



Staff Report

TO: City Council
FROM: Elizabeth Gibbs, City Manager
Darron Usher, Principal Management Analyst
DATE June 17, 2025
SUBJECT: Legislative Update Discussion – June 2025

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. On **May 23, 2025**, the first House Appropriations Suspense File Hearings took place. These hearings determine which bills will advance and which will be held (effectively stopping further progress until the following legislative session).

Key Legislative Bills Still Moving Forward:

1. [AB 339 \(Ortega\)](#) – Notice Requirements for Outsourcing (Oppose)
Status: Assembly Third Reading File
Summary: Imposes a 120-day notice requirement for outsourcing and a 30-day meet-and-confer period if requested by the bargaining unit.
Action: Letter of opposition submitted.
2. [AB 306 \(Schulz, Rivas\)](#) – Building Regulations: State Standards (Oppose)
Status: Referred to Housing Committee
Summary: Moratorium on new city code updates.
Action: Letter of opposition submitted.
3. [AB 735 \(Carillo\)](#) – Logistics Use: Truck Routes (Support)
Status: Assembly Third Reading File
Summary: Modifies logistics development standards and air quality monitoring.
Action: Supported.
4. [SB 415 \(Reyes\)](#) – Planning and Zoning: Logistics Use (Support)
Status: Senate Third Reading File
Summary: Enhances logistics definitions and truck routing requirements.
Action: Supported.

5. [AB 914 \(Garcia\)](#) – Air Pollution: Indirect Sources
Status: Assembly Third Reading File
Summary: Addresses emissions from indirect sources, including warehouses.
Action: Under review.
6. [AB 538 \(Berman\)](#) – Public Works: Payroll Records
Status: Assembly Third Reading File
Summary: Requires electronic submission of certified payroll records.
Action: Under review.
7. [AB 712 \(Wicks\)](#) – Housing Reform Enforcement
Status: Referred to Housing and Judiciary Committees
Summary: Grants HCD new enforcement tools for housing element compliance.
Action: Under review.
8. [AB 942 \(Calderon\)](#) – Net Energy Metering
Status: Assembly Third Reading File
Summary: Revises net energy metering tariffs for eligible customer-generators.
Action: Under review.
9. [AB 920 \(Caloza\)](#) – Permit Streamlining for Housing
Status: Referred to Senate Rules
Summary: Creates a centralized application portal for housing developments.
Action: Under review.
10. [SB 31 \(McNerney\)](#) – Recycled Water (Support)
Status: Senate Consent Calendar
Summary: Supports recycled water for non-potable use.
Action: Supported.
11. [SB 346 \(Durazo\)](#) – Short-Term Rental Facilitators
Status: Sent to Assembly
Summary: Adds new rules for rental platforms.
Action: Under review.
12. [SB 79 \(Wiener\)](#) – Transit-Oriented Development
Status: Senate Second Reading File
Summary: Promotes housing near transit.
Action: Under review.

Bills That Did Not Move Forward from Suspense:

The following bills were held in the Appropriations Suspense File and will not advance further this session. They may be acted upon again in January 2026, in the new legislative session:

- [AB 1022 \(Kalra\)](#) – Vehicle Removal Authority
Implication: Would have limited local vehicle impounding authority.
Action: Letter of opposition submitted.

- [AB 1060 \(Avila Farias\)](#) – Legal Fee Disclosure
Implication: Required disclosure of unredacted city attorney invoices.
Action: Letter of opposition submitted.
- [AB 1198 \(Haney\)](#) – Prevailing Wage on Public Works
Implication: Would expand prevailing wage requirements.
Action: Under review.
- [AB 569 \(Stefani\)](#) – Pension Reform Exceptions
Implication: Created exceptions for supplemental benefit plans.
Action: Under review.
- [SB 496 \(Hurtado\)](#) – Advanced Clean Fleets Exemptions
Implication: Would have allowed more flexibility under CARB regulations.
Action: Under review.
- [SB 815 \(Allen and Stern\)](#) – Planning in Fire Hazard Zones
Implication: Placed strict rules on building in high-risk fire zones.
Action: Under review.

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 \$300.

Recommended Action:

Receive and file. These bills fall within the adopted 2025 Legislative Platform.