



CITY OF GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

Report: Consideration of support of state bills recommended by the Commission on the Status of Women

1. Motion providing direction on bills as recommended by the Commission on the Status of Women

COUNCIL ACTION

Item Type: Action Item

Approved for August 13, 2024 **calendar**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report asks City Council to consider six state bills for support as recommended by the Commission on the Status of Women.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff seeks City Council's direction on support for legislation recommended by the Commission on the Status of Women.

ANALYSIS

As an advisory board to the City Council, one of the functions of the Commission on the Status of Women is policy recommendation. The Commission is committed to being informed about current and impending issues, policies, and legislation relevant to the well-being of women and girls in order to make recommendations of support or opposition on such issues, policies, and legislation to City Council. As part of this function, the Commission monitors legislation on the state and federal levels that impact and affect women and girls, and advises and advocates on these issues.

At this time, the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) is recommending support of six bills to Council for their approval on behalf of the City of Glendale. These bills were recommended based on the CSW's adopted legislative platform, which reflects the following priorities:

1. Women in the Workplace
2. Women's Health
3. Women's Safety
4. Women in the Budget
5. Women in the Military and Military Families
6. Women in Postsecondary Education

For the 2024 year, the State Legislature returned on January 3, 2024 to begin the second year of the two-year legislative session, and had until February 16 to introduce new legislation. For newly-introduced bills, the Legislature had until May 24, 2024 to pass bills out of the house of origin. The Legislature has until August 31, 2024 to pass bills and send them to the Governor for his signature.

On May 13, 2024, the Commission on the Status of Women, voted to recommend support of state bills. The six bills supported and recommended by CSW still pending include:

AB 2295 (Addis) Crimes: Commencement of prosecution.

This bill removes the statute of limitations for criminal cases involving sexual abuse where the victim was a minor at the time of the offense.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee: Suspense File

CSW Recommendation: SUPPORT

AB 2319 (Wilson) California Dignity in Pregnancy and Childbirth Act.

This bill requires all personnel who are regularly assigned to positions where they interact with perinatal patients to receive implicit bias training. The bill is sponsored by

the State Attorney General's Office and supported by the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee: Suspense File

CSW Recommendation: SUPPORT

AB 2339 (Aguiar-Curry) Medi-Cal: Telehealth.

This bill extends tele-health for reproductive healthcare to Medi-Cal patients.

Status: Senate Floor

CSW Recommendation: SUPPORT

AB 2467 (Bauer-Kahan) Health Care Coverage for Menopause.

This bill would require, beginning January 1, 2025, a health care service plan or insurance policy to include coverage for treatment of perimenopause and menopause.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee: Suspense File

CSW Recommendation: SUPPORT

AB 2476 (Bonta) Childcare services: Alternative payment programs.

This bill guarantees payment at the start of the month for childcare services subsidized by CAPP vouchers.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee: Suspense File

CSW Recommendation: SUPPORT

AB 2515 (Papan) Menstrual products: perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

This bill, beginning January 1, 2025, prohibits a person or entity from manufacturing, selling, delivering, holding, or offering for sale any menstrual product that contains PFAS. The Commission supported a substantially similar bill, AB 246, last year. AB 246 was vetoed by the Governor.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee: Suspense File

CSW Recommendation: SUPPORT

STAKEHOLDERS/OUTREACH

There are no stakeholders associated with this report.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (CEQA/NEPA)

Support of state legislation is not a project under CEQA.

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE

This item is exempt from campaign disclosure requirements.

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Alternative 1: Approve support for the list of bills recommended by the Commission on the Status of Women.

Alternative 2: Provide alternative direction on the list of bills as recommended by the Commission on the Status of Women.

Alternative 3: Consider any alternatives not proposed by staff.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

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EXHIBITS/ATTACHMENTS

Exhibit 1: Commission on the Status of Women Legislative Tracking Sheet 2024