

# Joint Committee on Legislation

*Second Year of  
Legislative Session 2025-2026*

April 15, 2026

# Welcome and Introductions

# Presentation on Status of Policy Roundtable for Child Care and Development Pursuit of Positions

## Process for Developing Pursuit of Position

- **Joint Committee on Legislation (JCL)** reviews state and federal public policies: *budget, legislation, and administrative policies*. **JCL** identifies and recommends priority policy issues to Policy Roundtable to consider for Pursuit of Position.
- **JCL** presents recommended policy priorities to **Child Care Planning Committee** for input
- **JCL** presents recommended policy priorities to **Policy Roundtable** and shares Child Care Planning Committee input
- **Policy Roundtable** reviews and finalizes policy priorities to include in Pursuit of Position (**Feb. 2026**)
- **OAECE** staff prepares Pursuit of Position
- **Policy Roundtable approves** Pursuit of Position (**March 2026**)
- **Joint ECE Delegation** consisting of Policy Roundtable Commissioners and Child Care Planning Committee Board appointees meet with Children's Deputies and shares pursuit of position (**starting March 2026**)



# Pursuit of Positions

- 7a. Support AB 1981 and similar measures that require the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to provide a definitive timeline and annual updates regarding CDSS's transition to new reimbursement rates based on the alternative methodology**
  
- 7b. Support AB 2379 and similar measures that strengthen protections for immigrant child care providers and the children they serve by notifying child care providers of their constitutional rights when confronted by immigration enforcement**
  
- 7c. Support proposed FY 2026-2027 Budget item and similar measures that strengthen child care infrastructure, specifically targeted toward communities impacted by recent fires**

# Presentation on Governor's Proposed FY 2026-27 Budget

# Presentation on Early Care and Education Local, State, and Federal Legislation and Administrative Policies

## Joint Assembly Budget Subcommittee Hearings on ECE

- 3/24/2026 & 4/8/26

## State Legislation – Passed Committee

- AB 1981 Subsidized childcare: reimbursement rates: reporting (Pursuit of Position)
- AB 1746 CalWORKs: childcare request forms
- AB 1969 It Takes a Village Act of 2026
- AB 2567 CalWORKs: immediate assistance
- SB 1051 Foster care: childcare

## State Legislation – Hearings Scheduled

- AB 2092 Early Childhood Integrated Data System
- SB 902 Child care: electronic signatures
- SB 980 Access to medical records
- SB 1110 Early learning and care: rates

## State Legislation – Awaiting Hearing

- **AB 2379** Family daycare homes: Fourth Amendment training (Pursuit of Position)
- **AB 1937** Discrimination: business establishments
- **AB 1996** California Child Poverty Reduction Advisory Council
- **AB 2006** State government: office buildings: day care centers
- **AB 2258** California alternative Payment Support Program
- **AB 2314** Alternative payment program: report
- **AB 2429** Child care: mental health consultation services
- **AB 2632** Vision for California Education Act
- **AB 2673** Tax credit: childcare
- **AB 2790** California Teleconnect Fund Administrative Committee Fund
- **SB 954** California Environmental Quality Act: exemptions: childcare facilities
- **SB 1200** Family daycare homes

## AB 495 Guidance & Model Policies Released

- [oag.ca.gov/immigrant](https://oag.ca.gov/immigrant) - Resources for ECE and Child Care Providers

## Federal: 2027 Funding

- President's budget - proposes flat funding for Head Start & CCDF
- House Appropriations hearings - likely to start week of 4/13/26
- "Dear Colleague" letters - received record support for ECE

## SEED Act Passed Committee

- H.R. 5334 Supporting Early-Childhood Educators' Deductions (SEED) Act
- Unanimously passed House Ways and Means Committee
- Would allow early childhood educators to deduct educator expenses

## Proposed Changes to SAM.gov Certifications

- Would change certifications for all federal grant recipients
- Includes DEIA, immigration, executive orders
- Comment period closed 3/30/26 - 21,000+ comments submitted

## Joint Committee on Legislation (JCL) Meetings

- 3/18/26 JCL meeting rescheduled to 4/2/26
- 4/2/26 JCL meeting did not have quorum
- 4/15/26 JCL meeting will:
  - Identify priority legislation/proposed policies to track
  - Identify if modifications are needed to Public Policy Platform

## Pursuit of Positions

- Department of Public Health submitted Pursuit of Positions to LA County LAIRs
- Pursuit of Position #2:
  - Support immigration protections for ECE providers and the children they serve (AB 2379 and similar measures)
  - Does not have support letters
  - LAIRs cannot move position forward without support letters

# Review

## Public Policy Platform and Process to Update Public Policy Platform for 2027-2028 Legislative Session

## Background

- Policy Roundtable & Child Care Planning Committee co-developed the Public Policy Platform

## LA County State and Federal Legislative Platforms

- Public Policy Platform informs LA County Legislative Platforms
- Policy advocacy recommendations to LA County must be consistent with County Platforms

## State Legislative Platform: Human Services

- Increase access to high-quality early care and education services provided by a qualified and well compensated workforce.

## Federal Legislative Platform: Economic and Workforce Development

- Reduce barriers to employment, address racial and gender disparities in employment outcomes, encourage diversity and inclusion in the workplace, and increase opportunities for workers and businesses with the highest employment needs.
- Increase economic resiliency through outreach and assistance for workers independent and small businesses, and industries impacted by natural or man-made disasters, and other economic disruptions.
- Create alignment across federal safety net, public workforce and economic development agencies, and programs to support prevention and promotion outcomes.



# Identify Priority Public Policies for Joint Committee on Legislation to Track Progress

## Policy Platform Statements are Intentionally Broad

- As a practice, changes are not made to the statements because they are typically broad enough to cover priority ECE issues
- Changes made are typically to the bullets and changes are usually minor

## Process

- April 15 - JCL reviews Public Policy Platform and identifies if changes are needed to recommend to Child Care Planning Committee and Policy Roundtable
- May 13 – Status and/or recommendations are presented to Policy Roundtable
- June 3
  - Status and/or recommendations are presented to Child Care Planning Committee CCPC
  - CCPC votes to approve changes if needed
- June 10
  - Policy Roundtable votes to approve changes if needed

# Call to Adjourn Meeting