

Understanding And Working With The Legislature

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Water Politics Can Be A Full Body Contact Sport



To Play The Game, You Need To Know:

- The Players
- The Rules of the Game
- Some Strategy

Meet The California Legislature

Senate

- 40 Members
 - 29 Dems
 - 10 Reps
 - 1 Vacancy
- 4 Year Terms
 - 6 – 2020 *
 - 7 – 2022 *
 - 7 – 2024 *
 - 3 – 2024 †
 - 4 – 2026 *
 - 4 – 2026 †
 - 2 – 2028 †
 - 6 – 2030 †

Assembly

- 80 Members
 - 60 Dems
 - 19 Reps
 - 1 NPP
- 2 Year Terms
 - 31 – 2024 †
 - 19 – 2026 †
 - 21 – 2028 †
 - 9 – 2030 †

* Old Term Limit Rules (3 Asm, 2 Sen)

† New Term Limits Rules (12 yrs Total)

Meet The California Legislature

Senate

- 8 Local Government
- 7 Attorney
- 4 Business Owner
- 4 Former Leg Staffer
- 3 Educator
- 3 Organized Labor
- 3 Retired Military
- 2 Real Estate
- 2 CPA/Finance
- 2 Rancher/Farmer
- 1 Medical

Assembly

- 20 Local Government
- 14 Educator
- 10 Attorney
- 9 Business Owner
- 6 Former Leg Staffer
- 3 Medical
- 2 Rancher/Farmer
- 2 Law Enforcement
- 14 Miscellaneous

Leadership

Senate



Pro Tem

Toni
Atkins



Minority
Leader

Shannon
Grove

Assembly



Speaker

Anthony
Rendon



Minority
Leader

Marie
Waldron

What Do We Do?

- Adopt Rules
- Pass New Laws
- Appropriate Funds
- Oversight of Executive Branch
- Constituent Services

Legislative Calendar

2020 Key Dates:

- Jan. 10 Budget must be submitted by Governor (Art. IV, Sec. 12(a))
- Jan. 24 Last day to submit bill requests to Legislative Counsel
- Jan. 31 Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house in the odd numbered year (Art. IV, Sec. 10(c))
- Feb. 21 Last day for bills to be introduced
- Apr. 24 Last day for policy committees to hear & report fiscal bills
- May 1 Last day for policy committees to hear & report non-fiscal bills
- May 8 Last day for policy committees to meet prior to June 1
- May 15 Last day for fiscal committees to hear & report bills
- May 26 – May 29
Floor Session Only. No committee may meet for any purpose
- May 29 Last day for bills to be passed out of the house of origin

Legislative Calendar

Key Dates:

- Jun. 1 Committee meetings may resume
- Jun. 15 Budget must be passed by midnight (Art. IV, Sec. 12 (c)(3)).
- Jun. 25 Last day for a legislative measure to qualify for the Nov. 3 ballot
- Jun. 26 Last day for policy committees to hear & report fiscal bills
- Jul. 3 Last Day for policy committees to meet & report bills
Summer Recess begins upon adjournment (if budget passed)
- Aug. 3 Reconvene from Summer Recess
- Aug. 14 Last day for fiscal committees to meet & report bills to the Floor

Aug. 17 – 31

Floor Session only. No committees, other than Conference Committees & Rules Committee, may meet for any purpose

- Aug. 21 Last day to amend bills on the Floor
- Aug. 31 Last day for each house to pass bills (Art. IV, Sec. 10 (c))
Interim Study Recess begins at the end of this day's session

Standing Committees

Senate

Agriculture
Appropriations
Banking & Financial Institutions
Budget & Fiscal Review
Business, Professions & Economic Development
Education
Elections & Constitutional Amendments
Energy, Utilities & Communications
Environmental Quality
Governance & Finance
Governmental Organization
Health
Housing
Human Services
Insurance
Judiciary
Labor, Public Employment & Retirement
Natural Resources & Water
Public Safety
Rules
Transportation
Veterans Affairs

Assembly

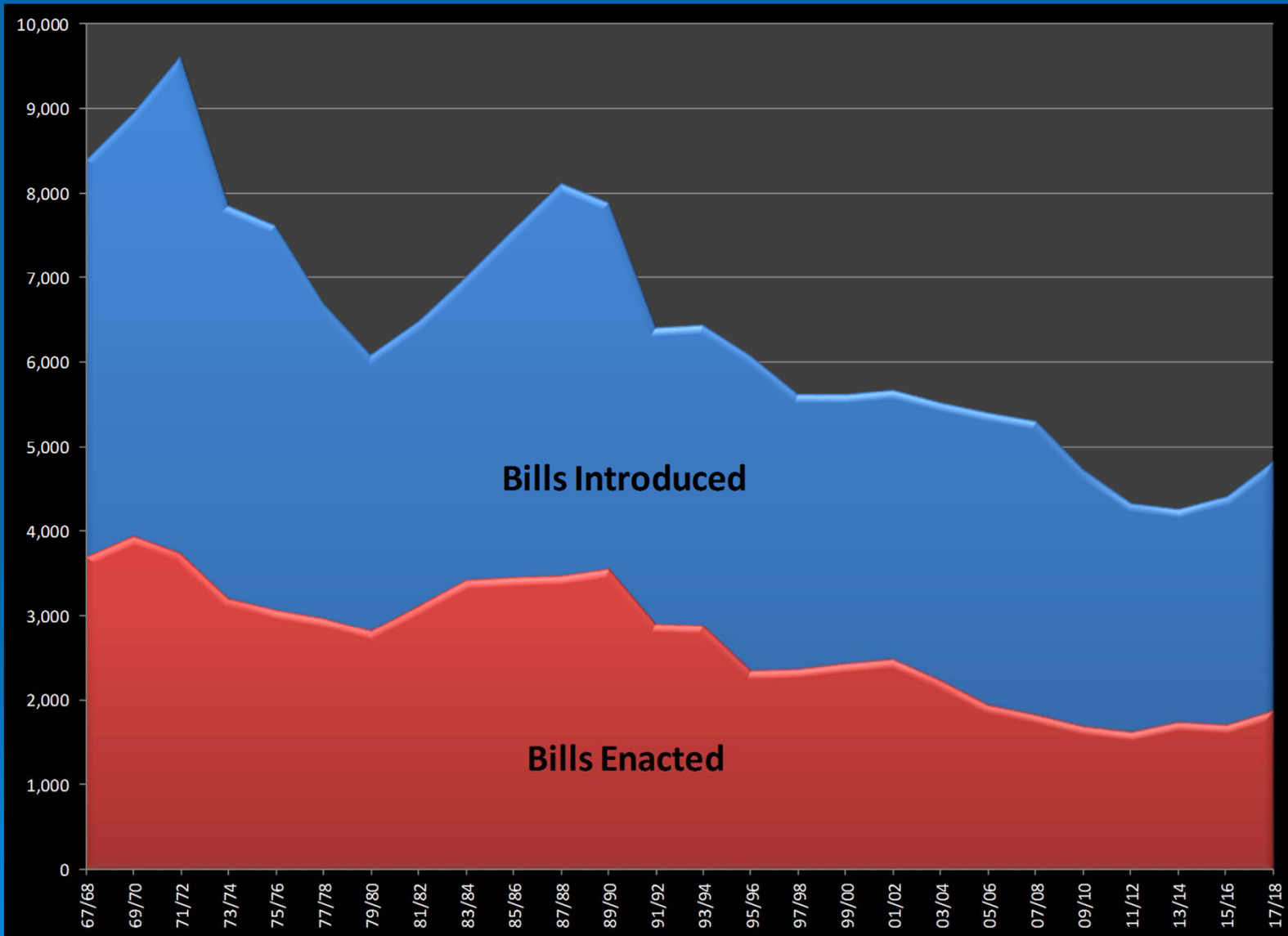
Accountability & Administrative Review
Aging & Long-Term Care
Agriculture
Appropriations
Arts, Entertainment, Sports, Tourism, & Internet Media
Banking & Finance
Budget
Business & Professions
Communications & Conveyance
Education
Elections & Redistricting
Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials
Governmental Organization
Health
Higher Education
Housing & Community Development
Human Services
Insurance
Jobs, Economic Development, & the Economy
Judiciary
Labor & Employment
Local Government
Natural Resources
Privacy & Consumer Protection
Public Employment & Retirement
Public Safety
Revenue & Taxation
Rules
Transportation
Utilities & Energy
Veterans Affairs
Water, Parks, & Wildlife



How a Bill Becomes a Law



Until Recently, Bill Load Has Been Declining



Governor

Senate Floor

Assembly Floor

**Senate Budget
Committee**

**Assembly Budget
Committee**

Senate Budget Subcommittees

Assembly Budget Subcommittees

- No. 1 Education**
- No. 2 Resources, Environmental Protection,
Energy, & Transportation**
- No. 3 Health & Human Services**
- No. 4 State Administration, General Government,
Judicial, & Veterans Affairs**
- No. 5 Revenue, the Economy, & Labor**

- No. 1 Health & Human Services**
- No. 2 Education & Finance**
- No. 3 Resources**
- No. 4 State Administration**
- No. 5 Information Technology & Transportation**

**Senate Budget
Committee**

**Assembly Budget
Committee**

Senate Floor

Assembly Floor

Senate Floor

Assembly Floor

**Budget Conference
Committee**

Governor

Oversight: Standing & Select Committees

18 Senate

Select Committees:

2020 United States Census
Aerospace & Defense
Asian Pacifica Islander Affairs
California's Wine Industry
California, Armenia and Artsakh Mutual Trade, Art & Cultural Exchange
California-Mexico Cooperation
Career Technology and the New Economy
Governor's 2019 Report: Wildfires & Climate Change – California's Energy Future
Growing Impact of Artificial Intelligence in California
Manufactured Home Communities
Mental Health
Missing & Unidentified Persons
Ports and Goods Movement
Preparing California's Future Workforce
Social Determinants of Children's Well-Being
Status of Boys & Men of Color
Student Success
Women, Work and Families

53 Assembly

Select Committees, Including:


202 Olympic & Paralympic Games
Aerospace
California-México Bi-National Affairs
California's Clean Energy Economy
Coastal Protection and Access to Natural Resources
Craft Brewing and Distilling
Cybersecurity
End of Life Health Care
Foster Care
Hate Crimes
Infectious Diseases
International & Regional Agreements
Master Plan for Higher Education in California
Nonprofit Sector
Ports & Goods Movement
Science, Technology, Engineering and Math
Status of Boys and Men of Color in California
Student Debt
Wine
Women in the Workplace

Constituent Services

(That Means You!)



Some Strategy


- Understand Our Process
 - Know What's Going On
 - Know Some Lingo
 - Don't Be Shy
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You Can't Tell The Players Without A Program

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE
AT SACRAMENTO
2019-20 REGULAR SESSION

**Senate
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SENATE CONVENES AT 2 P.M.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2020
(FLOOR SESSION)


ONE HUNDRED FORTY – EIGHTH DAY IN SESSION

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**ASSEMBLY
DAILY FILE**



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ASSEMBLY CONVENES AT 1 P.M.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2020
ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-EIGHTH SESSION DAY
FOUR HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIFTH CALENDAR DAY

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Everything You Want To Know (Almost)

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CROSS-REFERENCING OF CURRENT LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL DIGESTS.

All Things Bill Related:

<http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>

The screenshot shows the California Legislative Information website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for [skip to content](#), [home](#), [accessibility](#), [FAQ](#), [feedback](#), [sitemap](#), and [login](#). Below this is the site logo and a tabbed menu with options: [Home](#), [Bill Information](#), [California Law](#), [Publications](#), [Other Resources](#), [My Subscriptions](#), and [My Favorites](#).

The main content area is divided into three columns. The left column contains a sidebar with the following sections:

- TODAY'S SCHEDULE**
Mon, Feb 10, 2020
- FLOOR SCHEDULE**
 - [ASSEMBLY FLOOR SESSION](#)
STATE CAPITOL 1:00 PM
 - [SENATE FLOOR SESSION](#)
STATE CAPITOL 2:00 PM

The middle column features a **WELCOME** message and a **Quick Bill Search** form. The **Quick Bill Search** form includes fields for **Bill Number** (with a dropdown menu showing "AB1 or ab 1 or ABX1-1"), **Keywords(s)** (with a search phrase input), and a **Go** button.


The right column contains a **Quick Code Search** form with fields for **Code** (with a dropdown menu showing "Select Code"), **Code Section** (with a dropdown menu showing "1 or 2 or 1001"), **Keywords(s)** (with a keyword input), and a **Go** button.

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You Can ...

- Search for specific bills by bill #, key word, author, location, etc.
 - Subscribe to a bill
 - Search the statutes/codes
 - Get the Daily Files & other Leg Publications
 - Find a glossary of terms
 - And more!
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Position Letter Portal:

<https://calegislation.lc.ca.gov/Advocates/>

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL calegislation.lc.ca.gov/Advocates/. The page header features the California Legislature logo and the title "Position Letter Portal". The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains a "WELCOME!" section with a sub-heading "Welcome to the updated Position Letter Portal". Below this, there is a paragraph explaining the site's purpose: "This site was designed to facilitate the submission of position letters to committees as bills move through California's legislative process. The site is still a work in progress and we are striving to provide you and committees with features that streamline the overall position letter process." This is followed by a question "Who should use this site?" and a list of three categories of registrants: "1. Registered Lobbyists with the Secretary of State", "2. Organizations – an individual affiliated with an organization", and "3. Individuals". Below the list is a section titled "How Do I Get Started?" with instructions on registration and login. The final section in the left column is "I Need More Help", providing links for FAQs, assistance requests, and feedback. The right column contains a "Sign in" form with a California State Capitol icon, input fields for "Email" and "Password", a "Show Password" checkbox, a "Sign in" button, and links for "Forgot Password?" and "Create an account". At the bottom of the page, there is a link for "Accessibility". The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows various application icons and the system clock indicating 4:53 PM on 02/10/2020.

California Legislature
Position Letter Portal

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3. Individuals

How Do I Get Started?


After completing a one-time registration to obtain a username and password, log in to submit your position letter as a registered lobbyist, organization or individual seeking to communicate your views to the bill author's staff as well as the committee that will be hearing the bill.

I Need More Help

For a list of site FAQs, click [here](#).

To submit a request for assistance or provide site feedback, click [here](#).

We value your input which will help us further improve the position letter process.



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How To Read A Bill

AMENDED IN SENATE JUNE 13, 2018

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2017–18 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2516

Introduced by Assembly Member Eggman
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Gallagher)

February 14, 2018

An act to amend Section 6429 of the Water Code, relating to dams and reservoirs.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2516, as amended, Eggman. Dams: reservoir restrictions.

Existing law requires the Department of Water Resources to supervise the maintenance and operation of dams and reservoirs as necessary to safeguard life and property. Existing law authorizes the department to impose reservoir restrictions and to levy property liens on an owner of a dam who fails to comply with certain provisions relating to dam safety or any approval, order, rule, regulation, or requirement of the department.

This bill would require the department to post, and update quarterly, on its Internet Web site a report containing the name of each reservoir subject to a ~~restriction~~, *restriction and the reservoir's associated downstream hazard potential classification*, the effective date of the reservoir restriction, the reason for the restriction, and actions that would allow the restriction to be removed. The bill, if no reservoir restrictions are in effect, would require the department to post this fact on its Internet Web site.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

AB 2516

— 2 —

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 6429 of the Water Code is amended to
2 read:
3 6429. (a) The department may impose reservoir restrictions
4 and levy property liens on an owner of a dam who fails to comply
5 with any of the provisions of this part or any approval, order, rule,
6 regulation, or requirement of the department.
7 (b) (1) The department shall post, and update quarterly, on its
8 Internet Web site a report containing all of the following:
9 (A) The name of each reservoir subject to a restriction *imposed*
10 pursuant to subdivision ~~(a)~~; *(a) and the reservoir's associated*
11 *downstream hazard potential classification*.
12 (B) The effective date of the reservoir restriction.
13 (C) The reason for the restriction.
14 (D) Actions that would allow the restriction to be removed.
15 (2) If no reservoir restrictions are in effect, the department shall
16 post this fact on its Internet Web site.

Tell Us What You Think!

(At The Appropriate Time!)

- Bill Ideas
- Positions On Bills (In Writing)
- Issues Of Concern
- Background Information

Some Capitol Lingo

- Gut & amend
- Hijack
- Jail Break
- Suspense file
- Lay off
- Stakeholder
- Sponsor
- May revise
- Blue pencil
- Spot bill
- District bill
- Trailer bill
- Two-year bill
- Speakerize
- On call
- Mod
- Job killer
- Urgency clause

Final Points

- Staff Are Important Contacts
- Time Is Usually Of The Essence
- If In Doubt, Ask



So What Might We See This Year?



Questions?

