



FCLCA SPRING UPDATE 2026

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Here in Sacramento, we're in one of the busiest parts of the legislative year -- FCLCA advocates are participating in both the state budget process and policy committee hearings on bills in the areas of health care, criminal justice, immigrant rights, environment, housing, worker protection and more. You can read more about the bills and budget asks we are working on in the "Our Work" section of our website www.fclca.org.

And while you're visiting the website please consider visiting our [Action Center](#) page from time to time – we'll be posting action items throughout the year.

[Here is one item you can take action on today by emailing your legislator about an important environmental bill, the AIR Act, SB 982.](#)

SB 982, the Affordable Insurance and Recovery Act (AIR Act) is described as "groundbreaking legislation to tackle California's growing home insurance affordability crisis." The AIR Act would authorize the Attorney General to take large oil and gas corporations to court for damages related to climate change-fueled extreme weather disasters, like wildfires and flooding.

Right now, bills are being heard in the policy committees of their house of origin, and the Appropriations Committees will soon be meeting to decide on bills that have a fiscal impact. If bills survive the Appropriations process (a significant number do not), they will then go to the floor for a vote. Successful bills will then pass to the second house to start the process all over again.

Many bills and budget items this session focus on addressing the impact of H.R. 1 (the One Big Beautiful Bill) cuts in funding for basic human services and health care and on protecting immigrant rights from abuses by ICE and the federal drive to mass deportations.

Some of the important bills FCLCA is advocating for thanks to your support :

AB 2600 would establish a statutory right to legal counsel for individuals in California facing deportation proceedings, with a priority for individuals detained in immigration detention.

AB 2161 would shield Californians from Medi-Cal coverage loss as a result of work requirements imposed by H.R. 1 .

AB 2465, No Taxpayer Dollars for Family Separation, would ensure that state resources do not indirectly subsidize business practices that conflict with California’s public policy and values by prohibiting companies that invest in, manage, or operate private detention facilities from receiving taxpayer-funded benefits, subsidies, grants, loans, or tax credits from the State of California.

SB 1422 restores enrollment access to full-scope Medi-Cal for undocumented adults ages nineteen and older starting January 2027.

AB 1807 prohibits state-owned property from being used for immigration enforcement purposes.

SB 747 provides for a clear statutory pathway to sue any office – federal, state or local – who violates the Constitution and affirms that the U.S. Constitution is the supreme law of the land.

AB 1537 prohibits local and state law enforcement from “moonlighting” for ICE, the Dept of Homeland Security or their contractors.

SB 1105 prohibits local and state law enforcement from assisting federal agents in operations that involve racial or identify profiling, criminalization of speech or use of unauthorized military equipment against Californians.

Both houses of the Legislature continue this month to hold hearings on the 2026-2027 state budget. The Newsom Administration projects a \$2.9 billion deficit, while the Legislative Analyst’s Office projected an \$18 billion deficit in November based on differing revenue assumptions. Those assumptions will become clearer when the Governor issues his May Revise budget next month, after much of the tax revenue has been collected.

FCLCA budget advocacy includes:

- **Additional prison closures**
- **\$20m for RIGHT Grant funding - funding for community-based programs inside state prisons.**
- **\$40m for the Jails to Jobs pilot program, which would include workforce development in pretrial diversion programs.**

- **Transitioning the Adult Reentry Grant program to the Department of Housing and Community Development- to provide rental assistance and reentry services for those who were incarcerated.**
- **A \$2.8b investment in affordable housing and homelessness programs.**
- **An additional \$50m for deportation defense.**
- **\$30m in dedicated funds for outreach to low-wage and immigrant workers through the CWOP program to advise them of rights and benefits under California law.**
- **Expanding the California Food Assistance Program with \$89.6m in one time funding to mitigate devastating federal cuts to nutrition programs.**
- **Support for California Food Banks of \$110m to meet the food crisis.**
- **\$1.87b in funding for School Meals for All**

Thank you again for your support and activism that makes our work possible!