



Our state continues to face difficult times, but progress continues to be made. I remain committed to continue working on legislation that will not only benefit Californians during the pandemic but also after this emergency, including raising difficult questions to address state challenges. Below is a list of active legislation I am authoring in the 2021 legislative cycle.

Consumer Protection

SB 324: Requires large for-profit corporations to include a way to opt-out of receiving their junk mail.

SB 497: Prevents nonbank entities from charging overdraft fees for anyone receiving public assistance, unemployment insurance (UI), or child support payments distributed by the State (EDD).

SB 633: Provides protections to both co-signers and businesses to give non-English speaking co-signers a notice when they are co-signing a contract.

SB 757: Provides more consumer protections for solar customers by ensuring solar contracts have the same protections as general home improvement contracts. It will also promote more transparency in the sales of solar systems.

Environment

SB 47: Allows CalGEM to collect and spend up to \$10 million per year to plug abandoned and deserted oil wells, and allows unspent funds to be saved up to \$100 million for future plugging and abandoning work.

SB 542: Ensures the taxes and DMV fees associated with purchasing zero-emission medium and heavy-duty trucks are equivalent to their diesel and gasoline counterparts.

Non-Profits

SB 543: Requires certain State agencies that regulate or impact non-profits to have a designated non-profit liaison to help address any non-profit concerns.

Appointments

SB 702: Permits the data collection of gender, race, and ethnicity, of gubernatorial appointees and requires the Office of the Governor to release an annual public report with this information.

Public Safety

SB 296: Requires each local jurisdiction that employs Code Enforcement Officers to develop safety standards based on the nature of their work and the conditions that are faced.

SB 553: Creates a state Work Opportunity Tax Credit to businesses when they hire individuals who have faced significant barriers to employment, such as disabled veterans, individuals on public assistance, or those who have been incarcerated.

Health

SB 48: Improves the ability of Californians to receive a dignified diagnosis and quality care for Alzheimer's and dementia by increasing training for primary care providers.

SB 280: Requires large group health insurance policies to cover medically necessary basic health care services, such as women's reproductive services, obesity care, and organ transplants. This bill also prohibits discrimination in large group health insurance design and marketing.

SB 293: Increases access to mental health services for children in Medi-Cal by streamlining eligibility paperwork.

SB 368: Helps families track their medical coverage expenses by requiring health plans to share how much a consumer has paid towards their deductible and maximum out-of-pocket costs.

SB 535: Waives prior authorization for patients diagnosed with advanced or metastatic stage 3 and 4 cancer to receive testing for genetic biomarkers.

SB 613: Decreases infant falls and safety risks to both mother and child and allow for a hands-free, skin-to-skin postpartum recovery.

Education

SB 50: Expands childcare opportunities for infants and toddlers by opening up the State Preschool program to children 0-5, allowing family childcare providers to contract with the preschool program, and expanding categorical eligibility for families.

SB 540: Redirects funding to local education agencies in order to close structural access and opportunity gaps in public education.

SB 737: Modernizes the California Student Opportunity and Access Program (Cal-SOAP), which works with underserved students pursuing higher education at over 400 middle and high school sites.

