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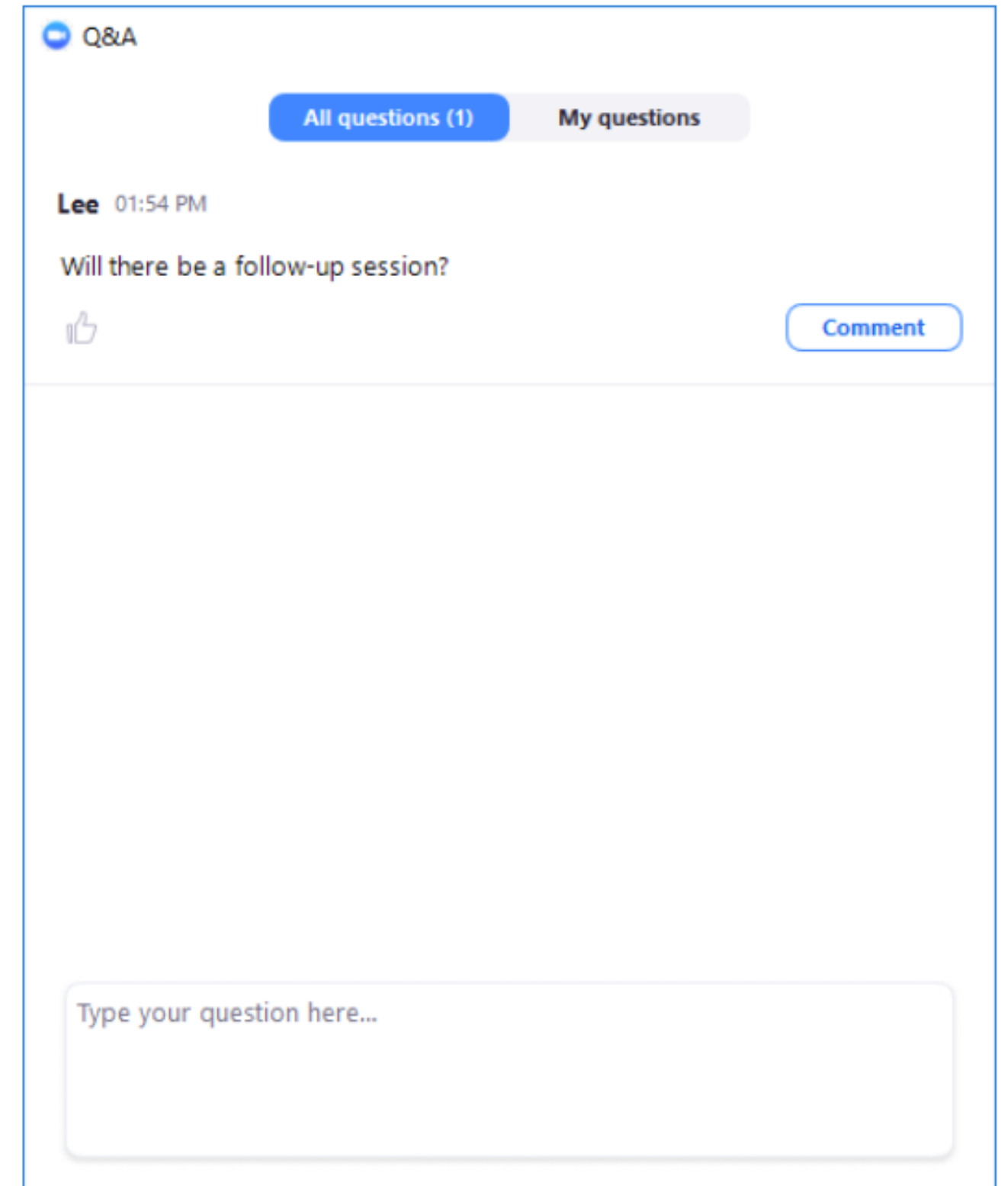


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Agenda

- Overall: What to expect in August 2024
- Administration of Justice
- Agriculture, Environment, and Natural Resources
- Government Finance and Administration
- Health and Human Services
- Housing, Land Use, and Transportation

CSAC Legislative Advocacy: What to expect in August 2024

The Legislature reconvenes on Monday, **August 5.**

The last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills with fiscal impacts to the floor is Friday, **August 16.**

The 2023-2024 Legislative Session ends at midnight on Saturday, **August 31.**

The Governor must sign or veto bills passed out of the Legislature by Monday, **September 30.**



Legislation by the Numbers

2,170

Bills and constitutional amendments introduced in 2024.

1,697

Bills and constitutional amendments related to county government tracked and monitored by CSAC.

264

Bills and constitutional amendments with active positions by CSAC throughout 2023-2024.

Administration of Justice

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[SB 1057](#) (Menjivar) Juvenile justice coordinating council.

CSAC Position: *Oppose*.

Status: Referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.

- This measure would dramatically recast the composition of multiagency juvenile justice coordinating councils, which are designed to develop and implement a continuum of county-based responses to addressing the needs of justice system-involved youth.

AB 2882 (McCarty) California Community Corrections Performance Incentives.

CSAC Position: *Oppose*.

Status: Set to be heard in Senate Appropriations Committee on Monday, August 5.

- This measure changes the composition of Community Corrections Partnerships, would specify new plan development and processing requirements at the local level, and adds considerable new Community Corrections Partnership data collection and reporting requirements.

2024 Budget Act Investments Secured

Victims of Crime Act: \$103 million

- An essential revenue stream for counties and community organizations to deliver a wide range of critical victim services.
- After [federal cuts](#) to the funding, CSAC, along with a broad coalition of supporters, coordinated efforts and secured a one-time \$103 million backfill of state assistance in the 2024 Budget Act.

2024 Budget Act Investments Secured

Public Defender Pilot Program: \$40 million

- Funding for counties to implement recently passed legislation related to a wide range of post-conviction services.
- After a proposed elimination of the program, CSAC advocated to preserve \$40 million for the final year of the program in the 2024 Budget Act.



Questions?

Agriculture, Environment, and Natural Resources

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Priority Bills

- [SB 366](#) (Caballero) The California Water Plan: long-term supply targets. *CSAC is sponsoring this measure.*
This measure would, among other things, update the California Water Plan and require the Department of Water Resources to develop a long-term water supply planning target for 2050.
- [SB 1101](#) (Limón) Fire prevention: prescribed fire: state contracts: maps.
This measure requires CAL FIRE to use spatial planning tools and comprehensive mapping (“potential operational delineations”) as a tool for strategic wildfire response.

Support for Water, Wildlife, and Emergency Management

- [AB 2060](#) (Soria) Lake and streambed alteration agreements: exemptions. This measure would exempt from certain Lake and Streambed Alteration agreements some activities related to Flood-Managed Aquifer (groundwater) Recharge until January 1, 2029.
- [SB 1390](#) (Caballero) Groundwater recharge: floodflows: diversion. This measure enables California to divert flood flows for groundwater recharge by clarifying when these flows may be captured for the benefit of aquifers, what and planning requirements are necessary for local agencies pursuing recharge, amongst other things.

Support for Water, Wildlife, and Emergency Management

- [AB 2276](#) (Wood) Forestry: timber harvesting plans: exemptions.
This measure would extend various timber harvest exemptions scheduled to sunset on January 1, 2026 to January 1, 2031. These changes were created to decrease the risk of wildfire.
- [SB 1159](#) (Dodd) CEQA: roadside wildfire risk reduction projects.
This measure would require the state to evaluate and consider the inclusion of roadside wildfire risk reduction projects near municipalities for categorical California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemption.

Support for Water, Wildlife, and Emergency Management

- [AB 2660](#) (Committee on Energy Management)
Office of Emergency Services: federal grant funding
This measure would require the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) to allocate the maximum local share of specified federal grant funding to local operational areas.

Concerns and Opposition

- [SB 610](#) (Wiener) Fire prevention: wildfire mitigation area: defensible space: State Fire Marshal.

CSAC Position: *Concerns.*

This measure shifts fire mapping from the Board of Forestry to the State Fire Marshall, and creates a new wildfire mitigation area designation to replace fire hazard severity zones.

Concerns and Opposition

- [AB 2560](#) (Alvarez) Density Bonus Law: California Coastal Act of 1976.
CSAC Position: *Oppose*.

This measure requires, amongst other things, for local governments in the coastal zone to amend local coastal programs to comply with both the Density Bonus Law and the California Coastal Act.



Questions?

Government Finance and Administration

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AB 817 (Pacheco) Open Meetings: teleconferencing: subsidiary body.

CSAC Position: *Cosponsor*

Status: Failed to get out of Senate Local Government Committee

- This measure would have allowed non-decision-making advisory bodies to meet remotely without posting the location from which they are participating.
- Link to coalition opposition letter submitted to the Senate Appropriations Committee in July 2024.

AB 2561 (McKinnor) Local public employees: vacant positions.

CSAC Position: *Oppose*.

Status: Set to be heard in Senate Appropriations Committee on Monday, August 5.

- This measure would, among other specified requirements, require local agencies with bargaining unit vacancy rates exceeding 15% for more than approximately 6 months to hold a public hearing to discuss strategies to fill the vacancies.

AB 2557 (Ortega) Local agencies: contracts for special services and temporary help: performance reports.

CSAC Position: *Oppose.*

Status: Set to be heard in Senate Appropriations Committee on Monday, August 5.

- This measure places burdensome requirements on local governmental agencies related to contracting out for services.

AB 884 (Low) Elections: language accessibility.

CSAC Position: *Oppose unless amended.*

Status: Set to be heard in Senate Appropriations Committee on Monday, August 5.

- This measure would create a new state-mandated local program by requiring county elections officials to provide specified elections materials in additional languages and provide additional language services.

Notable Successes

- [AB 2797](#) (McKinnor) Telephone carriers of last resort. CSAC [opposed](#). DEAD.
- [SB 1164](#) (Newman) ADU Property Tax Exclusion. CSAC [opposed](#). DEAD.
- [SB 1034](#) (Seyarto) PRA: state of emergency. CSAC [supported](#). CHAPTERED.
- “Taxpayer Deception Act” measure **removed** from the Nov. 5 ballot.

2024 Budget Act Advocacy

Educational Revenue Augmentation Funds (ERAF)

- \$73.5 million to address insufficient ERAF in Alpine, Mono, and San Mateo Counties.
- Rejection of proposal to make charter schools eligible for ERAF.



Questions?

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Health and Human Services

Human Services and Homelessness

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[AB 1948](#) (Rendon) Homeless multidisciplinary personnel teams.

CSAC Position: *Support*.

Status: Chaptered.

[SB 37](#) (Caballero) Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities Housing Stability Act.

CSAC Position: *Support*.

Status: Referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file.

[AB 2774](#) (Grayson) Childcare for Working Families Act.

CSAC Position: *Support.*

Status: Set to be heard in Senate Appropriations Committee on Monday, August 5.

- This measure would establish the Childcare for Working Families Task Force, convened by the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz), with the purpose of establishing recommendations aimed at addressing challenges faced by working families in accessing childcare.

AB 2496 (Pellerin) Liability claims: foster family agencies and noncustodial adoption agencies.

CSAC Position: *Oppose Unless Amended.*

Status: Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee.

- This measure would, among other things, prohibit the use of certain types of indemnification agreements in contracts between counties and Foster Family Agencies. Foster Family Agencies are a critical partner of counties in caring for the well-being of children placed into foster care.

[SB 1249](#) (Roth) Mello-Granlund Older Californians Act.

CSAC Position: *Support in concept.*

Status: Assembly Floor.

- This measure would move forward on recommendations of the California Department of Aging CA 2030 Steering Committee to create a future-ready aging network in California.

2024 Budget Act Investments Secured

Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention: \$1 billion, Round 6

- Flexible funding to counties, large cities, and continuums of care to address homelessness in local communities.
- AB 166 (housing trailer bill) implements Round 6 and continues many of the elements of Round 5 (funding distribution, collaboration requirements).
- There are changes to program administration, regional plans, funding, and accountability.

2024 Budget Act Investments Secured

- Preserved more than \$600 million for CalWORKs.
- Preserved \$160 million for Child Welfare and Foster Care.
- Preserved more than \$100 million for Adult Protective Services.

Health and Human Services

Health and Behavioral Health

AB 1168 (Bennett) Emergency medical services: prehospital EMS.

CSAC Position: *Oppose*.

Status: Ordered to the inactive file.

- This measure would overturn statutory and case law record that has affirmed county responsibility for the administration of emergency medical services and with that, the flexibility to design systems to equitably serve residents throughout their jurisdiction. This bill could create fragmented and inequitable emergency medical services statewide.

[AB 2075](#) (Alvarez) Resident Access Protection Act

CSAC Position: *Tracking.*

Status: Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee.

- This measure establishes the Resident Access Protection Act and grants residents of long-term care facilities the right to in-person, onsite visits (whether from friends, family, or health providers) during a public health emergency.

[SB 1238](#) (Eggman) Health facilities.

CSAC Position: *Tracking.*

Status: Referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

- Authorizes psychiatric health facilities and mental health rehabilitation centers as eligible facility types for the involuntary treatment of individuals diagnosed only with severe substance use disorders or co-occurring mental health and severe substance use disorders as specified under SB 43 (Eggman, 2023).
- Recent amendments require DHCS to issue guidance regarding Medi-Cal reimbursement for covered Medi-Cal services provided to an individual receiving involuntary treatment for a severe substance use disorder.

Notable CSAC-Supported Measures

- [AB 2871](#) (Maienschein) Overdose fatality review teams.
Allows counties to establish overdose fatality review teams.
- [SB 1319](#) (Wahab) Skilled nursing facilities.
Streamlines the approval process for skilled nursing facilities seeking to offer behavioral health services.
- [SB 1397](#) (Eggman) Behavioral health services coverage.
Establishes a mechanism for commercial plans to reimburse county behavioral health agencies for privately insured clients.

2024 Budget Act Highlights

- \$184.1 million ongoing for local public health workforce and infrastructure.
- \$85 million for counties to begin planning and implementation of the Behavioral Health Services Act.
- Delayed effective date for the increased health care worker minimum wage ([SB 525](#), Statutes of 2023).



Questions?

Housing, Land Use, and Transportation

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SB 1032 (Padilla) HCD Loan Forgiveness

CSAC Position: *Sponsor*

- Provides the authority for the Dept of Housing & Community Development to forgive specific types of loans to non-profit housing providers.
- These programs allowed housing agencies to forgo making principal and interest payments, trapping these housing agencies in an endless debt cycle with no exit path.
- Many of these sites are one of the few or only housing providers in counties. If granted loan forgiveness is grants, these affordable housing sites will be preserved.

SB 937 (Wiener) Development Fees & Charges

CSAC Position: *Oppose Unless Amended*

- Places restrictions and allows for delays of fees and charges counties may impose on certain types of affordable housing projects.
- Prevents the assessment of interest for delayed fees, extends entitlements for certain housing projects.
- Author & Sponsor are currently considering language to transfer debt burden of unpaid fees from developer to home owner.

AB 1957 (Wilson) Best Value Contracting

CSAC Position: *Support*

- Expands a pilot program statewide to allow all counties to use the best value contracting method.
- This authority could be useful for variety of transportation and other public works project.
- The bill extends the existing authority for 5 years (until 2030).

2024 Budget Act Achievements

- Part of coalition that restored \$560 million of the original \$600 million appropriated for the REAP 2.0 program in the 2021 Budget Act.
- Advocated for reporting language requiring Caltrans to report on a variety of data points related to their purchase of vehicles that comply with CARB's Advanced Clean Fleet regulations.
 - The information in report will assist county fleet managers in their efforts to make vehicle fleet purchases compliant with the ACF regulations.



Questions?

Your Advocacy Team

CSAC staff work diligently with legislators and their staff, as well as with local government partners to help shape the bills that impact counties.

Please reach out to the CSAC Advocacy Team to stay updated on the latest developments concerning the status and impact of pending legislation.

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