

**Public Employees' Retirement System
Board of Administration
2025-2026 Legislative Session
State and Federal Update
Status as of March 24, 2026**

Sponsored Bills

SB 939 (Laird) Amended: 3/16/2026

CalPERS Position: Sponsor

Simplification of Service Credit Payment Options. Simplifies service credit payment options for new service credit purchases, tier conversions, and redeposits elected on or after January 1, 2028. Instead, any unpaid balance at the time of retirement will need to be paid in full within 90 days or the service credit will be prorated based on the balance paid.

Action Taken: Submitted sponsor letter.

Location: Senate Labor, Public Employment and Retirement.

Active State Bills

AB 280 (Aguiar-Curry) Amended: 7/15/2025

CalPERS Position: Support

Provider Directories. Requires a health care service plan or health insurer to verify provider directory accuracy on an annual basis and ensure that the provider directory is 60% accurate by July 1, 2026, with an increasing percentage of accuracy to be met, as specified, until the directories are 95% accurate on or before July 1, 2029. Failure to meet the accuracy benchmark in a given year will subject a plan or insurer to administrative penalties. Requires a plan or insurer to provide coverage for covered health care services provided to an enrollee or insured who reasonably relied on inaccurate, incomplete, or misleading information in a plan or policy's provider directory and to reimburse the provider the out-of-network amount for those services. Prohibits a provider from collecting an additional amount from the enrollee or insured other than the in-network cost sharing. Allows the Department of Managed Health Care and the California Department of Insurance to require a plan or insurer to use a designated central utility or central utilities. Also allows a plan or insurer to require providers to update their provider information through the central utility or central utilities. If a provider that fails to respond to a plan or insurers' annual notification to update the provider directory within five calendar days, the plan or insurer may post a notice, as specified, in the provider listing before removing the provider from the directory.

*Action Taken: Monitoring**Location: Senate Two-Year.*

AB 539 (Schiavo) Amended: 4/28/2025

CalPERS Position: N/A

Prior Authorizations. Requires prior authorizations for health care services by health care service plans or health insurers to remain valid for at least one year from approval, or for the duration of the prescribed treatment if less than one year.

*Action Taken: Monitoring**Location: Senate Two-Year.*

AB 1054 (Gipson) Amended: 1/5/2026

CalPERS Position: N/A

Deferred Retirement Option Program - Bargaining Units 5 and 8. Establishes the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) for safety members in BU 5 (CHP) and BU 8 (CALFIRE) to voluntarily elect to participate for up to 5 years and receive a one-time lump-sum payment upon completion. Before the DROP becomes effective, CalHR must enter into a MOU with the applicable BU, and the CalPERS Board must certify via an actuarial analysis that the program is cost neutral and adopt regulations to implement and administer the program. Requires the Board to annually provide a statement to the program participant that displays the value or balance of their account and transactions that occurred after the preceding valuation date. After implementation of the program, requires the Board to perform an actuarial analysis every five years on the cost impact or cost neutrality of the program and to provide a report to CalHR, the Department of Finance, and the Legislature. Requires the Department of Finance to make recommendations to the Legislature to modify the program to make the cost neutral if the program has resulted in significant increased costs.

Action Taken: Provide technical assistance to author and sponsor.

Location: Senate Rules Committee.

AB 1383 (McKinnor) Amended: 1/22/2026

CalPERS Position: N/A

Amendments to the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013. This bill includes several prospective changes to the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 (PEPRA) as follows: (1) for service earned on or after January 1, 2027, adjusts the pensionable compensation limit for all members, excluding members of CalSTRS, subject to PEPRA to the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax on January 1, 2027, (2) changes the existing three PEPRA safety formulas from 2% @ 57, 2.5% @ 57 and 2.7% @ 57 to 2% @ 55, 2.5% @ 55 and 2.7% @ 55 respectively, for existing and new PEPRA members beginning January 1, 2027, (3) creates a fourth PEPRA safety formula at 3% @ 55 with a 90% cap, and (4) allows an employer and its safety members to agree to term in an MOU to move members to a higher safety formula.

Action Taken: Monitoring

Location: Senate Rules Committee.

AB 1439 (Garcia) Amended: 1/22/2026

CalPERS Position: N/A

Labor Standards Protections Mandate on California Development Projects. Requires CalPERS and CalSTRS to contract with the University of California Labor Centers to conduct an independent study to determine the impact on public employee retirement funds when there is a prohibition on the board of a public pension or retirement system from making additional or new investments in development projects in California or to provide financing for those projects unless those projects are subject to prevailing wage and apprenticeship requirements, performed by a skilled and trained workforce, and committed to labor peace, as specified. The study and a report of the findings shall be completed and provided to the Legislature and the Department of Finance by January 1, 2028. Authorizes the University of California to subcontract with additional entities if additional expertise is needed.

Action Taken: Monitoring

Location: Senate Rules Committee.

AB 1762 (Gonzalez, Jeff) Introduced: 2/9/2026

CalPERS Position: N/A

Postemployment Health Benefits for the City of Indio. Authorizes the City of Indio (city) to provide employer contributions for postretirement health care coverage pursuant to a collectively bargained memorandum of understanding, rather than using the existing schedules in the Public Employees' Medical Health Care Act. This authority only applies to specified employees hired by the city retroactively on or after January 1, 2025. Requires the city to provide specified information to CalPERS and notice of the agreement with any additional information necessary to implement these benefits.

Action Taken: Monitoring

Location: Assembly Public Employment & Retirement Committee.

AB 1776 (Aguiar-Curry) Amended: 3/23/2026

CalPERS Position: N/A

Cartwright Act. Expands the scope of activities prohibited by the Cartwright Act by further specifying that it is unlawful for one or more persons to act, cause, take, or direct measures, actions, or events that are in restraint of trade or monopolize or monopsonize in any part of trade or commerce. Provides items that may constitute evidence of a violation of this provision and requires the courts to liberally interpret California's antitrust laws to best promote free and fair competition, as specified.

Action Taken: Monitoring

Location: Scheduled to be heard in Assembly Judiciary Committee on April 7, 2026.

AB 1844 (Pacheco) Amended: 3/19/2026

CalPERS Position: N/A

Judges' Retirement System II: Beneficiaries. Authorizes a judge who elects, upon their death, to provide a lump sum payment or an ongoing allowance to a designated beneficiary in lieu of a surviving spouse. Removes the requirement that a judge have a minimum of 20 years of service in order to provide an ongoing allowance, as specified, to a designated beneficiary when a judge dies while in office.

Action Taken: Provide technical assistance to sponsor.

Location: Assembly Third Reading.

AB 1852 (Bains) Introduced: 2/11/2026

CalPERS Position: N/A

Kern Medical Education Authority. Among other things, establishes the Kern Medical Education Authority to authorize the Trustees of the California State University and the Board of Trustees of the Kern Community College District to institute a medical school in the County of Kern, if the President of the University of California has not taken formal, verifiable steps to establish a school of medicine in the County of Kern by July 1, 2027. Requires employees of the authority to be eligible to participate in the California Public Employees' Retirement System or the California State Teachers' Retirement System and provide retirement and health benefits that are no less favorable than those offered to comparable employees within the California State University system.

Action Taken: Monitoring

Location: Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 1887 (Zbur) Introduced: 2/12/2026

CalPERS Position: N/A

Prescription Drug Coverage for Rare Diseases. Prohibits a health care service plan contract or health insurance policy issued, amended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2027, from imposing prior authorization, step therapy, or utilization review for an FDA approved drug prescribed for the treatment of a rare disease if the prescribing health care professional has determined the drug is medically necessary, unless a biosimilar, interchangeable biologic, or generic version of the drug is available.

Action Taken: Monitoring

Location: Assembly Health Committee.

AB 1900 (Kalra) Introduced: 2/12/2026

CalPERS Position: N/A

California Guaranteed Health Care for All Act. Among other things, establishes the California Guaranteed Health Care for All program (CalCare) to provide Californians with comprehensive universal single-payer health care coverage and a health care cost control system. Institutes the CalCare Board to govern the CalCare program and establishes an Advisory Committee on Public Employees' Retirement System Health Benefits to advise and provide recommendations to the CalCare Board on policy matters relating to integrating public employee retiree health benefits into CalCare.

Action Taken: Monitoring

Location: Assembly Print.

AB 1970 (Harabedian) Amended: 3/24/2026

CalPERS Position: N/A

Prescription Drug Coverage for Mental Health or Substance Use Disorders. Prohibits a health care service plan contract or health insurance policy issued, amended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2027, from imposing step therapy as a prerequisite to the authorization of coverage of a prescription drug used for the treatment of mental health or substance use disorders, as specified. Specifies that the step therapy prohibition does not apply when the FDA labeled indications and usage of a drug indicate prior medications must be taken.

Action Taken: Monitoring

Location: Assembly Health Committee.

AB 2000 (Aguiar-Curry) Amended: 3/9/2026

CalPERS Position: N/A

Changes to Drug Formularies. Among other things, prohibits a health care service plan or health insurer that provides prescription drug benefits and maintains one or more drug formularies from making changes to a formulary during a plan year, except as specified. Requires a health care service plan, health insurer, or its pharmacy benefit manager to report to the Department of Managed Health Care or the Department of Insurance, as applicable, with any changes made to a formulary during a plan year within 30 days of the change being made.

Action Taken: Monitoring

Location: Assembly Health Committee.

AB 2431 (Patel) Introduced: 2/20/2026

CalPERS Position: N/A

Downcoding Medical Claims. Prohibits health care service plans and insurers from using an automated process, system, or tool to downcode claims, sets requirements for downcoding decisions, and bans discriminatory downcoding practices against providers treating high-acuity or complex patients.

Action Taken: Monitoring

Location: Assembly Health Committee.

ACA 2 (Jackson) Introduced: 12/2/2024

CalPERS Position: N/A

Legislative Diversification Act. Repeals Section 4.5 of Article IV of the State Constitution which prohibits Members of the Legislature from accruing any pension or retirement benefits other than Social Security. Establishes a retirement system for Members elected to or serving in the Legislature on or after November 1, 2010, and requires a Member to serve at least ten years in the Legislature to be eligible for benefits under the retirement system. Also allows Members with less than ten years of legislative service to transfer the service credit earned to any other public employees' pension or retirement system in which the Member participates in.

Action Taken: Monitoring

Location: Assembly Print.

SB 363 (Wiener) Amended: 7/17/2025

CalPERS Position: N/A

Independent Medical Review: Denial or Modification of Treatment Reporting. Requires a health care service plan or health insurer to report on or before June 1, 2026, and annually thereafter, the number of treatment denials or modifications, as specified, to the Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC) or the Department of Insurance (CDI), respectively. Requires DMHC or CDI to compare the number of treatment denials and modifications to (1) the number of successful independent medical review overturns and (2) the number of denials or modifications reversed after an independent medical review is requested, filed, or applied for. Creates the Managed Care Independent Medical Review Administrative Penalties Subaccount for the receipt and deposit of moneys generated from the administrative penalties assessed by these provisions which may be expended, among other things, to offset the reasonable costs of implementing these provisions.

Action Taken: Monitoring

Location: Assembly Two-Year.

SB 1038 (Laird) Amended: 3/16/2026

CalPERS Position: N/A

CalPERS Employer Audit Notification. Requires CalPERS to (1) list on its website the employer that is subject to the audit and the purpose and scope of the intended audit prior to initiating an audit, (2) provide written notice to the affected employer of the purpose and scope of the audit, and (3) provide the employer with a copy of the final audit report. Requires the affected employer to (1) forward the CalPERS audit notification to the exclusive representative(s), if any, of members that may be affected and communicate to CalPERS that they have provided notice, (2) provide CalPERS and the exclusive representative(s) a list of the names of any members, as specified, affected by the final audit, and (3) communicate to CalPERS that they have provided the final audit report to the exclusive representative(s).

Action Taken: Provide technical assistance to sponsor.

Location: Scheduled to be heard in Senate Labor, Public Employment & Retirement Committee on March 25, 2026.

SB 1089 (Richardson) Introduced: 2/13/2026

CalPERS Position: N/A

Preventative Care Act. Requires a large group health care service plan contract issued, amended, or renewed on after January, 1, 2027, to (1) cover weight loss as a medical condition, and (2) to include coverage for at least one FDA-approved antiobesity medication for a contract that provides coverage for outpatient prescription drugs. Also requires the California Health and Human Services Agency to enter into partnerships that result in the production of at least one GLP-1 or GLP-1RA for the state of California.

Action Taken: Met with author's office to discuss policy aspects of the bill.

Location: Senate Health Committee.

SB 1094 (Weber Pierson) Introduced: 2/13/2026

CalPERS Position: N/A

Prescription Drugs. Authorizes a pharmacist to select an alternative biological product when filling a prescription order if the alternative biological product is a biosimilar and the prescriber does not indicate that a substitution is not to be made. Also specifies that these provisions do not prohibit a health care service plan, health insurer, or utilization review organization from requiring an enrollee to try a generic, biosimilar, or interchangeable product that is the same or similar to the brand name drug or reference product that was previously approved for coverage and that meet specified conditions.

Action Taken: Met with sponsor to discuss bill.

Location: Senate Business Professions & Economic Development Committee.

SB 1207 (Laird) Amended: 3/23/2026

CalPERS Position: N/A

California Conservation Corps. Among other things, extends the definition of "public service" to include service performed as a corpsmember or special corpsmember with the California Conservation Corps in order to provide a member of the California Public Employees' Retirement System the option to elect to purchase service credit for this type of public service.

Action Taken: Monitoring

Location: Senate Rules Committee.

SB 1444 (Committee on Labor, Public Employment and Retirement) Introduced: 3/17/2026

CalPERS Position: N/A

Employment Omnibus. Among other things, extends the timeframe when a member makes an election, revocation, or change of election for a retirement payment option or change in retirement status from within 30 calendar days to within 60 calendar days from the date the first retirement check is issued.

Action Taken: Provide technical assistance to sponsor.

Location: Senate Rules Committee.

Federal Bills

H.R. 550 Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-43] Introduced: 1/16/2025

CalPERS Position: N/A

Wildfire Insurance Coverage Study Act of 2025. Requires the Government Accountability Office to conduct a study regarding insurance coverage for damages from wildfires.

Action Taken: Monitoring

Status: 1/16/2025 - Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.

Note: S. 2430 (Heinrich D-NM) is companion legislation that was introduced and referred to the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs on 7/24/25. Staff is monitoring this companion legislation.

H.R. 1549 Rep. Williams, Roger [R-TX-25] Introduced: 2/24/2025

CalPERS Position: N/A

China Financial Threat Mitigation Act of 2025. Requires the Treasury Department to report on the exposure of the United States to the financial sector of China. The report must include the effects of significant risks China's financial sector has on U.S. and global financial systems, a description of the policies the U.S. is adopting to protect its financial stability, a description and evaluation of the transparency, completeness, and reliability of Chinese economic data, and recommendations for additional actions to strengthen international cooperation to mitigate risks and protect U.S. interests.

Action Taken: Monitoring

Status: 7/24/2025 - Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

Note: S. 1113 (Warner D-VA) is companion legislation that was introduced and referred to the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs on 3/25/2025. Staff is monitoring this companion legislation.

H.R. 2484 Rep. Harshbarger, Diana [R-TN-1] Introduced: 3/31/2025

CalPERS Position: N/A

Seniors' Access to Critical Medications Act of 2025. Establishes an exception to the physician self-referral prohibition for certain outpatient prescription drugs furnished by a physician practice under Medicare. It continues pre-pandemic era flexibilities that allow specialty physicians and other healthcare providers to deliver oral medications to patients by mail delivery or courier, and allows a designated caregiver or family member to pick up these medications on a patient's behalf.

Action Taken: Monitoring

Status: 4/29/2025 - Passed the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. The bill is also referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R. 2988 Rep. Allen, Rick W. [R-GA-12] Introduced: 4/24/2025

CalPERS Position: N/A

Protecting Prudent Investment of Retirement Savings Act. Requires fiduciaries of employer-sponsored retirement plans subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) to make investment decisions based only on pecuniary factors, with specified exceptions. It requires ERISA plans to act without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin when selecting, monitoring, and retaining fiduciary, counsel, employee, or service provider of the plan. It requires ERISA plans to act solely in accordance with the economic interest of the plan and its participants and beneficiaries when exercising a shareholder right, and clarifies that the exercise of these rights does not require voting every proxy. The bill also requires ERISA plans that offer self-directed brokerage accounts to provide notice to plan participants regarding any of those accounts' nonpecuniary offerings.

Action Taken: Monitoring

Status: 1/26/2026 - Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 3357 Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-5] Introduced: 5/13/2025

CalPERS Position: N/A

Enhancing Multi-Class Share Disclosures Act. Requires public companies with a multi-class stock structure to disclose, with respect to directors, executives, and owners with at least five percent voting power, the number of shares they own (as a percent of all shares) and the voting power they hold (as a percent of all voting power).

Action Taken: Monitoring

Status: 7/24/2025 - Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

Note: S. 3831 (Gallego D-AZ) is companion legislation that was introduced and referred to the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs on 2/11/2026. Staff is monitoring this companion legislation.

H.R. 3381 Rep. Wagner, Ann [R-MO-2] Introduced: 5/14/2025

CalPERS Position: N/A

Encouraging Public Offerings Act of 2025. Codifies and expands to all companies an existing Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) rule that allows emerging growth companies to communicate with potential investors to ascertain interest in a contemplated securities offering, either before or after the filing of a registration statement (aka "test the waters"). It also allows companies to submit a confidential draft registration statement to the SEC for review prior to public filing or within one year after the initial public offering or registration (aka "a follow-on offering").

Action Taken: Monitoring

Status: 6/24/2025 - Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 3383 Rep. Wagner, Ann [R-MO-2] Introduced: 5/14/2025

CalPERS Position: N/A

Incentivizing New Ventures and Economic Strength Through Capital Formation (INVEST) Act of 2025. Capital markets package that, among other things, requires public companies with a multi-class stock structure to disclose, with respect to directors, executives, and owners with at least five percent voting power, the number of shares they own and the voting power they hold (like H.R. 3357, noted above). The bill also codifies and expands to all companies an existing SEC rule that allows emerging growth companies to communicate with potential investors to ascertain interest in a contemplated securities offering, either before or after the filing of a registration statement (like H.R. 3381, noted above).

Action Taken: Monitoring

Status: 12/15/2025 - Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 3402 Rep. Loudermilk, Barry [R-GA-11] Introduced: 5/14/2025

CalPERS Position: N/A

Institutional Investment Managers Disclosures. Requires institutional investment managers that contract with proxy advisory firms to file an annual report with the SEC that contains, among other things, an explanation of how the institutional investor voted on each shareholder proposal, how often those votes were consistent with proxy advisory firm recommendations, how the institutional investor took into consideration the proxy advisory firm(s)' recommendations in making voting decisions, and how votes were reconciled with the institutional investor's fiduciary duty. Additionally, institutional investors with at least \$100 billion in assets under management must perform an economic analysis before shareholder proposal vote, in order to determine that the vote is in the best economic interest of the beneficiaries, but only when the vote is inconsistent with the recommendation of the majority of an issuer's board of directors.

Action Taken: Monitoring

Status: 5/14/2025 - Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.

H.R. 4098 Rep. Fitzgerald, Scott [R-WI-5] Introduced: 6/24/2025

CalPERS Position: N/A

Stopping Proxy Advisor Racketeering Act. Prohibits proxy advisory firms from providing proxy voting advice if the firm possesses an actual or potential conflict of interest that could reasonably be expected to affect the objectivity or reliability of such proxy voting advice, including by, among other things, providing consulting services offered directly or indirectly to an issuer for a fee, modifying a voting recommendation based on whether an issuer subscribes or will subscribe to the services or products of the firm, or providing proxy advice to or being a member of any organization that actively supports a shareholder-sponsored proposal that is the subject of the proxy voting advice.

Action Taken: Monitoring

Status: 6/24/2025 - Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.

H.R. 4776 Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4] Introduced: 7/25/2025

CalPERS Position: N/A

Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development Act (SPEED) Act. Limits the scope of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and modifies the environmental review of major federal actions under NEPA to generally limit the number of federal actions that trigger NEPA review and to expedite the review process. For example, the bill directs an agency, when preparing an environmental document for a proposed agency action, to consider only those effects that share a reasonably close causal relationship to, and are proximately caused by, the action. Agencies may not consider effects that are speculative or separate in time or place from the action.

Action Taken: Monitoring

Status: 12/18/2025 - Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 5345 Rep. Kustoff, David [R-TN-8] Introduced: 9/15/2025

CalPERS Position: N/A

Improving Social Security's Service to Victims of Identity Theft Act. Establishes a single point of contact at the Social Security Administration (SSA) for individuals whose Social Security numbers have been compromised. The single point of contact will manage the individuals case from start to finish and coordinate with other SSA units to resolve any issues.

Action Taken: Monitoring

Status: 12/2/2025 - Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Note: S. 1666 (Grassley R-IA) is companion legislation that was introduced and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance on 5/7/2025. Staff is monitoring this companion legislation.

H.R. 6248 Rep. Arrington, Jodey C. [R-TX-19] Introduced: 11/21/2025

CalPERS Position: N/A

Healthy Competition for Better Care Act. Bans anticompetitive terms in facility and insurance contracts that limit access to higher quality, lower cost care. Specifically, it prohibits group health plans from entering into contracts that impose certain restrictions on their ability to direct enrollees to specific healthcare providers or incentivize their choice of providers. The restrictions do not apply to health maintenance organizations (HMOs) that operate through exclusive contracts with multi-specialty groups or value-based network arrangements like exclusive provider networks or accountable care organizations.

Action Taken: Monitoring

Status: 11/21/2025 - Referred to the House Committees on Energy and Commerce, Education and Workforce, and Ways and Means.

Note: This bill is a reintroduction of H.R. 3120, 118th Congress, which passed out of the House Committee on Education and Workforce.

H.R. 6644 Rep. Hill, J. French [R-AR-2] Introduced: 12/11/2025

CalPERS Position: N/A

21st Century ROAD to Housing Act. Housing package that increases the supply of affordable housing, streamlines federal housing regulations and modernizes home finance lending practices. Among other things, it bans large institutional investors from purchasing additional existing single-family homes and prohibits the Federal Reserve from issuing a central bank digital currency through 2030.

Action Taken: Monitoring

Status: 3/12/2026 – Passed the Senate, 89-10. In House pending Concurrence in Senate Amendments.

H.R. 6703 Rep. Miller-Meeks, Mariannette [R-IA-1] Introduced: 12/15/2025

CalPERS Position: N/A

Lower Health Care Premiums for All Americans Act. Allows groups or associations of employers subject to ERISA to form association health plans, expands upon existing Individual Coverage Health Reimbursement Accounts by allowing the contributions to be used toward ACA Marketplace premiums, funds cost-sharing reductions for certain Marketplace enrollees, and ends the practice of “silver loading” by insurers. This bill also strengthens oversight of pharmacy benefit management services by requiring detailed, transparent reporting on drug spending, rebates, and pharmacy network practices, and includes penalties for non-compliance.

Action Taken: Monitoring

Status: 12/18/2025 - Received in the Senate.

H.R. 7148 Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4] Signed by the President: 2/3/2026

CalPERS Position: N/A

Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026. Federal government funding bill that, among other things, includes the PBM Price Transparency and Accountability Act, which establishes PBM reporting requirements with respect to prescription drug plans and Medicare Part D plans, including dispensing and formulary placement information. This bill also contains ‘delinking’ provisions and other transparency requirements including auditing mandates, manufacturer fee reporting and reporting of the fund amounts passed through to plan sponsors. This bill also extends telehealth flexibilities such as geographic and originating site requirements, through December 31, 2027, increases transparency in generic drug applications, and places limits upon orphan drug exclusivity. It also reinforces existing requirements that plan sponsors contract with any willing pharmacy meeting standard terms and conditions, and prohibits the practice of spread pricing in Medicaid.

Action Taken: CalPERS advocated for several components of the bill in the December 5, 2026 letter, “Urging Enactment of End-of-Year Legislation to Secure Greater Health Care Affordability.”

Status: 2/3/2026 - Signed by the President (Public Law No: 119-75).

Note: S. 3345 (Crapo R-ID) had been the stand-alone PBM Price Transparency and Accountability Act that was introduced and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance on 12/4/2025. The bill was included in the larger Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026.

H.J.Res. 39 Rep. Fitzgerald, Scott [R-WI-5] Introduced: 2/11/2025

CalPERS Position: N/A

Congressional Review Act resolution. Rescinds the recent Federal Trade Commission (FTC) rule, "Premerger Notification; Reporting and Waiting Period Requirements." The rule requires parties to transactions that are reportable under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvement Act to provide documentary material and information that are necessary and appropriate for federal agencies to assess whether the transaction may violate antitrust laws.

Action Taken: Monitoring

Status: 2/11/2025 - Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 527 Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA] Introduced: 2/11/2025

CalPERS Position: N/A

Prescription Pricing for the People Act of 2025. Within one year of the bill's enactment, requires the FTC to study the role of intermediaries in the pharmaceutical supply chain and provide Congress with appropriate policy recommendations. Specifically, the FTC is directed to study whether PBMs, among other things: charge patients more than the reimbursement rate given to both PBM-owned and non-PBM-owned pharmacies; practice patient steering; or manipulate formularies to favor more expensive drugs over less expensive alternatives.

Action Taken: Monitoring

Status: 4/10/2025 - Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 42.

S. 882 Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN] Introduced: 3/6/2025

CalPERS Position: N/A

Patients Before Middlemen Act. Among other things, requires a Medicare Part D plan sponsor to allow any pharmacy that meets the standard contract terms and conditions under such plan to participate as a network pharmacy, and requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) to establish standards for reasonable and relevant contract terms and conditions. It prohibits PBM compensation or service fees based on drug price or utilization as a condition of entering into a contract with a Medicare Part D plan, establishes PBM reporting and transparency requirements regarding drug costs, rebates and payments, and creates an enforcement process within HHS for contract violations. It also establishes guidelines for essential retail pharmacy participation as defined, biennial reporting through 2034, and trend comparisons in reimbursement, participation, and cost-sharing.

Action Taken: Monitoring

Status: 3/6/2025 - Read twice and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

S. 891 Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR] Introduced: 3/6/2025

CalPERS Position: N/A

Bipartisan Health Care Act. Establishes PBM reporting requirements with respect to prescription drug plans and Medicare Part D plans, including dispensing and formulary placement information. It requires that PBMs be paid based on a "bona fide service fee" that is not linked to a drug list price, with the exception of rebates, discounts, and price concessions that result in lower net costs for covered Medicare Part D drugs. It also bans Medicaid spread pricing and directs HHS to study the impact on patient out-of-pocket costs and Medicare Part D spending when insurers, PBMs, and pharmacies own each other.

Action Taken: Monitoring

Status: 3/6/2025 - Read twice and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

S. 1040 Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX] Introduced: 3/13/2025

CalPERS Position: N/A

Drug Competition Enhancement Act. This bill prohibits "product hopping," a tactic used by brand-name drug manufacturers to delay the entry of a generic drug to market, by introducing new versions of their drugs before generic alternatives are available. This bill also sets a 180-day or 3-year time limit, whichever is earlier, for the FTC to bring a case against a manufacturer for the antitrust violation.

Action Taken: Monitoring

Status: 4/10/2025 - Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 43.

S. 1041 Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX] Introduced: 3/13/2025

CalPERS Position: N/A

Affordable Prescriptions for Patients Act. This bill would limit the number of patents that pharmaceutical companies can assert in infringement suits over biologic and biosimilar drugs. The bill restricts the number of patents to 20.

Action Taken: Monitoring

Status: 4/10/2025 - Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 44.

S. 1071 Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX] Signed by the President: 12/18/2025

CalPERS Position: N/A

National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2026. Department of Defense package that specifies the priorities, funding allocations, and policies for national defense. Among other things, the bill codifies and expands on the existing Outbound Investment Security Program, a program that requires the Treasury Department to prohibit U.S. investments in certain technologies in China, including certain AI models, quantum computers, and other military technologies. The bill expands on the program by extending the definition of a “country of concern” to include Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Russia and Venezuela. The bill also adds technologies like hypersonic systems to the list of technologies that are prohibited.

The bill also expands an existing SEC rule – that requires U.S. publicly-traded company executives to disclose trades they make of their own company’s stocks to the SEC within two business days – to foreign private issuers.

Action Taken: Monitoring

Status: 12/18/2025 - Signed by the President (Public Law No: 119-60).

S. 1095 Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN] Introduced: 3/24/2025

CalPERS Position: N/A

Stop STALLING Act. This bill requires the Food and Drug Administration’s (FDA) to take actions against the abuse of “sham citizen petitions,” a tactic used by pharmaceutical companies to interfere and delay the FDA’s review and approval of a generic or biosimilar drug’s application for market entry.

Action Taken: Monitoring

Status: 4/10/2025 - Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 45.

S. 1096 Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN] Introduced: 3/24/2025

CalPERS Position: N/A

Preserve Access to Affordable Generics and Biosimilars Act. This bill prohibits “pay for delay” agreements, in which brand-name drug manufacturers compensate generic manufacturers to delay the entry of their drug into the market. This bill also prohibits biological manufacturers from compensating biosimilar and interchangeable manufacturers to delay the entry of biosimilar biological products and interchangeable biological products.

Action Taken: Monitoring

Status: 4/10/2025 - Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 46.

S. 1097 Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL] Introduced: 3/24/2025

CalPERS Position: N/A

Interagency Patent Coordination and Improvement Act of 2025. This bill creates an Interagency Task Force on Patents to coordinate efforts between the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) and the FDA regarding communication, evaluation, and evaluation of patent applications. The PTO is required to report to Congress on (1) the frequency with which FDA information is provided to PTO through the task force, (2) which methods of providing information and types of information are most useful to patent examiners, and (3) recommendations for changes to the mandate, funding, or operations of this task force.

Action Taken: Monitoring

Status: 4/10/2025 - Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 41.

Note: H.R. 4570 (Neguse D-CO) is companion legislation that was introduced and referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary on 7/21/2025. Staff is monitoring this companion legislation.

S. 2657 Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH] Introduced: 8/1/2025

CalPERS Position: N/A

STOP China and Russia Act of 2025. Directs the President to impose sanctions on Chinese and Russian individuals and entities who knowingly procures weapons and weapons systems for the ultimate use by the Russian military or by the Chinese military for military operations in the Taiwan Strait. Sanctions include asset freezes and visa bans. The bill also requires the Departments of State and Treasury to strategize on engaging with allies to deter and undermine China-Russia military cooperation.

Action Taken: Monitoring

Status: 10/30/2025 - Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 241.
