

2026 California Legislation

Bills Aligned with Coronado Legislative Program for Support or Opposition

**AB 2346 (Wilson)** – Requires e-bikes to be equipped with speedometers. Requires retailers to provide list of e-bike regulations. Allows local jurisdictions to impose speed limits on bicycle, multi-use, or paths with appropriate signage. Sets statewide speed limit of 5 mph on sidewalks and 15 mph for any minor under 15 years old.

Recommendation: **Support**

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**AB 1167 (Blakespear)** – Create clear definitions of e-bike and distinction between “e-moto.”

Recommendation: **Support**

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**AB 1557 (Papan)** – Lowers the speed limit at which a Class 1 bike ceases to provide assistance from 20 MPH to 16 PHM. Closes loophole allowing e-bikes to be manufactured above a maximum of 750 watts of peak power.

Recommendation: **Support**

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**AB 1569 (Davies)** - Requires the State Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of the California Highway Patrol, to develop a standardized electric bicycle safety and training program for students in grades 7 to 12 by March 1, 2028.

Recommendation: **Support**

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**AB 1614 (Dixon)** – Requires all riders and passengers on bikes to ride on a permanent and regular seat, unless the bicycle was designed by the manufacturer to be ridden without a seat. Objective is to prevent “piggybacking.”

Recommendation: **Support**

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**AB 1942 (Bauer-Kahan)** – Requires the DMV to develop a registration process for e-bikes including license plates. Riders are required to provide proof of ownership matching the serial number of e-bike.

Recommendation: **Support**

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**AB 2296 (Papan)** – Housing Element Revisions: Allows jurisdictions to start the allocation of housing need 6 months earlier. Revises deadlines based on the CA State Auditor’s report of HCD’s Housing element process.

Recommendation: **Support**

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**AB 1953 (Lowenthal)** – Makes short term rental an allowed use regardless of local regulations in areas impacted by natural disaster or special event. Prohibits local jurisdictions from enforcing provisions that control or restrict short term rentals. Permits would be issued via the state Office of Emergency Services and the Office of Tourism as appropriate.

Recommendation: **Oppose**

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**AB 2576 (Harabedian)** – SB 79 clean up bill. Delays implementation by one year and increases the threshold population for certain requirements from above 35k to 40,000. It would expand the definition of historic resources beyond a local register to include local, state and national historic register and remove the current 10 % cap on eligible area within a transit-oriented development zone.

Recommendation: **Support**

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**SB 935 (Choi)** – Makes the design-build authority permanent.

Recommendation: **Support**

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**AB 1198 (Haney)** – Requires local municipalities to apply prevailing wage rate changes to public works contracts by allowing updated rates to affected projects after bid notification beginning July 1, 2027.

Recommendation: **Oppose**

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**SB 1159 (Cabaldon)** – Clarifies that artificial intelligence is not included as a “person” for purposes of the California Public Records Act, the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, the Ralph M. Brown Act, the Political Reform Act of 1974, the Administrative Procedure Act, and CEQA.

Recommendation: **Support**

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**AB 1821 (Pacheco)** – Allows financial recoupment for Public Records Act requests if a single request takes more than 2 hours or if the total by one requestor exceeds 10 hours in one month. Extends the response time for PRA requests to 10 business days with an extension by no more than 14 business days (instead of calendar days as currently written).

Recommendation: **Support**

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**SB 1536 (Addis)** - Create stricter avenues through which the State Marshal could exempt an oil pipeline from hazardous liquid safety regulations. Requires an operator in the Coastal Zone to submit a leak detection and response plan prior to approval.

Recommendation: **Support**

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**SB 922 (Laird)** – Allows local agencies to recover the cost of street maintenance associated with waste hauling vehicles through franchise fees. After a court ruling last year, this activity is prohibited unless this bill passes.

Recommendation: **Support**

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**AB 2180 (Ward)** - Authorizes a local government to demonstrate the proportional cost of the service attributable to a parcel by any method that reasonably allocates the ascertainable cost of providing service to all parcels, if substantiated. The bill would provide that for water or sewer service rates a local government is not required to provide an exact measure of the cost of the service at each parcel and may instead impose uniform or tiered rates to parcel or customer classes that are defined based on common characteristics indicative of likely water or sewer use.

Recommendation: **Support**

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