



## FCLCA JUNE UPDATE 2026

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Thank you for your support that has allowed FCLCA to advocate at this critical time for our state and our country!

[Please take a moment to visit our Action Center page](#) for important actions on protecting health care for immigrants, supporting the Jails to Jobs program and protecting California's waters from offshore drilling and more! These links will allow you to directly communicate with your legislators on key issues.

Also coming up: FCLCA continues to participate in the California Anti-Death Penalty Coalition, which is lobbying Gov. Newsom to enact universal clemency to Californians under a death sentence. The Coalition is holding a press event at the State Capitol on June 30<sup>th</sup> - [you are invited to attend](#).

This is one of the busiest times of the legislative year here in Sacramento. Just last Friday was the last day for most bills to pass out of the first house – where they originated – if they are to move forward this session.

At the same time, the state budget process for fiscal year 2026-27 has reached the stage where the leaders of the Assembly and the Senate and the Governor are negotiating a final state budget, which must be passed by June 15. The Governor, Assembly, and Senate have all released their budget proposals, and advocates are working to ensure that they invest in children, families, workers, and communities.

FCLCA has been heavily involved in budget advocacy this year, possibly more than ever, due to federal cuts mandated by H.R. 1 and the importance of California's response to losing funds for our safety net, particularly in the areas of health care and food assistance.

Here are some of the key budget items FCLCA and our coalition partners are advocating for:

Protect and restore full-scope Medi-Cal for immigrants and keep nearly two million Californians insured.

Fully fund In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) and reject harmful proposals that would make it harder for seniors and people with disabilities to access care.

**Prevent hunger by expanding the California Food Assistance Program (CFAP+) for families impacted by federal cuts.**

**Save essential childcare slots and keep California's promise to create 200,000 childcare spaces.**

**Include an increase of \$40 million in state funding for a total of \$115 million for CDSS Immigration Legal Services Programs to defend California families, children and communities from the Trump administration's dangerous mass deportation policies.**

**Protect full scope Medi-Cal for refugees, asylees, and victims of domestic violence and human trafficking.**

**Raise progressive revenues to protect Californians from federal cuts and economic hardship.**

**FCLCA is part of the Californians United for a Responsible Budget coalition (CURB) that is calling for additional prison closures to help fund the Jails to Jobs pilot program that will provide case management and job training diversion, Rehabilitative Invest Grants for Healing and Transformation ( the RIGHT Grant) and services for victims to address federal reductions. With 14,000 vacant beds in the state prison and a declining prison population, several prisons could be closed.**

**The Legislative Analyst's Office has recommended closing at least one prison in the upcoming budget year; however, the Governor's May Budget Revision did not include any additional prison closures. Thanks to heavy lobbying by CURB and others, both the Senate and Assembly included one additional prison closure in their budget proposals. The decision now moves to budget negotiations between the Legislature and the Governor.**

#### **Bills in 2026**

**Your support has allowed FCLCA to weigh in on dozens of bills in the areas of healthcare, safety net programs, environment, criminal justice, housing and immigrant rights.**

**Below are updates on a few key bills FCLCA has been working on. There were some successes and some disappointments. But as we know after 75 years of advocacy, it sometimes takes a while to build the momentum for the right things to happen!**

#### **Protecting our Environment**

**AB 2461, to require oil companies to cover well cleanup costs, passed the full Assembly and now moves to the Senate. This bill clarifies the intent of AB 1167, a bill**

enacted in 2023, requiring companies that acquire oil wells to submit a bond to cover the full cost of cleanup and to ensure that taxpayers don't get left with the cost of cleaning dangerous leaky wells when companies transfer wells to companies that then go bankrupt or desert the wells resulting in hundreds of millions of dollars in costs to taxpayers.

**SB 982, The California Affordable Insurance and Recovery Act**, would establish a new framework allowing the Attorney General to recover climate attributable insurance losses from large fossil fuel corporations and redirect those funds toward household relief, stabilization of the California FAIR Plan, and wildfire resilience. The California Fair Plan is the insurer of last resort, when private insurance companies will not issue policies. The bill passed the Senate Judiciary Committee but was held in the Senate Insurance Committee. As a result it will not advance this session.

**AB 1603**, originally provided greater transparency around PFAS pesticide usage in California, halted new approvals of PFAS pesticides, and banned all PFAS pesticides by 2035. Due to heavy lobbying by the agricultural, pesticide and chemical industries, it became clear that there were not enough votes to get the bill off the Assembly floor. In order to move the bill to the Senate, the author agreed to amend the bill in the Senate to replace the ban on PFAS in pesticides with a moratorium on the approval of new PFAS pesticide applications with the Department of Pesticide Regulation. PFAS pesticides will be subject to County Agricultural Commission permitting and will be subject to public notification prior to spraying through the Spray Day program. According to the Environmental Working Group, a sponsor of AB 1603, while the bill does not enact the desired ban, it lays the groundwork for future efforts, will turn off approvals of new PFAS pesticides and will provide greater transparency regarding their use.

#### **Criminal Justice Reform and Protecting Immigrants from the Deportation Machine**

**SB 1105, The Protect California Rights Act**, was passed by the Senate and moves on to the Assembly. SB 1105 ensures that California's law enforcement agencies are not used to silence Californians and fuel a racially discriminatory deportation force. The bill will

- **Require interagency agreements with the federal government and out-of-state law enforcement to expressly state that California law enforcement will not engage in racial profiling, criminalization of speech, or use of unauthorized weapons of war.**

- **Ensure that our state does not give federal law enforcement officers acting beyond their federal jurisdiction broad power to stop and arrest Californians.**

**AB 1958, a follow-up to the California Racial Justice Act, would help streamline litigation, reduce delays, and provide consistent guidelines to courts in order to address racial discrimination and bias in the criminal justice system, will not advance this year. The bill was heavily opposed by law enforcement and failed the house of origin deadline by falling eight votes short as moderate Democrats laid off the bill.**

**SB 672, the Youth Rehabilitation and Opportunity Act, which would provide young Californians who were sentenced to life without parole for committing specified crimes up to age 26 and who have served 25 years in prison, with an opportunity to demonstrate their growth, maturity and rehabilitation in order to be resentenced and earn the opportunity to be paroled, will not advance this session. Though the bill passed the Senate, amendments that would be required to move the bill in the Assembly would have substantially weakened the bill, so the sponsors and the author agreed to hold the bill for now.**

**AB 1807 prohibits state-owned property from being used for immigration enforcement purposes. It passed the Assembly and moves on to the Senate.**