HOW YOU CAN ENGAGE WITH THE CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

The first step in getting involved is to just show up. Sometimes it can be hard to know how or when to show up, below is a guide to help you make a difference for the issues you care about.

STATE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

IDEA
BILL DRAFTED
Introduced in the chamber of origin
1ST CHAMBER
COMMITTEE HEARINGS
FLOOR DEBATE
2ND CHAMBER
COMMITTEE HEARINGS
GOVERNOR
LAW
VETO

If changed, the bill is sent back to the chamber of origin for approval or further consideration.

A vetoed bill goes back to the chamber of origin. If the veto is overridden, the bill moves to the second chamber for its reconsideration. If not, the bill dies.

GET INVOLVED

The colors indicate how the public can affect legislation at different points in the legislative process above:

WAYS TO CONTACT LEGISLATORS

Legislator’s website
Letters
Emails
Social Media
Phone calls
Town halls
Face-to-face meeting

WAYS TO PARTICIPATE

Learn the process
View livestream of hearing or floor session
Attend committee hearing/floor session
Committee testimony
Contact your legislator