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County of Orange Positions on Proposed Legislation

The Legislative Bulletin provides the Board of Supervisors with analyses of measures pending in Sacramento and Washington that are of interest to the County. Staff provides recommended positions that fall within the range of policies established by the Board. According to the County of Orange Legislative Affairs Program Guidelines adopted by the Board of Supervisors on January 25, 2022, staff recommendations for formal County positions on legislation will be agendaized and presented in this document for Board action at regular Board of Supervisors meetings. When the Board takes formal action on a piece of legislation, the CEO will direct the County's legislative advocates to promote the individual bills as approved by the Board. The Legislative Bulletin also provides the Board of Supervisors with informative updates on State and Federal issues.

The 2025-2026 Legislative Platform was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on November 19, 2024.

On February 10, 2026, the Board of Supervisors will consider the following actions:

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- 1. Receive and File Legislative Bulletin**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 1. County Position Matrix: CEO-LA**
- 2. Sacramento Legislative Report**
- 3. Washington DC Legislative Report**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. County Position Matrix: CEO-LA

The tables below list the bills the Board of Supervisors has taken positions on in the 2025-26 legislative session.

State Legislation

As of Thursday, February 5, 2026


Bill No.	Author	Subject	Position	Date of Board Action	Status
<u>AB 28</u>	<u>Schiavo</u>	Solid Waste Landfills: subsurface temperatures.	Oppose	6.24.25	2-Year Bill
<u>AB 70</u>	<u>Aguiar-Curry</u>	Solid Waste: Organic Waste Diversion: Biomethane.	Support	6.24.25	Chaptered
<u>AB 81</u>	<u>Ta</u>	Veterans: Mental Health	Support	3.25.25	Vetoed
<u>AB 91</u>	<u>Harabedian</u>	State and local agencies: demographic data	Support	4.22.25	Chaptered
<u>AB 226</u>	<u>Calderon</u>	California FAIR Plan Association	Support	4.08.25	Chaptered
<u>AB 262</u>	<u>Caloza</u>	California Individual Assistance Act.	Support	6.24.25	2-Year Bill
<u>AB 282</u>	<u>Pellerin</u>	Discrimination: housing: source of income.	Support	5.06.25	2-Year Bill
<u>AB 283</u>	<u>Haney</u>	In-Home Supportive Services Employer-Employee Relations Act	Support if amended	8.26.25	2-Year Bill
<u>AB 339</u>	<u>Ortega</u>	Local public employee organizations: notice requirements	Oppose	4.22.25	Chaptered
<u>AB 349</u>	<u>Dixon</u>	Foster care supplement	Support	4.08.25	Chaptered
<u>AB 370</u>	<u>Carrillo</u>	California Public Records Act: cyberattacks	Support	4.22.25	Chaptered
<u>AB 394</u>	<u>Wilson</u>	Crimes: public transportation providers	Support	3.25.25	Chaptered
<u>AB 424</u>	<u>Davies</u>	Alcohol and other drug programs: complaints	Support	3.25.25	Chaptered
<u>AB 462</u>	<u>Lowenthal</u>	Land use: coastal development permits: accessory dwelling units	Support	4.08.25	Chaptered
<u>AB 492</u>	<u>Valencia</u>	Alcohol and drug programs: licensing	Support	3.25.25	Chaptered
<u>AB 550</u>	<u>Petrie-Norris</u>	The California Endangered Species Act: take of species: renewable electrical generation facilities	Support	3.25.25	2-Year Bill
<u>AB 571</u>	<u>Quirk-Silva</u>	California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: Gypsum Canyon Veterans Cemetery	Co-Sponsor	2.25.25	Chaptered
<u>AB 607</u>	<u>Rodriguez</u>	CalWORKs: Home Visiting Program.	Support	6.24.25	Chaptered
<u>AB 615</u>	<u>Davies</u>	Power facilities: emergency response and action plan	Support	3.25.25	Vetoed
<u>AB 623</u>	<u>Dixon</u>	Fuel modification and reduction projects: California Environmental Quality Act: coastal development permits: exemptions	Support	3.25.25	Assembly Appropriations Committee
<u>AB 689</u>	<u>Rubio</u>	Foster Youth: Disaster aid assistance.	Support	6.24.25	Vetoed
<u>AB 762</u>	<u>Irwin</u>	Disposable, battery-embedded vapor inhalation device: prohibition	Support	4.22.25	Senate Rules Committee

AB 1088	<u>Bains</u>	Public Health: Kratom.	Support	6.24.25	2-Year Bill
AB 1288	<u>Addis</u>	Registered environmental health specialists	Support	4.22.25	Chaptered
AB 1356	<u>Dixon</u>	Alcohol and other drug programs	Support	3.25.25	Chaptered
AB 1387	<u>Quirk-Silva</u>	Mental health multidisciplinary personnel team.	Support	5.06.25	Vetoed
SB 71	<u>Wiener</u>	California Environmental Quality Act: exemptions: transit projects	Support	3.25.25	Chaptered
SB 283	<u>Laird</u>	Energy storage systems	Support	4.08.25	Chaptered
SB 296	<u>Archuleta</u>	Property taxation: exemption: disabled veteran homeowners	Support	3.25.25	2-Year Bill
SB 329	<u>Blakespear</u>	Alcohol and drug recovery or treatment facilities: investigations	Support	3.25.25	2-Year Bill
SB 346	<u>Durazo</u>	Local Agencies: Transit Occupancy Taxes: Short-Term Rental Facilitator.	Support	6.24.25	Chaptered
SB 561	<u>Blakespear</u>	Hazardous waste: Emergency Distress Flare Safe Disposal Act	Support	4.08.25	Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee
SB 569	<u>Blakespear</u>	Department of Transportation: homeless encampments	Support	3.25.25	Assembly Transportation Committee
SB 577	<u>Laird</u>	State Government	Support	8.26.25	2-Year Bill
SB 623	<u>Archuleta</u>	Property taxation: homeowners', veterans', and disabled veterans' exemptions	Support	3.25.25	Assembly Rules Committee
SB 634	<u>Pérez</u>	Local government: homelessness	Oppose	5.06.25	Chaptered
SB 741	<u>Blakespear</u>	Coastal Resources: Coastal Development Permit: Exemption: Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor	Oppose	6.24.25	Assembly Natural Resources Committee
SB 758	<u>Umberg</u>	Public health: kratom and nitrous oxide	Support	01.13.26	Assembly Rules Committee

Federal Legislation

As of Thursday, February 5, 2026

Bill No.	Author	Subject	Position	Date of Board Action	Status
H.R. 965	<u>Sherman</u>	Housing Unhoused Disabled Veterans Act	Support	5.20.25	Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
H.R. 1012	<u>Levin</u>	Spent Fuel Prioritization Act of 2025	Support	5.20.25	House Committee on Energy and Commerce
H.R. 2483	<u>Guthrie</u>	SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act of 2025	Support	6.24.25	Became Law
S. 1462	<u>Curtis</u>	Fix Our Forests Act	Support	9.23.25	Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
S. 2212	<u>Padilla</u>	Visible Identification Standards for Immigration-Based Law Enforcement (VISIBLE) Act of 2025	Support	8.26.25	Senate Committee on the Judiciary

 Highlighted sections symbolize a status change.

2. Sacramento Legislative Report

Prepared by Precision Advocacy Group LLC

The 2026 legislative session is ramping up, and although only 351 bills have been introduced, we anticipate an extremely busy period over the next three weeks, during which we expect approximately 2,100 additional pieces of legislation to emerge. We are tracking all new legislation and will provide timely updates to county staff regarding any measures that may impact County operations, policies, or finances.

We are pleased to report that the County's sponsored legislative proposals are making steady progress through the initial stages of introduction and referral.

[SB 758](#) (Umberg), highlighted in a previous update, which addresses the public health and safety concerns surrounding the misuse of nitrous oxide, continues to move forward. This bill specifically prohibits a tobacco retailer, as defined under state law, from selling nitrous oxide at a retail location. The bill has successfully passed through its initial committee hearings in the Senate and is currently awaiting assignment to a relevant policy committee within the Assembly. We will continue coordinating with the author, co-sponsors, and various stakeholders to support the bill's advancement in its second house.

This week saw the introduction of two additional critical bills sponsored by the County, both carried by Senator Blakespear.

SB 936 directly addresses the retail availability of nitrous oxide tanks. This measure would prohibit the public retail sale of nitrous oxide tanks, with targeted, limited exemptions maintained for legitimate uses, including medical, dental, culinary, and specified automotive applications. This prohibition aims to significantly curtail the non-medical recreational use of the substance, which poses a serious public health risk. The County's efforts on this bill are bolstered by key coalition partners, the Rural Counties Representatives of California (RCRC) and the National Stewardship Action Council. The bill will be eligible for its first committee hearing after March 1 and is anticipated to be referred to the Senate Public Safety Committee for its initial policy review.

Blakespear's second County sponsored bill, addressing the critical statewide need for housing, particularly for vulnerable populations, [SB 967](#) aims to incentivize local government support for transitional housing development to prevent and address homelessness. The bill allows cities and counties to receive credit towards their Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) acutely low-income requirements for transitional housing units. The County is collaborating on this important policy measure with San Diego County. SB 967 will be eligible to be heard in a policy committee after March 6 and is most likely to be referred to the Senate Housing Committee. RHNA legislation is extremely challenging to advance through the legislature and we have begun coalition building and outreach to stakeholders, the Department of Housing and Community Development, and committee staff to make the process as smooth as possible.

We will provide further updates as these, and other County-sponsored measures advance through the legislative process.

Assembly Health Informational Hearing on H.R. 1 Impacts

The Assembly Health Committee held an informational hearing last Tuesday, entitled, "The Devastating Impact of Federal Disinvestment on California's Health Care System." Chaired by Assemblymember Mia Bonta (D-Oakland) and attended by Assemblymembers Dawn Addis (D-San Luis Obispo), Patrick Ahrens (D-Cupertino), Jessica Caloza (D-Los Angeles), Juan Carillo (D-Palmdale), Pilar Schiavo (D-Santa Clara), and Esmeralda Soria (D-Merced), the hearing included

three panels and highlighted the impacts of H.R. 1 including the potential loss of health insurance for up to 2 million Californians. Background materials for the hearing may be found at the end of this section.

Overview. The first panel, “Overview: A High-Stakes Moment for Health Care in California,” included Dr. Sandra Hernandez, CEO, California Health Care Foundation; Jason Constantouros, Principal Fiscal & Policy Analyst, Legislative Analyst’s Office; and Chaz Franklin, Colusa County Resident, Retired Teacher, Veteran, and Covered California enrollee.

Hernandez reviewed the potential devastating nature of the cuts but underscored that California can limit the damage by investing in the system and increasing efficiency, noting that up to 25 cents on every healthcare dollar is wasted on inefficient administration.

Constantouros reported that the LAO is still reviewing and determining the impacts of H.R. 1 and flagged three key areas for legislative consideration:

- **Managed Care Organization (MCO) Tax:** Whether to allow for a large, proportionate tax on health plans to preserve Medi-Cal funding, which would increase costs to private health insurance consumers.
- **Hospital Fee:** How to adjust the fee on private hospitals, by maximizing it to support Medi-Cal or reducing it to limit the cost to certain hospitals.
- **Eligibility Exemptions:** Whether to adopt more exemptions to new eligibility rules allowed under H.R. 1, preserving coverage for a few hundred thousand people but potentially with added administrative complexity.

The legislature lacks the fiscal capacity to completely backfill federal healthcare reductions. While county programs could be reinstated, this would require significant fiscal restructuring. H.R. 1 bans many people who exit from Medi-Cal from accessing subsidies in Covered California.

Franklin, a Covered California enrollee, shared his experience with the financial strain of being a retiree facing escalating healthcare costs. Without subsidies, his health care costs climbed from about \$540 per month to nearly \$4,000.

State Level Impacts and Responses. The second panel discussion brought together state and county representatives to examine the implications of H.R. 1 on California's healthcare landscape. Panelists, including Michelle Baass, Tyler Sadwith, and Yingjia Huang from the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), Jessica Altman of Covered California, Michelle Gibbons of the County Health Executives Association of California, Martha Santana-Chin from LA Care Health Plan, and Hannah Orbach-Mandel of the California Budget and Policy Center, collectively voiced significant concern, particularly regarding the new work requirements.

5 million of the 14 million of the enrollees in the program will be expected to demonstrate a set number of working hours or other qualifying activities. DHCS anticipates that these requirements will result in up to 1.4 million members losing coverage when the program is fully implemented. DHCS staff detailed their efforts to automate verification of exemptions and work requirements in order to limit the number of enrollees who must provide manual verification of eligibility.

Altman emphasized the increase in uninsured people and a dramatic increase in premiums for those who can maintain their insurance. She noted that in 2025, Covered California boasted 2 million enrollees, and the state saw a record low 6.4% uninsured rate. Without subsidies, she estimates that enrollees will see an average of 97% increase in their healthcare premiums. Gibbons underscored the major impacts of the new policy change to counties and their indigent care programs. Prior to the Affordable Care Act (ACA), counties served a significantly larger indigent population with healthcare of last resort. The change in policy is expected to be a double whammy for counties, increasing both indigent care costs and administrative costs.

Panelists generally acknowledged the major rollback that the change in policy represents to the current healthcare safety net. While coverage for all has been the policy goal in California in recent memory, panelists acknowledged that it was not achievable in the short term under H.R. 1. Reducing administrative complexity and utilizing technological administrative efficiencies were offered as tools to help address the policy and fiscal constraints of the moment. There was a widespread acknowledgement that major pressure would be placed on county services while revenues to pay for them would be severely constrained. Orbach-Mandel raised some ideas for revenue generation to help backfill some of the cuts to the healthcare safety net including the closing of certain corporate tax loopholes.

Community Perspectives. The final panel “Community Perspectives” included panelists: Dr. Dolly Goel, MD, Chief Clinical Managed Care Officer, Santa Clara Valley Health; Doug Archer, President and CEO, Dignity Health Mark Twain Medical Center, San Andreas; Robert Gamboa, MPP, Associate Director of Public Policy, Los Angeles LGBT Center; Veronica Palacios, SEIU Local 1021, Chapter Vice President for Alameda Health Systems; Dr. Raul Ayala, MD, Ambulatory Medical Officer and Designated Institutional Official, Graduate Medical Education, Adventist Health, Hanford; and Stacy Cross, President and CEO, Planned Parenthood Mar Monte.

The panel underscored the precarious state of hospital services, particularly in rural areas. Panelists highlighted the high dependency on Medi-Cal funding in these settings. Archer discussed specific local strategies to combat the healthcare worker shortage in rural communities. Cross reinforced this need, calling for increased funding and student loan repayment programs to incentivize healthcare professionals to relocate to rural areas.

The panelists stressed the severe consequences of the proposed H.R. 1 cuts, noting they would intensify pressure on healthcare services and restrict access, even for those with private insurance. This concern echoed prior healthcare policy discussions regarding the high cost of relying on emergency services instead of investing in more affordable, continuous preventative and primary care.

Background Materials

[Agenda](#)

[Background paper](#)

[DHCS - Medi-Cal Impact Presentation](#)

[CA Budget & Policy Center - How Corporations Reduce Their California Tax Bill](#)

[CA Budget & Policy Center - Closing the Largest Corporate Tax Loophole in California](#)

[CA Budget & Policy Center - Impact of Federal Funding Cuts](#)

[CHCF - The 25% Problem](#)

[County Indigent Care Fact Sheet](#)

[LAO - Medi-Cal in Changing Fiscal and Policy Landscape](#)

[Sandra Hernandez - California Health Care Foundation Slides](#)

[Covered California - Impact Update](#)

[Planned Parenthood - Defund Impact Fact Sheet](#)

Assembly Insurance FAIR Plan Hearing

The Assembly Insurance Committee’s oversight hearing on January 28, painted a picture of a FAIR Plan that has quietly transformed from a narrow safety net into one of the largest property insurers in California. Chair Lisa Calderon (D-Whittier) opened by noting that the Plan no longer functions as an “insurer of last resort” but as the default option for hundreds of thousands of homeowners who have been pushed out of the voluntary market. FAIR Plan President Victoria Roach reported that the program now carries more than 668,000 policies and roughly \$724 billion in exposure, a scale that would have been unthinkable only a few years ago. Growth has slowed somewhat, she said, largely

because the wave of bulk non-renewals from admitted insurers has eased, but the overall trajectory remains upward. The central tension of the hearing was whether the FAIR Plan is stabilizing the market or inadvertently competing with it.

Roach acknowledged that in many low-and moderate-risk communities, consumers can now buy a FAIR Plan fire policy paired with a “difference-in-conditions” wraparound policy for less than half the price of a traditional admitted-market product. Mortgage companies and realtors, she said, are sometimes steering buyers toward the FAIR Plan precisely because it is cheaper. That dynamic, echoed by industry witnesses, has turned the FAIR Plan into a de facto competitor to private insurers rather than a temporary bridge. Efforts to “depopulate” the program through the state’s clearinghouse have been limited; only about fifteen insurers are actively using the system, and brokers can effectively block transfers if they are not appointed with the receiving carrier. The result is that many policyholders remain in the FAIR Plan for years, even when alternatives exist.

Financial sustainability was another dominant theme. Roach explained that for decades the FAIR Plan was barred from reflecting the true cost of reinsurance in its rates, leaving premiums below actuarially sound levels. A pending 35.8% rate filing would help, but even that would not fully close the gap. Without adequate rates, she warned, the Plan cannot responsibly expand coverage limits or absorb the next major disaster. After the 2025 fires the FAIR Plan was forced to assess the admitted market \$1 billion to pay claims, a reminder that instability in the Plan ultimately ripples back to all policyholders.

The committee also pressed the FAIR Plan on claims handling, particularly for smoke damage. Roach described new guidance clarifying that cleaning alone is not covered, but items that cannot be deodorized must be replaced, and specialized work, such as duct or piano cleaning, is paid for. To manage the surge after the fires, the Plan added more than 200 claims examiners and restructured oversight to improve consistency. Looking ahead, the FAIR Plan is also facing a potential mandate to offer a full homeowners policy, a change Roach said could require a 30-50% increase in the organization’s budget and an entirely new operational infrastructure.

While the hearing remained statewide in focus, the issues raised, price-driven migration to the FAIR Plan, limits on depopulation through brokers, and the challenge of insuring higher-value properties, mirror conditions seen in coastal and suburban markets such as Orange County. Members left with the unresolved question Chair Calderon posed at the outset: whether California can restore a healthy admitted market without turning the FAIR Plan into the permanent insurer for vast swaths of the state.

Background Materials

[Agenda- 01/28/26](#)

[Background- 01/28/26](#)

[FAIR Plan Slide Deck](#)

Upcoming Hearings

Agendas are typically posted on the committee websites in the [Assembly](#) and [Senate](#) a few days prior to the hearings. To view hearings after they take place, you may access them in the [Assembly](#) or [Senate](#) media archives where they are generally available within a few hours of committee adjournment.

Wednesday, February 11, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

Senate Budget and Fiscal Review

1021 O Street, Room 1200

Informational Hearing: The Impacts of H.R. 1 (Public Law No. 119-21) on California's Safety Net

Grant Opportunities

Below is a list of the latest grant opportunities released by the state. All opportunities for local jurisdictions may be found [here](#).

Application deadline: 3/2/26 15:00

Title: [Farmworkers Advancement Program \(FAP\) Grant for Program Year 2025-26 \(PY 25-26\)](#)

State Agency / Department: [Employment Development Department](#)

Match Funding? No

Estimated Total Funding: \$5,000,000

Funding Method: Reimbursement(s)

Governor's Press Releases

Below is a list of the governor's press releases beginning January 22.

February 4: [Governor Newsom signs Executive Order to assist Imperial County's recovery following 2025 August Monsoon Storms](#)

February 4: [Governor Newsom on Republicans losing challenge to new Congressional maps at U.S. Supreme Court](#)

February 4: [Governor Newsom announces new funding through LA Rises to support youth mental health for LA firestorm survivors](#)

February 3: [Governor Newsom announces major high-speed rail milestone, track installation to begin](#)

February 3: [Governor Newsom's statewide Jobs First investments created more than 61,000 jobs, trained more than 142,000 workers in 2025](#)

February 2: [Governor Newsom proposes improving access to menopause health care](#)

February 2: [California closes in on completing the world's largest wildlife crossing](#)

February 2: [Governor Newsom announces judicial appointments 2.2.2026](#)

February 2: [Delivering results at the border: Governor Newsom announces record \\$506 million in illicit fentanyl seized since launching counterdrug operations](#)

February 2: [California hosts Super Bowl LX and other upcoming events, setting gold standard for sports and bringing \\$18 billion+ in economic benefits](#)

February 1: [Governor Newsom proclaims CalEITC Awareness Week](#)

January 30: [California-Mexico military partnership strengthens with visit to the Golden State](#)

January 30: [Governor Newsom declares Fred Korematsu Day 2026](#)

January 29: [Governor Newsom announces appointments 1.29.2026](#)

January 29: [Governor Newsom, Sacramento State, and Meta advance major redevelopment in downtown Sacramento](#)

January 29: [Governor Newsom, Sacramento State, and Meta advance major redevelopment in downtown Sacramento to create affordable housing for students](#)

January 28: [Governor Newsom announces appointments 1.28.2026](#)

January 28: [Governor Newsom deploys incident management resources and personnel to Tennessee amid deadly winter storm](#)

3. Washington D.C. Legislative Report

Prepared by Townsend Public Affairs

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH ACTIVITY

Appropriations Process Nears Close with 11 of 12 Bills Now Law

On February 3, the House passed and the President signed [HR 7148](#), the final minibus of Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) containing the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development; Labor, Health and Human Services, Education; Defense, State and Foreign Operations; and Financial Services and General Government funding bills alongside a short-term continuing resolution for the Homeland Security bill. Combined with the previously passed and signed minibus, [HR 6938](#), 11 of the 12 appropriations bills for FY26 are now law and 96% of discretionary spending is accounted for through the end of FY26 on September 30.

The legislation included \$2,000,000 for the County of Orange to advance renovations the Newport Harbor facility. The funding was sponsored by Rep. Dave Min.

The two week continuing resolution (CR) for the Homeland Security bill allows Congress and the White House additional time to negotiate immigration enforcement reforms being pushed by Democrats following multiple incidents in Minnesota.

The bills, which also make associated earmarks (community projects funding/congressionally directed spending) law, make only slight modifications to the vast majority of funding accounts, rejecting larger reductions in federal spending initially [requested](#) by the Administration in early 2025. The bills also contain more proscriptive language than prior years, requiring the Administration to report more often on drawdowns of Congressionally-appropriated funding and requiring they obligate the funding in accordance with the bills in a more timely manner than the prior fiscal year. The bills also set minimum staffing levels, which are normally at the Administration's discretion, for certain agencies and offices the Administration's Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) initially sought to target for layoffs.

Speaker Johnson Promises Senator Cruz a House Vote on Air Safety Legislation

On February 4, House Speaker Mike Johnson [reportedly](#) committed to Senator Ted Cruz that he would bring [S 2503](#), The Rotorcraft Operations Transparency and Oversight Reform (ROTOR) Act, for a vote in the House.

The ROTOR Act strengthens military flight regulations and disallows the military from declining to use or install civilian compatible transmitters on military aircraft. It also requires the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to review and evaluate helicopter routes near major airports and take additional deconfliction measures.

The measure is controversial in the House, where House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Chairman Sam Graves wants to amend the bill to better protect general aviation and Ranking Member Rick Larsen offered other concerns. Speaker Johnson's offer comes after failed attempt to include the bill in the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development funding bill that passed as part of the partial shutdown ending minibus on February 3.

[House Leadership Hopes to Bring Alternative Housing Bill for Week of February 9](#)

On February 2, reports [indicated](#) House leadership was planning to bring [HR 6644](#), the Housing for the 21st Century Act, to the House floor for a vote the week of February 9. The bill was passed out of the House Committee on Financial Services in a 50-1 vote on January 15.

The bill is widely seen as the House's response to the Senate's [S 2651](#), the ROAD to Housing Act, which House Financial Services Chairman French Hill [stripped](#) from the 2026 National Defense Authorization Act, arguing a number of House Republicans would oppose provisions in the bill. The Housing for the 21st Century Act is a [summation](#) of 48 other bills, and would create a federal framework for addressing housing supply constraints, streamline National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) reviews of federalized projects, expand program eligibility for HOME investment partnerships, clarify Build America, Buy America (BABA) requirements, expand eligible uses of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding, and other financing reforms for manufactured housing and small-dollar mortgages.

While it has significant overlap with the ROAD to Housing Act, it fails to include rental assistance expansions, opportunity zone modifications, CDBG incentives, and other funding-based initiatives designed to support local jurisdictions in addressing homelessness issues. The Housing for the 21st Century Act was written with and sponsored by both Financial Services Chairman French Hill and Ranking Member Maxine Waters.

EXECUTIVE BRANCH ACTIVITY

[Administration Sees a Short-Lived Partial Government Shutdown](#)

Funding for over 80% of the federal government briefly expired over the weekend, as the continuing resolution (CR) that ended the shutdown last fall, [HR 5731](#), expired on January 30. Given Democratic objections to the Homeland Security funding bill's inclusion in the six-bill minibus over immigration enforcement incidents in Minnesota, and their agreement with the White House to amend the package and provide another CR for the Homeland bill while funding the other five bills through the end of FY26 on September 30 needing to pass the House, a brief government shutdown lasted until Tuesday evening.

On January 30, the White House issued a [memo](#) instructing nonessential staff to begin orderly shutdown operations upon returning to work on Monday, February 2. Due to the progress the Senate made on passing the amended minibus package, agencies did not implement full contingency plans and only furloughed staff through Tuesday. Detailed [impacts](#) became clearer over the weekend, with most major government services remaining operational. In shorter shutdowns, agencies often only temporarily cease operations, furloughing staff for the length of the shutdown without needing additional contingency plans or significantly altering operations.

[Orange County Delegation Press Releases](#)

- Mike Levin – February 3, 2026: [Rep. Mike Levin Votes No on 2026 Government Funding Package Over Failure to Rein in ICE | U.S. Congressman Mike Levin](#)
- Mike Levin – January 29, 2026: [Rep. Mike Levin Honors John Resnick as January 2026 Constituent of the Month | U.S. Congressman Mike Levin](#)
- Rep. Derek Tran – February 4, 2026: [ICYMI: Representatives Tran, Salinas, Senator Merkley Hold Press Conference Introducing Bicameral Bill to Hold ICE, CBP Accountable for Constitutional Rights Abuses | Representative Derek Tran](#)

- Rep. Derek Tran – February 3, 2026: [Representative Tran Opposes Funding for ICE, Demands Reforms to Protect U.S. Citizens | Representative Derek Tran](#)
- Rep. Derek Tran – January 30, 2026: [Representative Tran Cosponsors Articles of Impeachment Against Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem | Representative Derek Tran](#)
- Rep. Lou Correa – February 3, 2026: [CORREA VOTES AGAINST FUNDING ICE AND DHS IN FEDERAL SPENDING BILL | U.S. Congressman Lou Correa of California](#)
- Sen. Adam Schiff – February 3, 2026: [NEWS: Sen. Schiff Joins Warren, Lawmakers in Push for Expedited Probe of ICE’s Violence After Watchdog Confirms Investigation](#)
- Sen. Adam Schiff – February 3, 2026: [WATCH: Sen. Schiff Presses Netflix and Warner Bros. on Impact of Proposed Sale on U.S. Production and Workforce Layoffs, Consumer Costs and Choice](#)
- Sen. Adam Schiff – February 3, 2026: [NEWS: Sen. Schiff, Rep. Chu Lead California Delegation Members in Calling on Major Insurance Companies to Ensure Los Angeles Fire Victims Receive Fair Compensation](#)
- Sen. Adam Schiff – February 2, 2026: [NEWS: Sen. Schiff Demands Independent Review of Dr. Oz’s Targeting of Armenian Americans](#)
- Sen. Adam Schiff – February 2, 2026: [NEWS: California Senators Padilla and Schiff Pledge to Oppose Federal Reserve Chair Nominee Until Trump Ends Weaponized Assault on the Fed’s Independence](#)
- Sen. Adam Schiff – January 30, 2026: [WATCH: Sen. Schiff Votes Against Additional Funding for Department of Homeland Security without Statutory Reforms](#)
- Sen. Adam Schiff – January 30, 2026: [STATEMENT: Sen. Schiff Condemns Dr. Oz’s Targeting of Armenian Americans](#)
- Sen. Adam Schiff – January 30, 2026: [NEWS: Schiff, Blackburn, Grassley Introduce Legislation to Improve Access to Care for Veterans with Hearing Loss](#)
- Sen. Adam Schiff – January 29, 2026: [NEWS: Sen. Schiff, 15 Senate Democrats Raise Alarm on EPA’s New Rule Abandoning Federal Water Pollution Protections](#)
- Sen. Alex Padilla – February 4, 2026: [Padilla Introduces Bills to Bolster California’s Water Supply, Drought Resilience - Senator Alex Padilla](#)
- Sen. Alex Padilla – February 3, 2026: [WATCH: Padilla Condemns ICE and CBP’s Violent Abuse of Power Under Trump - Senator Alex Padilla](#)
- Sen. Alex Padilla – February 2, 2026: [Padilla Statement on Republicans’ Latest Attempt to Pass SAVE Act to Suppress the Right to Vote for Millions of Americans - Senator Alex Padilla](#)
- Sen. Alex Padilla – February 2, 2026: [Padilla, Schiff Pledge to Oppose Federal Reserve Chair Nominee Until Trump Ends Weaponized Assault on the Fed’s Independence - Senator Alex Padilla](#)
- Sen. Alex Padilla – January 30, 2026: [Padilla, Schiff Join Amicus Brief Urging Ninth Circuit Court to Affirm Critical Protections for Children in Immigration Detention - Senator Alex Padilla](#)
- Sen. Alex Padilla – January 30, 2026: [Padilla Warns Secretaries of State of Trump’s Threats to Elections, Urges Them to Defend the Right to Vote - Senator Alex Padilla](#)
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Legislation Introduced by the Orange County Delegation

Bill Number	Bill Title	Introduction Date	Sponsor	Bill Description	Latest Major Action
H.R. 7312	National Task Force to Combat Fraud for Federal Dollars	02/02/2026	Rep. Young Kim	To establish a national task force to investigate and combat fraud involving Federal dollars.	Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Action Date: 02/02/2026
H.J. RES. 148	Resolution expressing support for National Counseling Week Designation	02/02/2026	Rep. Linda Sanchez	Expressing support for designation of the week of February 2, 2026, through February 6, 2026, as "National School Counseling Week".	Referred to the House Committee on Education and Workforce. Action Date: 2/2/2026
S. 3737	Amendment to Emergency Drought Relief Act	1/29/2026	Sen. Alex Padilla	A bill to amend the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991 to provide financial and technical assistance to eligible entities for the conduct of innovative approaches to voluntary water partnership agreements among multiple water users and projects conducted by individual	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S380) Action Date: 1/29/2026

				agricultural entities, and for other purposes.	
S. 3738	Amendment to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act	1/29/2026	Sen. Alex Padilla	A bill to amend the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to reauthorize the large-scale water recycling and reuse program, to establish a Water Conveyance Improvement Program, and for other purposes.	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S380-381) Action Date: 1/29/2026

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