governmental Affairs staff tracked 828 bills and provided technical drafting assistance on over 34 bills in the first year of the 2025–2026 legislative session. Further, the Legislation Committee has taken formal positions on behalf of the Judicial Council on 28 bills in total so far this session. Position letters on legislation are [published on the California courts website](#) and available to the public.

Overview of Committee Meetings

During 2025, the Legislation Committee met by video 10 times and acted by email in between meetings three times resulting in formal positions on behalf of the Judicial Council on 28 bills in total this year.¹

Below is a summary of each of the meetings of the Legislation Committee:

The committee acted by email on February 13, 2025, and reviewed the following bill:

- [Assembly Bill 32](#) (Soria), as introduced December 2, 2024, Tribal judges. ([Support](#))

At the committee's March 20 meeting, the committee reviewed the following bills:

- [Assembly Bill 35](#) (Alvarez), as introduced December 2, 2024, California Environmental Quality Act: clean hydrogen transportation projects. ([Oppose](#))
- [Assembly Bill 223](#) (Pacheco), as introduced January 9, 2025, Jury selection: acknowledgment and agreement. ([Sponsor](#))
- [Assembly Bill 343](#) (Pacheco), as introduced January 29, 2025, California Public Records Act: elected or appointed officials. ([Support](#))
- [Assembly Bill 946](#) (Bryan), as introduced February 20, 2025, Chief probation officer: designee. ([Oppose](#))
- [Assembly Bill 1073](#) (Farías), as introduced February 20, 2025, Judicial officers: disqualification. ([Oppose](#)²)
- [Senate Bill 357](#) (Menjivar), as introduced February 12, 2025, Juveniles: delinquency. ([Oppose](#))
- [Senate Bill 589](#) (Alvarado-Gil), as introduced February 20, 2025, Spousal support: factors. ([Oppose](#))

At the committee's April 10 meeting, the committee reviewed the following bills:

- Proposal for *Judicial Council–Sponsored Legislation*: (Invitation to Comment) *Appointment of Non-Court Certified American Sign Language Interpreters with Generalist Credentials* ([Approve for circulation](#))

¹ This report does not include actions taken on AB 882 (Papan) Electronic reporting, as the Chief Justice and Justice Corrigan have recused themselves from taking part in any deliberations or discussions of any electronic recording issues that may come before the Judicial Council.

² No letter, as bill was not set for hearing.

- Proposal for *Judicial Council–Sponsored Legislation*: (Invitation to Comment) *Alternative Methods for Family Courts to Give Notice of Child Custody Mediation*. ([Approve for circulation](#))
- Proposal for *Judicial Council–Sponsored Legislation*: (Invitation to Comment) *Amendments to Collections-Related Statutes*. ([Approve for circulation](#))
- [Assembly Bill 741](#) (Ransom), as introduced, February 18, 2025, Department of Justice: child abuse reporting. ([Support](#))
- [Assembly Bill 792](#) (Lee), as introduced, February 18, 2025, Court interpreters. ([Oppose, unless amended](#))
- [Assembly Bill 1084](#) (Zbur), as introduced, February 20, 2025, Change of name and gender and sex identifier. ([Oppose, unless amended](#))
- [Assembly Bill 1099](#) (Bryan), as introduced, February 20, 2025, Developmental services: initial intake: assessment. ([Support](#))
- [Assembly Bill 1375](#) (Hoover), as introduced February 21, 2025, Consideration when determining child custody: human trafficking. ([Oppose](#))
- [Senate Bill 59](#) (Wiener), as amended March 20, 2025, Change of gender and sex identifier. ([Oppose, unless amended](#))

At the committee’s April 24 meeting, the committee reviewed the following bills:

- [Assembly Bill 1384](#) (Nguyen), as introduced February 21, 2025, Summary proceedings for obtaining possession of real property: procedural requirements. ([Oppose](#))
- [Senate Bill 552](#) (Cortese), as introduced February 20, 2025, Juveniles: wards: case plans. ([Support](#)³)
- [Senate Bill 808](#) (Caballero), as introduced February 21, 2025, Civil Actions: writs: housing development projects. ([Oppose](#))

The committee acted by email on May 29, 2025, and reviewed the following bills:

- [Assembly Bill 839](#) (Rubio, B.), as amended June 24, 2025, California Environmental Quality Act: expedited judicial review: sustainable aviation fuel projects. ([Oppose](#))
- [Senate Bill 786](#) (Arreguín), as amended May 1, 2025, Planning and zoning: general plan: judicial challenges. ([Oppose](#))

³ No letter, as bill was held in committee.

At the committee's June 5 meeting, the committee reviewed the following bills:

- [Senate Bill 28](#) (Umberg), as amended May 23, 2025, Treatment court program standards. ([Oppose, unless amended](#))
- Proposal for *Judicial Council–Sponsored Legislation*: (Invitation to Comment) *Remote Access to Electronic Court Records*. ([Approve for circulation](#))

At the committee's June 26 meeting, the committee reviewed the following bills:

- [Assembly Bill 1375](#) (Hoover), as amended May 23, 2025, Consideration when determining child custody: human trafficking. ([Remove opposition](#))
- [Senate Bill 281](#) (Pérez), as introduced, Pleas: immigration advisement. (Oppose, unless amended⁴)
- [Senate Bill 676](#) (Limón), as amended March 24, 2025, California Environmental Quality Act: judicial streamlining: state of emergency: wildfire. ([Oppose](#))

At the committee's July 17 meeting, the committee reviewed the following bills:

- [Assembly Bill 792](#) (Lee), as amended June 12, 2025, Court interpreters. ([Remove opposition](#))
- [Assembly Bill 1018](#) (Bauer-Kahan), as amended July 17, 2025, Automated decision systems. ([Oppose, unless amended](#))

At the committee's July 31 meeting, the committee reviewed the following bills:

- [Assembly Bill 561](#) (Quirk-Silva), as amended July 10, 2025, Restraining orders. (Oppose unless amended and funded⁵)
- [Assembly Bill 1071](#) (Kalra), as amended June 25, 2025, Criminal procedure: discrimination. ([Tentative oppose unless amended and funded](#))
- [Assembly Bill 1363](#) (Stefani), as amended July 10, 2025, Protective orders: Wyland's Law. (Neutral, if amended and funded⁶)

⁴ No letter, as amended, no position.

⁵ No letter, as amended, remove opposition.

⁶ No letter, as amended, no position.

- [Senate Bill 830](#) (Arreguín), as amended July 10, 2025, California Environmental Quality Act: administrative and judicial streamlining benefits: hospital: City of Emeryville. (Oppose⁷)

At the committee’s August 14 meeting, the committee reviewed the following bills:

- [Assembly Bill 1071](#) (Kalra), as amended June 25, 2025, Criminal procedure: discrimination. ([Oppose, unless amended and funded](#))

The committee acted by email on September 9, 2025, and reviewed the following bill:

- [Assembly Bill 1071](#) (Kalra), as amended September 5, 2025, Criminal procedure: discrimination. ([Remove opposition](#))

At the committee’s September 18 meeting, the committee took action on the following sponsored legislation proposals:

- Proposal for *Judicial Council–Sponsored Legislation: Alternative Methods for Family Courts to Give Notice of Child Custody Mediation*. (Recommend for council sponsorship)
- Proposal for *Judicial Council–Sponsored Legislation: Amendments to Collections-Related Statutes*. (Recommend for council sponsorship)
- *Judicial Council 2026 Legislative Priorities*. (Recommend for council approval)

Key Deadlines

The deadline for the Governor to sign or veto bills was October 13, 2025, and the Governmental Affairs office is finalizing the *2025 Summary of Court-Related Legislation* for distribution to the courts and the public by the end of December.

Membership

Effective September 15, 2025, the Legislation Committee welcomed Mr. Darrel Parker as a new member, and returning members Judge Maria Lucy Armendariz as vice-chair, Presiding Judge Bunmi O. Awoniyi, Judge Judith K. Dulcich, Presiding Judge Maureen F. Hallahan, Presiding Judge Tamara L. Wood, Ms. Rachel W. Hill, and Ms. Gretchen M. Nelson.

The Legislature will reconvene January 5, 2026, for the second year of the 2025–2026 legislative session. As the second year of the session gets underway, the Legislation Committee will begin its rigorous meeting schedule and resume advocacy on bills that are newly introduced or still pending in the session and have significant impacts on the judicial branch.

⁷ No letter.

For further information on any of the bills on which the Legislation Committee has taken a position, please refer to the Legislative Status Charts, courts.ca.gov/4121.htm#legcharts.

Position letters and fiscal impact statements on legislation are available on the Governmental Affairs webpage, courts.ca.gov/position-letters.htm, a valuable resource throughout the legislative year.