



Staff Report

TO: City Council
FROM: Darron Usher, Principal Management Analyst
DATE May 6, 2025
SUBJECT: Legislative Update Discussion

Description This report provides a summary of key legislative bills that may impact the City of Beaumont. These bills cover a range of topics, including public safety, law enforcement policies, planning and zoning, as well as local governance.

Background and Analysis:

The California legislature is currently reviewing several bills that could significantly affect local governance and operations in Beaumont. The following provides a summary of key bills that may require action or attention:

1. AB 400 (Pacheco) – Law Enforcement: Police Canines (Oppose)

- **Summary:** This bill mandates that law enforcement agencies establish canine program policies in alignment with POST standards by 2027.
- **Current Status:** The bill is set for its last hearing on April 9, 2025.
- **Implication for Beaumont:** The City will need to update its canine policy, which could incur additional costs related to training and policy implementation.
- **No letter has been drafted yet.** In discussions with PD Chief.
- https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB400

2. AB 451 (Petrie-Norris) – Law Enforcement Policies on Restraining Orders (Oppose)

- **Summary:** Requires local law enforcement agencies to develop policies regarding restraining orders that include firearm restrictions by 2027.
- **Current Status:** Currently under review by the Assembly Appropriations Committee.
- **Implication for Beaumont:** This will require policy development and may necessitate additional officer training.
- **Working with our consultant on an opposition letter.**
- https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB451

3. AB 247 (Bryan) – Incarcerated Crew Members: Wages (TBD)

- **Summary:** Mandates that incarcerated individuals assigned to fire incidents receive \$19 per hour in wages, along with credit reductions for their sentences.
- **Current Status:** Pending legislative review in the Assembly.
- **Implication for Beaumont:** If this is enacted, there could be budget increases for local fire departments, which may impact the costs for contracted cities like Beaumont.
- **Currently in discussions with our legislative consultant.**
- https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB247

4. AB 306 (Shulz, Rivas) – Moratorium on Code Updates (Oppose)

- **Summary:** Establishes a six-year moratorium on any city code updates.
- **Current Status:** Currently referred to housing committees as of April 23, 2025.
- **Implication for Beaumont:** This would delay the City's ongoing zoning code update, potentially impacting planning and development timelines.
- **Opposition Letter has been signed by the Mayor and sent to the author.**
- https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB306

5. AB 1060 (Avila Farias) – Transparency in Legal Fees (Oppose)

- **Summary:** Requires city attorney invoices to be made available without redaction.
- **Current Status:** Currently within the Assembly committees as of March 10, 2025.
- **Implications for Beaumont:** The bill may impact the privacy of legal matters before they are settled, which could raise concerns regarding sensitive legal information.
- **Opposition Letter is being drafted as would encroach on legal sensitivity.**
- https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB1060

6. SB 415 (Reyes) – Planning & Logistics Bill (Support)

- **Summary:** Enhances land use planning for logistics developments and improves definitions related to logistics use.
- **Current Status:** The bill was re-referred to committees on April 25, 2025.
- **Implication for Beaumont:** The City may need to update its land use policies and transportation plans in response to this bill's requirements.
- **Bills came from the opposition of AB 98 – support this current bill.**
- https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260SB415

7. AB 735 (Carillo) – Planning and Logistics Bill (Support)

- **Summary:** Makes changes to logistics development standards, air quality monitoring, and truck routing plans.
- **Current Status:** Scheduled for hearing in the Assembly on April 30, 2025.

- **Implication for Beaumont:** This bill could require the City to evaluate and potentially revise its PLUS Policy if significant changes are made to logistics development standards.
- **Bill came from the opposition of AB 98** – support this current bill.

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB735

Fiscal Impact:

There is no immediate fiscal impact as a result of the legislative updates, but several of these bills may require additional resources for implementation, such as policy updates, training, and compliance monitoring. Costs for the City of Beaumont could arise in areas such as legal services, law enforcement training, and planning-related expenses.

The estimated cost of preparing this staff report is \$200.

Recommended Action:

Receive and file. The bills included in this update fall within the adopted 2025 Legislative Platform.

Attachments:

- A. Legislative Update Presentation