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1. CA AB 4



**SESSION
ADJOURNMENT**
September 13,
2019
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1st Committee	1st Chamber	2nd Committee	2nd Chamber	Executive

Disposition: Pending
Author: [Arambula \(D\)](#)
Title: Medi-Cal: Eligibility
Summary: Extends eligibility for full-scope Medi-Cal benefits to individuals of all ages, if otherwise eligible for those benefits, but for their immigration status.
Location: ASSEMBLY

2. CA AB 10



**SESSION
ADJOURNMENT**
September 13,
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1st Committee	1st Chamber	2nd Committee	2nd Chamber	Executive
95%	95%	95%	95%	95%

Disposition: Pending
Author: [Chiu \(D\)](#)
Title: Income Taxes: Credits: Low-Income Housing
Summary: Increases the aggregate housing credit dollar amount that may be allocated among low-income housing projects by an additional \$500 million, and allocates to farmworker housing projects \$25 million per year of that amount.
Location: Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee

3. CA AB 11



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Remaining

1st Committee	1st Chamber	2nd Committee	2nd Chamber	Executive
95%	95%	95%	95%	95%

Disposition: Pending
Author: [Chiu \(D\)](#)
Title: Community Redevelopment Law
Summary: Authorizes a city or county or two or more cities acting jointly, to propose the formation of an affordable housing and infrastructure agency by adoption of a resolution of intention. Provides for a governing board of the agency. Requires the agency to submit an annual report, and final report of any audit undertaken to its governing body. Requires the governing board of an agency to designate an appropriate official to prepare a proposed redevelopment project plan.

Location: Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee

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4. **CA AB 36**



1st Committee	1st Chamber	2nd Committee	2nd Chamber	Executive

Disposition: Pending
Author: Bloom (D)
Title: Affordable Housing: Rental Prices
Summary: States the findings and declarations of the Legislature that, among other things, affordable housing has reached a crisis stage that threatens the quality of life of millions of Californians as well as the state economic outlook. Expresses the Legislature's intent to enact legislation in order to stabilize rental prices and increase the availability of affordable housing.
Location: ASSEMBLY

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5. **CA AB 40**



1st Committee	1st Chamber	2nd Committee	2nd Chamber	Executive
81%	92%	95%	71%	64%

Disposition: Pending
Author: Ting (D)
Title: Zero-Emission Vehicles: Comprehensive Strategies
Summary: Requires the State Air Resources Board to develop a comprehensive strategy to ensure that the sales of new motor vehicles and new light-duty trucks in the state have transitioned fully to zero-emission vehicles by 2040.
Location: Assembly Transportation Committee

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6. **CA AB 65**



1st Committee	1st Chamber	2nd Committee	2nd Chamber	Executive
95%	95%	95%	78%	81%

Disposition: Pending
Author: Petrie-Norris (D)
Title: Coastal Protection: Climate Adaption
Summary: Requires specified things of the State Coastal Conservancy when it allocates any funding appropriated pursuant to the Global Warming Solutions Act, including that it prioritize projects that use natural infrastructure to help adapt to climate change. Requires the conservancy to provide information to the Office of Planning and Research on any projects funded to be considered for inclusion into the clearinghouse for climate adaption information.

Location: Assembly Natural Resources Committee

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7. **CA AB 68**



1st Committee	1st Chamber	2nd Committee	2nd Chamber	Executive
92%	94%	95%	75%	82%

Disposition: Pending
Author: [Ting \(D\)](#)
Title: Land Use: Accessory Dwelling Units
Summary: Prohibits an ordinance from imposing requirements on minimum lot size, lot coverage, or floor area ratio. Prohibits an ordinance from establishing size requirements for accessory dwelling units that that do not permit at least an 800 square foot unit of at least 16 feet in height to be constructed. Provides that, if a local agency imposes an owner-occupancy restriction, the monitoring for compliance shall not be more frequent than annually and be based on specified published documents.
Location: Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee

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8. **CA AB 134**



1st Committee	1st Chamber	2nd Committee	2nd Chamber	Executive

Disposition: Pending
Author: [Bloom \(D\)](#)
Title: Safe, Clean, Affordable, and Accessible Drinking Water
Summary: States findings and declarations relating to the intent of the Legislature to adopt policies to insure that every Californian has the right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible drinking water.
Location: ASSEMBLY

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9. **CA AB 139**



1st Committee	1st Chamber	2nd Committee	2nd Chamber	Executive
95%	95%	95%	95%	95%

Disposition: Pending
Author: [Quirk-Silva \(D\)](#)
Title: Emergency and Transitional Housing Act of 2019
Summary: Requires the annual report by a city or county planning agency pertaining to the implementation of the general plan to include the number of emergency shelter beds currently available within the jurisdiction, and the number of shelter beds that the jurisdiction has contracted for that are located within another jurisdiction.

Location: Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee

10. **CA AB 145**



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1st Committee	1st Chamber	2nd Committee	2nd Chamber	Executive
95%	95%	95%	90%	72%

Disposition: Pending
Author: [Frazier \(D\)](#)
Title: High-Speed Rail Authority: Senate Confirmation
Summary: Provides that the members of the High-Speed Rail Authority appointed by the Governor are subject to appointment with the advice and consent of the Senate.
Location: Assembly Transportation Committee

11. **CA AB 148**



**SESSION
ADJOURNMENT**

September 13,
2019
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Remaining

1st Committee	1st Chamber	2nd Committee	2nd Chamber	Executive
95%	95%	95%	95%	93%

Disposition: Pending
Author: [Quirk-Silva \(D\)](#)
Title: Regional Transportation Plans: Sustainable Communities
Summary: Requires each sustainable communities strategy to also identify areas within the region sufficient to house an 8-year projection of the emergency shelter needs for the region. Provides that for the 5th and each subsequent update to the sustainable communities strategy, the bill requires the metropolitan planning organization to identify the region's progress in the development of housing and emergency shelters in the areas within the region that were identified as sufficient to house the 8-year projection.
Location: Assembly Transportation Committee

12. **CA AB 168**



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1st Committee	1st Chamber	2nd Committee	2nd Chamber	Executive
95%	95%	95%	95%	95%

Disposition: Pending
Author: [Aguiar-Curry \(D\)](#)
Title: Housing: Streamlined Approvals
Summary: Relates to existing law that authorizes a development proponent to submit an application for a multifamily housing development if the development satisfies specified objective planning standards. Requires the objective planning standards to include a requirement that the development not be located on a site that is a tribal cultural resource.

Location: Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee

13. **CA AB 176**



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1st Committee	1st Chamber	2nd Committee	2nd Chamber	Executive
95%	95%	95%	78%	81%

Disposition: Pending

Author: [Cervantes \(D\)](#)

Title: Alternative Energy Advanced Transportation Financing

Summary: Extends the authorization for the California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority to provide financial assistance in the form of a sales and use tax exclusion for qualifying projects until a specified month and year. Excludes the lease or transfer of title of tangible personal property constituting a project to any contractor for use in the performance of a construction contract for a party that will use that property as an integral part of the project.

Location: Assembly Natural Resources Committee

14. **CA AB 185**



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1st Committee	1st Chamber	2nd Committee	2nd Chamber	Executive
95%	95%	95%	95%	93%

Disposition: Pending

Author: [Grayson \(D\)](#)

Title: Transportation Commission: Transportation Policies

Summary: Requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to participate in joint meetings held by the Transportation Commission and the State Air Resources Board to coordinate implementation of transportation policies.

Location: Assembly Transportation Committee

15. **CA AB 195**



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ADJOURNMENT**

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1st Committee	1st Chamber	2nd Committee	2nd Chamber	Executive
57%	48%	75%	48%	50%

Disposition: Pending

Author: [Patterson \(R\)](#)

Title: Housing

Summary: Relates to housing under the Health and Safety Code.

Location: Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee

16.

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CA AB 226**ADJOURNMENT**

September 13,
2019
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Remaining

1st Committee	1st Chamber	2nd Committee	2nd Chamber	Executive
54%	50%	70%	47%	46%

Disposition: Pending
Author: [Mathis \(R\)](#)
Title: Transportation Funds: Transit Operators: Fare Revenues
Summary: Requires a fare paid pursuant to a reduced fare transit program to be counted as a full adult fare for purposes of calculating any required ratios of fare revenues to operating costs specified in the Transportation Development Act, except for purposes of providing information in a specified annual report to the Controller or providing information to the entity conducting a fiscal or performance audit pursuant to specified provisions.
Location: Assembly Transportation Committee

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17. **CA AB 231**

1st Committee	1st Chamber	2nd Committee	2nd Chamber	Executive
50%	37%	48%	33%	39%

Disposition: Pending
Author: [Mathis \(R\)](#)
Title: Environmental Quality Act: Exemption: Recycled Water
Summary: Exempts from the California Environmental Quality Act a project to construct or expand a recycled water pipeline for the purpose of mitigating drought conditions for which a state of emergency was proclaimed by the Governor if the project meets specified criteria.
Location: Assembly Natural Resources Committee

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18. **CA AB 254**

1st Committee	1st Chamber	2nd Committee	2nd Chamber	Executive
95%	95%	95%	95%	93%

Disposition: Pending
Author: [Quirk-Silva \(D\)](#)
Title: Alternative Fuel Vehicles: Flexible Fuel Vehicles
Summary: Authorizes the Joint Legislative Committee on Climate Change Policies to recommend that the State Air Resources Board provide education and support to local governments regarding specific components of local government climate action plans, such as ensuring the use of E85 in flexible fuel vehicles, expanding infrastructure for zero-emission vehicles, and enabling active transportation.
Location: Assembly Transportation Committee

19. **CA AB 285**



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1st Committee	1st Chamber	2nd Committee	2nd Chamber	Executive
95%	95%	95%	95%	93%

Disposition: Pending
Author: [Friedman \(D\)](#)
Title: California Transportation Plan
Summary: Requires the Department of Transportation to address in the California Transportation Plan how the state will achieve maximum feasible emissions reductions in order to attain a certain statewide reduction of greenhouse gas emissions below 1990 levels by the end of 2030 and carbon neutrality by 2045.
Location: Assembly Transportation Committee

20. **CA AB 291**



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1st Committee	1st Chamber	2nd Committee	2nd Chamber	Executive

Disposition: Pending
Author: [Chu \(D\)](#)
Title: Emergency Preparedness
Summary: States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would establish a Local Emergency Preparedness and Hazard Mitigation Fund to support staffing, planning, and other emergency mitigation priorities that helps local governments meet emergency preparedness goals and to boost emergency management programs throughout the state that remain underfunded or neglected.
Location: ASSEMBLY

21. **CA AB 292**



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1st Committee	1st Chamber	2nd Committee	2nd Chamber	Executive
95%	95%	95%	95%	95%

Disposition: Pending
Author: [Quirk \(D\)](#)
Title: Recycled Water: Raw Water and Groundwater Augmentation
Summary: Eliminates the definition of direct potable reuse and instead substitutes the term groundwater augmentation for indirect potable reuse for groundwater recharge in these definitions. Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to adopt uniform water recycling criteria for raw water augmentation.
Committee: Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee
Hearing: 03/12/2019 1:30 pm, State Capitol, Room 444

22. **CA AB 296****SESSION
ADJOURNMENT**

September 13,
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192 Days
Remaining

1st Committee	1st Chamber	2nd Committee	2nd Chamber	Executive
95%	95%	95%	77%	78%

Disposition: Pending
Author: [Cooley \(D\)](#)
Title: Climate Change: Climate Innovation Commission
Summary: Establishes the Climate Innovation Grant Program, to be administered by the Climate Innovation Commission, which the bill would establish in the Natural Resources Agency. Provides that the program would award grants in the form of matching funds for the development and research of new innovations and technologies to address issues related to emissions of greenhouse gases and impacts caused by climate change.
Location: Assembly Natural Resources Committee

23. **CA AB 321****SESSION
ADJOURNMENT**

September 13,
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Remaining

1st Committee	1st Chamber	2nd Committee	2nd Chamber	Executive
50%	28%	42%	33%	21%

Disposition: Pending
Author: [Patterson \(R\)](#)
Title: Sales and Use Taxes: Exemptions: Trucks
Summary: Exempts under the Sales and Use Tax Law the sale of, or the storage, use, or consumption of, a new, used, or remanufactured truck with an unladen weight of 6,000 pounds or more that is purchased for use without this state.
Committee: Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee
Hearing: 03/11/2019 2:30 pm, State Capitol, Room 126

24. **CA ACA 1****SESSION
ADJOURNMENT**

September 13,
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1st Committee	1st Chamber	2nd Committee	2nd Chamber	Executive

Disposition: Pending
Author: [Aguiar-Curry \(D\)](#)
Title: Local Government Financing: Affordable Housing
Summary: Creates an exception to the 1% limit on the ad valorem property tax rate on real property that would authorize a city or county to levy an ad valorem tax to service bonded indebtedness incurred to fund the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of public infrastructure or

affordable housing, if the proposition proposing that tax is approved by 55% of the voters of the city or county.

Location: ASSEMBLY

25. **CA SB 1**



**SESSION
ADJOURNMENT**

September 13,
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1st Committee	1st Chamber	2nd Committee	2nd Chamber	Executive
73%	95%	95%	95%	95%

Disposition: Pending
Author: [Atkins \(D\)](#)
Title: Environmental, Public Health, and Workers Defense Act
Summary: Enacts the California Environmental, Public Health, and Workers Defense Act, which prohibits a state or local agency from amending or revising its rules to be less stringent than the federal baseline standards pertaining to environmental protection.
Committee: Senate Environmental Quality Committee
Hearing: 03/20/2019, Room 3191

26. **CA SB 4**



**SESSION
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1st Committee	1st Chamber	2nd Committee	2nd Chamber	Executive

Disposition: Pending
Author: [McGuire \(D\)](#)
Title: Housing
Summary: Amends the Planning and Zoning Law. Authorizes a development proponent of a neighborhood multifamily project or eligible TOD project located on an eligible parcel to submit an application for a streamlined, ministerial approval process that is not subject to a conditional use permit. Requires a local agency to notify the development proponent in writing if the local agency determines that the development conflicts with any of the requirements provided for streamlined ministerial approval.
Location: Senate Rules Committee

27. **CA SB 5**



**SESSION
ADJOURNMENT**

September 13,
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1st Committee	1st Chamber	2nd Committee	2nd Chamber	Executive
83%	95%	95%	95%	95%

Disposition: Pending
Author: [Beall \(D\)](#)
Title: Local-State Sustainable Investment Incentive Program
Summary: Establishes the Local-State Sustainable Investment Incentive Program, which would be

administered by the Sustainable Investment Incentive Committee. Authorizes a city, county, city and county, joint powers agency, enhanced infrastructure financing district, affordable housing authority, community revitalization and investment authority or transit village development district to apply to the Committee to participate in the program and authorizes Committee to approve or deny applications for projects.

Location: Senate Governance and Finance Committee

28. **CA SB 6**



**SESSION
ADJOURNMENT**

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1st Committee	1st Chamber	2nd Committee	2nd Chamber	Executive

Disposition: Pending

Author: [Beall \(D\)](#)

Title: Residential Development: Available Land

Summary: Requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to furnish the Department of General Services with a list of local lands suitable and available for residential development as identified by a local government as part of the housing element of its general plan. Requires the Department of General Services to create an internet database of that information and make it available and searchable by the public.

Location: Senate Rules Committee

29. **CA SB 25**



**SESSION
ADJOURNMENT**

September 13,
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1st Committee	1st Chamber	2nd Committee	2nd Chamber	Executive
73%	95%	95%	95%	95%

Disposition: Pending

Author: [Caballero \(D\)](#)

Title: Environmental Quality Act: Qualified Opportunity Zones

Summary: Establishes procedures for the administrative and judicial review of the environmental review and approvals granted for projects located in qualified opportunity zones that are funded by qualified opportunity funds or moneys from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.

Committee: Senate Environmental Quality Committee

Hearing: 03/20/2019, Room 3191

30. **CA SB 43**



**SESSION
ADJOURNMENT**

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1st Committee	1st Chamber	2nd Committee	2nd Chamber	Executive
83%	95%	95%	95%	95%

Disposition: Pending

Author: [Allen \(D\)](#)
Title: Carbon Taxes
Summary: Requires the State Air Resources Board in consultation with the Department of Tax and Fee Administration, to submit a report to the Legislature on the results of a study to propose and determine the feasibility and practicality of a system to replace the tax imposed pursuant to the Sales and Use Tax Law with an assessment on retail products sold or used in the state based on the carbon intensity of the product to encourage the use of less carbon-intensive products.
Committee: Senate Environmental Quality Committee
Hearing: 03/20/2019, Room 3191

31. **CA SB 50****SESSION
ADJOURNMENT**

September 13,
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1st Committee	1st Chamber	2nd Committee	2nd Chamber	Executive
50%	21%	19%	16%	19%

Disposition: Pending
Author: [Wiener \(D\)](#)
Title: Planning and Zoning: Housing Development
Summary: Requires a city or county to grant upon request an equitable communities incentive when a development proponent seeks and agrees to construct a residential development that satisfies specified criteria, including, among other things, that the residential development is either a job-rich housing project or a transit-rich housing project.
Location: Senate Housing Committee

32. **CA SB 59****SESSION
ADJOURNMENT**

September 13,
2019
192 Days
Remaining

1st Committee	1st Chamber	2nd Committee	2nd Chamber	Executive
80%	95%	95%	95%	95%

Disposition: Pending
Author: [Allen \(D\)](#)
Title: Automated Vehicle Technology: Statewide Policy
Summary: Establishes the policy of the state relating to automated vehicles in order to ensure that these vehicles support the state's efforts to, among other things, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and encourage efficient land use. Requires the Office of Planning and Research in the Governor's office, in coordination with the State Air Resources Board, to convene an automated vehicle interagency working group of specified state agencies to guide policy development for automated vehicle technology.
Location: Senate Transportation Committee

33. **CA SB 99****SESSION
ADJOURNMENT**

September 13,
2019
192 Days
Remaining

1st Committee	1st Chamber	2nd Committee	2nd Chamber	Executive

Disposition: Pending
Author: [Nielsen \(R\)](#)
Title: Agricultural Land
Summary: Makes nonsubstantive changes to existing law requiring the Department of Conservation to submit a report to the Legislature on or before May 1 of every other year regarding the implementation of the Williamson Act.
Location: Senate Rules Committee

34. **CA SB 127**



**SESSION
ADJOURNMENT**
 September 13,
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1st Committee	1st Chamber	2nd Committee	2nd Chamber	Executive
74%	95%	95%	95%	95%

Disposition: Pending
Author: [Wiener \(D\)](#)
Title: Transportation Funding: Active Transportation: Streets
Summary: Establishes a Division of Active Transportation within the Department of Transportation and requires that an undersecretary of the Transportation Agency be assigned to give attention to active transportation program matters to guide progress toward meeting the department's active transportation program goals and objectives. Requires the California Transportation Commission to give high priority to increasing safety for pedestrians and bicyclists.
Location: Senate Transportation Committee

35. **CA SB 128**



**SESSION
ADJOURNMENT**
 September 13,
 2019
 192 Days
 Remaining

1st Committee	1st Chamber	2nd Committee	2nd Chamber	Executive
83%	95%	95%	95%	95%

Disposition: Pending
Author: [Beall \(D\)](#)
Title: Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts: Bonds
Summary: Authorizes the public financing authority to issue bonds for purposes of enhanced infrastructure financing districts without submitting a proposal to the voters. Requires specified information related to the issuance of the bonds to be contained in the resolution.
Location: Senate Governance and Finance Committee

36. **CA SB 137**



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ADJOURNMENT**
 September 13,
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1st Committee	1st Chamber	2nd Committee	2nd Chamber	Executive
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74%	95%	95%	95%	95%
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Disposition: Pending
Author: [Dodd \(D\)](#)
Title: Federal Transportation Funds: State Exchange Programs
Summary: Authorizes the Department of Transportation to allow federal transportation funds that are allocated as local assistance to be exchanged for Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program funds appropriated by the department.
Location: SENATE

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37. **CA SB 559**



1st Committee	1st Chamber	2nd Committee	2nd Chamber	Executive

Disposition: Pending
Author: [Hurtado \(D\)](#)
Title: Department of Water Resources Grant
Summary: Appropriates funds to the Department of Water Resources for the purposes of restoring the Friant Kern Canal to its full capacity.
Location: SENATE

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38. **CA SCA 1**



1st Committee	1st Chamber	2nd Committee	2nd Chamber	Executive

Disposition: Pending
Author: [Allen \(D\)](#)
Title: Public Housing Projects
Summary: Repeals provisions prohibiting the development, construction, or acquisition of a low-rent housing project in any manner by any state public body until a majority of the qualified electors of the jurisdiction in which the development, construction, or acquisition of the project is proposed approve the project by voting in favor at an election.
Location: SENATE

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House Votes to Disapprove Emergency Declaration

The House of Representatives voted 245-182 to pass a bill ([H.J. Res. 46](#)) to terminate

the emergency declaration by President **Donald Trump** to build a wall on the southern border. Thirteen Republicans sided with Democrats on the measure. Senate Majority Leader **Mitch McConnell** indicated that he would schedule a vote on the resolution in the upper chamber before March 18, pursuant to a mandate under the *National Emergencies Act*. Three Senate Republicans committed to voting for the bill: Maine Senator **Susan Collins**, Alaska Senator **Lisa Murkowski**, and North Carolina Senator **Thom Tillis**. However, President Trump has promised to veto the resolution should it reach his desk, and Republican leaders remain confident that they have the votes necessary to prevent a veto override even if a simple majority votes to pass it. A bipartisan group of House members, including Utah Representative **John Curtis** and California Representative **Josh Harder**, [introduced](#) the *Guarding Congressional Authority Act*. The legislation would mandate Congressional approval for any new emergency declaration within 60 days in order for it to move forward.

Congress Sends Public Lands Bill to the President

In a bipartisan vote, the House passed the *Natural Resources Management Act* (S. 47), a [public lands package](#) that includes a permanent reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), sending the bill to the President's desk. The President has ten days from Congressional passage to sign the bill into law. At almost 700 pages, the legislation addresses public lands management, national parks, conservation, sports and recreation, hazards and mapping, national heritage areas, wildlife habitats, and water and power projects. The legislation creates four new National Monuments and designates 1,340,000 acres of new wilderness, 367 miles of new Wild & Scenic Rivers, and 2,600 miles of new National Trails. See the [Title-by-Title Bill Summary](#) or [Full Bill Text](#) for more information. You can view Washington Representative **Derek Kilmer's** [statement](#) or Utah Representative Rob Bishop's [statement](#) on the passage of the bill for additional details.

House Passes Universal Background Check Legislation

The House passed two bipartisan bills aimed at bolstering background checks for gun

sales this week. The first bill ([H.R. 8](#)) would close the “Charleston loophole” by expanding required background checks to all firearms sales, while the second bill ([H.R. 1112](#)) would extend the time firearms dealers must wait for a response from the background check system before making a sale. House Judiciary Committee Chairman Nadler [applauded](#) the passage of the bills. The U.S. Conference of Mayors hosted a session focused on these efforts with Florida Representative **Ted Deutch**, a co-sponsor of H.R. 8 who represents the Parkland community, at their Winter Leadership Meeting in Miami Beach last Saturday morning. The Congressman called on mayors to urge their Senators to ask Majority Leader **Mitch McConnell** to take action and have a vote on the bill. Rep. Deutch advised that this would not be the last bill pursued during the 116th Session in the House. He is currently working with Representative **Susan Brooks** of Indiana on other sensible, bipartisan solutions including the use of fingerprint technology. The Senate is not currently expected to take up either measure for consideration.

Ways and Means Committee Chairman Neal Reveals Infrastructure Priorities

On Tuesday, we attended a meeting with House Ways and Means Committee Chairman **Richard Neal** (D-MA), organized by Oregon Representative **Earl Blumenauer** and Illinois Representative **Rodney Davis**. The discussion focused on the Chairman's priorities for infrastructure policy over the next six months. He has been engaged in bipartisan discussions to move a legislative package by late spring.

Although the Chairman declined to recommend a revenue solution citing his role, he argued that Congress must use the bill to fix the Highway Trust Fund and invest in other modes including transit and rail. He revealed that the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the AFL-CIO, and the American Trucking Association are confirmed witnesses for an upcoming infrastructure hearing. He also expressed support for extending lapsed tax breaks, known as tax extenders, completing technical corrections for the *Tax Cuts and Jobs Act* (TCJA), and returning to some form of earmarking.

On Wednesday, the Chairman had breakfast with Transportation Secretary **Elaine Chao** and White House Advisor **Ivanka Trump** to discuss the infrastructure

package. Secretary Chao conveyed a bipartisan “desire to make progress.” Following the meeting, Neal [announced](#) a Full Committee hearing entitled “Our Nation’s Crumbling Infrastructure and the Need for Immediate Action,” which is scheduled for [March 6, 2019](#) at 10:30am EST. We will be sure to provide details in our update next week.

Senate Confirms Wheeler to EPA

The Senate voted along party lines 52-47 to confirm **Andrew Wheeler** to lead the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). A former coal industry lobbyist, Wheeler most recently served as EPA Acting Administrator following **Scott Pruitt**’s resignation from the helm of the agency last July. See the new Administrator’s [Full Biography](#) for more.

CDFA Releases Food Finance White Paper

With the support of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, the Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) released a [white paper](#) that shows how local [food systems](#) can be defined as an asset class to better utilize traditional development finance tools. Those tools include bonds, tax increment financing (TIF), tax credits, and revolving loan funds. The goal of the work is to facilitate greater support for food-related endeavors involving state and local government agencies, residents, and non-profits and private partners. CDFA is creating comprehensive resource center for projects and initiatives, such as food hubs, food-related industrial parks, food technology-based businesses, farm expansions, neighborhood revitalization, and early stage financing for entrepreneurs. They are also overseeing a number of Food Systems Finance Pilot Projects in select regions that lack direct, traditional development finance contributions. CDFA outlines a number of case studies where policymakers have taken advantage of different funding streams to increase access to affordable, healthy food in underserved communities. For more information, see this [Press Release](#), [King County, WA Pilot Partnership](#), [Rhode Island Food Policy Council Pilot Partnership](#), or the [CDFA Full Report](#).

Current Grant Opportunities

- [DOI USBR FY 2019 Bay-Delta Restoration Program: CALFED Water Use Efficiency Grants](#)
- [DOJ OJJDP FY 2019 Mentoring Opportunities for Youth Initiative](#)

Senate Finance Committee Introduces Tax Extenders Bill

Senate Finance Committee Chairman **Chuck Grassley** and Ranking Member **Ron Wyden** [introduced](#) bipartisan legislation to retroactively extend 26 tax provisions that expired at the end of 2017 and 2018. The measure also provides disaster tax relief benefits to individuals and businesses affected by major disasters occurring in 2018. However, the bill does not include offsets, which conflicts with the House pay-as-you-go (PAYGO) budget rule. House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Neal indicated that he plans to hold a hearing on the legislation in the coming weeks. You can view a [Bill Summary](#) or the [Full Text](#).

Congress Introduces Child Care and Early Learning Legislation

House and Senate Democrats [introduced](#) legislation to provide child care subsidies and support universal preschool programs for working families. The [Child Care for Working Families Act](#) would use a sliding scale to construct a cost-sharing system so that low-income families would contribute no more than seven percent of their income for child care expenses. The bill would authorize funding mechanisms for states to create preschool programs and improve compensation and training for the child care workforce. Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee Ranking Member **Patty Murray** of Washington State issued a [Statement](#) and offered [Remarks](#) at the bill introduction. You can view a [Fact Sheet](#) or House

Speaker **Nancy Pelosi**'s [Statement](#) for more information.

Education and Labor Committee Approves School Infrastructure Legislation

The House Committee on Education and Labor [advanced](#) legislation to invest \$100 billion in public school infrastructure. The bill, entitled the *Rebuild America's Schools Act* ([H.R. 865](#)), would create a \$70 billion grant program and \$30 billion tax credit bond program that would improve facilities of high-poverty schools to address health and safety risks; develop a national database on the condition of public school facilities; and expand school access to high-speed broadband. You can view a [Fact Sheet](#) or a [Section-by-Section Summary](#) of the bill for more information.

Family Separations at the Border

Both chambers of Congress were active this week in their efforts to shed light on previous reports that the Administration's immigration policies resulted in the separation of migrant children from their parents at the southern border.

The House Judiciary Committee held a [hearing](#) on the issue featuring testimony by officials from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Department of Justice (DOJ), and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP). You can read Chairman Nadler's opening statement [here](#). Meanwhile, the House Oversight and Reform Committee voted to [subpoena](#) records from Attorney General **William Barr**, Homeland Security Secretary **Kirstjen Nielsen**, and Health and Human Services Secretary **Alex Azar** to identify the children and parents of any families separated under the policy, the locations and facilities where separations occurred, and whether reunification has since transpired.

Over in the Senate, California Senator **Kamala Harris**, Oregon Senator **Jeff Merkley** and Nevada Senator **Catherine Cortez Masto** [introduced](#) legislation to require DHS and HHS to publish guidance that outlines the reunification process and

immediately take any steps necessary to reunify children who remain separated from a parent or legal guardian. The bill is entitled the *Reunite Every Unaccompanied Newborn Infant, Toddler and Other Children Expediently (REUNITE) Act*. You can view full text of the House companion bill [here](#).

Treasury Inspector General Report on SALT Caps

House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Neal [released](#) an unredacted audit by the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration on the effects of the state and local tax (SALT) deduction cap as enacted by the *Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017*. The audit found that the cap will prevent nearly 11 million taxpayers from deducting \$323 billion in state and local tax payments from their federal tax returns. You can view the full audit [here](#).

House and Senate Democrats Reintroduce Marijuana Bills

California Congresswoman **Barbara Lee** and New Jersey Senator **Cory Booker** reintroduced the *Marijuana Justice Act*, a [bicameral effort](#) to legalize marijuana at the federal level. The legislation seeks to: remove cannabis and cannabinoids from the federal schedule of controlled substances; provide resentencing hearings and possible early release for those currently incarcerated; expunge records of those previously convicted for use and possession; impose potential penalties on states that do not legalize, including the possible elimination of federal funding for construction of prisons and up to a 10-percent reduction in other federal corrections spending; and create a Community Reinvestment Fund (CRF) to provide grants to communities hurt most by mass incarceration. The language remains the same as the version introduced during the 115th Congress, except that the authorization of the CRF now covers fiscal years 2020 through 2042, instead of 2018 through 2040.

Congresswoman Lee also [reintroduced](#) the bipartisan *Restraining Excessive Federal Enforcement & Regulations of Cannabis (REFER) Act*, which would prevent federal agencies from interfering in states and municipalities that have legalized marijuana

in accordance with the Cole Memo, as well as a resolution to highlight the disproportionate impact of federal marijuana laws on communities of color.

HUD Streamlines Mortgage Insurance Applications for LIHTC

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Federal Housing Administration (FHA) announced a new pilot program to streamline FHA mortgage insurance applications for projects with equity from the sale of Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) properties. The expanded pilot program applies to New Construction and Substantial Rehabilitation projects with LIHTCs under Section 221(d) and Section 220 of the *National Housing Act*. The goal is to reduce the processing time for LIHTC deals to 30-60 days from the current average processing time of 90 days. The pilot modifies two processing tracks: the (1) “Expedited Approval Process” track, and (2) “Standard Approval Process” track. The Department has shared [guidance](#) on how the pilot program will work, including project eligibility criteria, underwriting criteria, application requirements, and the review process. You can may also read Secretary Carson’s comments on the pilot program [here](#).

Trump Signs Housing Choice Voucher Legislation into Law

The recent government funding agreement [signed](#) by President Trump included the *Housing Choice Voucher Mobility Demonstration Act* ([S. 291](#)), which was [introduced](#) by Indiana Senator **Todd Young** and Maryland Senator **Chris Van Hollen**. This bipartisan law authorizes the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to carry out a demonstration that will encourage families participating in the Housing Choice Voucher Program to move to lower-poverty areas known as “opportunity areas.” Public housing authorities (PHAs) that apply to participate in the demonstration will be required to submit Regional Housing Mobility Plans, which will enable those voucher recipients to have greater mobility and access to opportunity.

USDA Releases Rule to Access SNAP in DAA Treatment Centers

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) finalized a rule to update procedures for accessing Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits in drug addiction or alcoholic (DAA) treatment centers and groups living arrangements (GLAs) through electronic benefit transfer (EBT). Under the rule, a DAA treatment center may receive and use an allotment of SNAP benefits on behalf of a patient. The centers may redeem SNAP benefits in various ways, including the use of the individual's EBT card at authorized stores or at a DAA treatment center retailer with EBT access. You can view the final rule [here](#).

VA Promulgates Non-VA Facility Care Proposed Rule

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) released a proposed regulation outlining its new [Community Care Program](#), which will change how veterans can receive hospital care, medical services, and extended care services from non-VA entities or community providers. The program was established under the *VA Maintaining Internal Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks (MISSION) Act of 2018 (S. 2372)*, which was signed in to law by President Trump in June 2018. Please see the [proposed rule](#) and let us know if you are interested in submitting comments, which are due by [March 25, 2019](#).

KPMG Releases White Paper on Transit and Mobility

Consulting firm KPMG released a [report](#) that highlights changing trends in transportation and recommends how cities and transit agencies can best position themselves to adapt to their residents' future mobility needs. The paper outlined three overarching best practices to guide transit policy: 1) pursuing partnerships with the private sector, when appropriate, to offer enhanced service that leverages existing infrastructure and caters to consumer preference; 2) utilizing data to better

understand consumer behaviors and movement; and 3) developing demand-response solutions for a consumer-centric transportation system.

KPMG notes that ride-sharing services like Uber and Lyft have resulted in increased urban congestion and added 5.7 billion vehicle miles to nine major metropolitan areas over the last six years; however, the firm notes that this occurrence is not the singular driver or sole cause of declining transit ridership as the nation contends with a \$90 billion backlog of unfunded infrastructure projects necessary to keep bus and rail systems in a state of good repair. The report states that targeted investment in transit systems can increase ridership, reduce our negative impacts on the environment, and drive economic growth. KPMG suggests that public transit operators should take steps to reduce total wait and travel times on bus routes and offer apps that allow riders to access estimated times of arrival for buses. The report also concludes that shared micro-transit can provide a cost-effective complement to bus service, but it is not a replacement option in dense areas with high ridership demands. KPMG analysts believe that public-private partnerships with mobility service providers including Transportation Network Companies (TNCs), bike-share systems, and e-Scooters can also result in more equitable, sustainable outcomes.

The report also highlights the Columbus C-Pass Program, which is a partnership between the City of Columbus, the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA), and local employers to provide free bus service to 45,000 downtown workers until the end of 2020. Commuters scan a smartphone app to facilitate payment at the fare box and concurrently provide data that is valuable to inform broader smart city initiatives. The initial pilot doubled the share of bus commuters from 6.4% to 12.2% at the four original participating companies. This work is a result of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Smart City Challenge, which drew immense interest from municipalities during the Obama Administration.

Jobs

The Urban Institute released a [study](#) concerning “spatial mismatch,” the location disconnect between new, open jobs and the low-income residents seeking them. The study examined the distance between online job postings and applicants in 16 metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) across the country, and found that job postings outnumbered job seekers in 41 percent of zip codes in major cities nationwide. You may be interest in this Route Fifty [article](#) that summarizes the study with helpful maps.