

**California Commission on Disability Access
Legislative Committee Meeting
Legislative Update
August 19, 2026**

Legislative Calendar

Weeks Behind:

May 29	Last day for each house to pass bills in the house of origin
July 2	Last day for policy committees to pass bills in the second house
Aug 14	Last day for fiscal committees to pass bills in the second house

Weeks Ahead:

Aug 31	Last day for each house to pass bills; 2025-26 Legislative Session ends upon adjournment of session.
Sept 30	Last day for the Governor to sign or veto bills

Legislation

[AB 395 \(Gabriel\) Holidays.](#)

Current Text: Amended: 7/8/26

Status/Location: Senate Floor

Summary:

The bill requires state agencies to make good faith, reasonable efforts to avoid conducting a meeting, conference, or other function on specified religious, cultural, or ancestral holidays. The bill also establishes similar provisions for public institutions (public K-12 schools, public colleges & universities, and legislative bodies). Recent amendments allow a person who has suffered harm as a result of a violation to conduct a meeting on those holidays to bring a civil action.

[AB 649 \(Lowenthal\) Disability Access: Construction-Related Accessibility Claim.](#)

Current Text: Amended: 7/2/25

Status/Location: DEAD (Failed fiscal committee deadline)

Summary:

The bill creates the Small Business Right to Cure Program, which provides small businesses a 6 year protection period to remediate most construction-related accessibility violations on their premises within 120 days. This bill specifies conditions of program eligibility which includes obtaining a certified access specialist (CAsp) inspection of the premises after Jan 1, 2026 and correcting all violations that are in the inspected area and noted in the CAsp report, among other things. As it pertains to CCDA, the bill requires the commission to collect information, review, and report to the Legislature about the Small Business Right

to Cure Program in its annual report. The program sunsets on December 31, 2033. Recent amendments remove the provisions that would make it more difficult for business owners to recover attorney's fees and costs.

AB 2360 (Arambula) State agencies: governmental linguistics.

Current Text: Amended: 5/18/26

Status/location: DEAD (Failed fiscal committee deadline)

Summary: This bill clarifies existing law that mandates state agencies write documents in clear and simple language by stating that this requirement applies to both digital and printed documents and defines and "plain language" means.

SB 84 (Niello) Disability Access: Construction-Related Accessibility Claims: Notice of Violation and Opportunity to Correct.

Current Text: Amended: 6/18/2025

Status/Location: DEAD (Failed policy committee deadline)

Summary:

This bill prohibits a construction related accessibility claim for statutory damages from being initiated against a small business owner unless the business owner has been served with a letter specifying each alleged violation and the alleged violations have not been corrected within 120 days of service of the letter. If a business owner corrects the alleged violations, within 120 days, then they are not liable for statutory damages.

AB 780 (Castillo) Disability Access: Construction-Related Accessibility Claims: Notice of Violation and Opportunity to Correct.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/18/2025

Status/Location: DEAD (Failed house of origin deadline)

Summary: This bill prohibits a construction related accessibility claim for statutory damages from being initiated against a business owner – with 50 or fewer employees – unless the business owner has been served with a letter specifying each alleged violation and the alleged violations have not been corrected within 120 days of service of the letter. If a business owner corrects the alleged violations, within 120 days, then they are not liable for statutory damages.

AB 1823 (Jackson) State Government Strategic Planning and Performance: strategic plans: equity

Current Text: Amended: 3/19/26

Status/Location: DEAD (Failed fiscal committee deadline)

Summary: This bill requires each state agency to develop or update the agency's strategic plan to reflect practices that advance racial equity and

undertake a racial equity analysis before implementing any budget or before any regulation takes effect.

AB 2190 (Wallis) Internet website accessibility

Current Text: Amended: 4/23/26

Status/Location: DEAD (Failed house of origin deadline)

Summary: This bill provides an affirmative defense for entities facing claims about accessibility barriers on their websites. To use this defense, entities must prove they took specific actions, such as publishing and updating a digital accessibility report addressing and remediating the barriers or demonstrating good faith efforts to ensure website accessibility. The bill also prevents resource service providers from making inaccessible websites or misrepresenting accessibility for profit. The bill provides small businesses, public attorneys, and the Attorney General, authority to bring civil actions to enforce compliance with website accessibility standards.

AB 2607 (Nguyen) CA Americans with Disabilities Small Business Loan Program

Current Text: Amended: 3/9/2026

Status/Location: DEAD (Failed fiscal committee deadline)

Summary: Expands the California Americans with Disabilities Act Small Business Capitol Access Loan Program administered by the Capital Programs and Climate Financing Authority. The bill increases the maximum loan amount and expands expenditures to financial assistance.