

2024 Legislative Update

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2024 Budget

\$47 Billion Budget Deficit

Major Issues

- Emphasis on protecting existing programs
- \$1 billion for Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program
- \$500 million in low-income tax credits for affordable housing
- Protected Active Transportation Program

State Revenues are Up!

- Revenues up \$5 billion over June projections
- Caution: Expected multi-billion dollar deficit for the next two years

Legislative Cycle

2024

- 2,124 bills introduced
- 1,206 went to the Governor
- 1,017 signed, 189 vetoed
- 15% veto rate

Funding for bills outside the state budget
again the top reason for bill vetoes

2024 Legislation: Housing & Homelessness

Housing Element Law

- AB 1886 (Alvarez) Clarifies that only HCD can determine a Housing Element is in substantial compliance with Housing Element Law
- AB 1893 (Wicks) Adds new parameters around approval of “Builder’s Remedy projects”

Housing Fees

- SB 937 (Wiener) Delays collection of some housing fees until certificate of occupancy is issued

Public Housing Authorities

- AB 653 (Reyes) Requires additional reporting for public housing authorities

Homelessness

- AB 3093 (Ward) Adds two new income categories: acutely low and extremely low in Regional Housing Needs Allocation

2024 Legislation: Climate & Sustainability

Proposition 4: \$10 Billion Climate Bond

- Funding for recycled water, parks and extreme heat mitigation

Plastic Bags

- SB 1053 (Blakespear) Prohibits “thicker” plastic bags at checkouts by 2026

EV Chargers

- AB 2037 (Irwin) Allows Publicly Owned Utilities that own and operate EV Charging Stations to do its own testing

2024 Legislation: Public Safety

Retail Theft Legislation

- AB 1779- Crimes across counties
- AB 1802- Eliminates sunset of regional property crime task forces
- AB 1972- Directs CHP to work with railroad police to target cargo theft
- AB 2943- Creates a new felony for serial shoplifting
- AB 3209- Retail restraining orders
- SB 905- Auto burglary “locked door” loophole
- SB 982- Repeals sunset on the crime of organized retail theft
- SB 1144- Organized retail theft rings for online stolen goods
- SB 1242- Retail theft with fires
- SB 1416- Sentencing enhancements for stolen goods

Proposition 36: Retail Theft

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Proposition 36: Retail Theft

- Increases penalties for serial theft.
- Increases penalties for certain drug crimes by increasing sentence lengths and level of crime;
- Classifies certain drug offenses as "treatment-mandated felonies"
- Requires courts to provide a warning to drug dealers

Looking Forward

November General Election

Legislature Back in December

- Governor's Budget January 10th

Major Issues in 2025

- Impact of November Election
- At least 36 new legislative members
- State budget deficit?
- Cap-and-Trade
- Governor's final two-years