



Staff Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
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SUBJECT: Legislative Update – May 2026

Description: This report serves as a legislative update for state legislative activity during the 2025–26 legislative session.

Background and Analysis:

The 2026 legislative session is well underway, with bills advancing through policy committees and legislative activity expected to intensify through early summer. According to CPPG’s April 2, 2026, Legislative Summary, all “spot bills” were required to be amended with substantive language by the end of March, and the Legislature reconvened from Spring Recess on April 6, 2026. Staff continues to monitor measures with the greatest potential impact on municipal operations, local infrastructure, public transparency, digital services, and local governance.

At a Glance: State Legislative Updates				
Bill	Author	Topic (short)	Status	Notes
SB 1008	Ochoa Bogh	CEQA: Exemptions for Grade Separation Closures	In Committee	CEQA exemption for Public Utilities Commission-ordered railroad grade crossing closures that are found to pose a public safety threat.
SB 1191	Ochoa Bogh	Universal Service Programs	In Committee	Extends the California High-Cost Fund-A and High-Cost Fund-B programs to 2033. Relevant because telecommunications support in high-cost areas can affect service availability and affordability for residents and businesses.
SB 1204	Ochoa Bogh	Administrative Regulations	In Assembly	Requires the Office of Administrative Law to report regulation disapprovals and reasons to the Legislature within 60 days. Added transparency in state rulemaking may help the City monitor regulatory changes affecting operations.

SB 1357	Ochoa Bogh	Recall Notice of Intention	In Committee	Redacts certain personal information from recall notices and adds website posting requirements where no newspaper of general circulation exists. Could affect procedures tied to local recall efforts and public notice practices.
SB 1254	Ochoa Bogh	Local Gov. Land Use: General Plans	In Committee	Technical cleanup bill making non-substantive updates to state law governing city and county general plans.
SB 1402	Ochoa Bogh	Property Tax Imposition and Assessment Appeals		Expand appeal standards from owner-occupied single-family homes to a broader category of residential property. Could indirectly affect the City's property tax base and revenue.
AB 2190	Wallis	Website Accessibility	In Committee	This bill would create a legal defense in some website accessibility claims and assign responsibility to third-party providers. For the City, it could affect how web accessibility issues are managed across City and vendor-supported digital services.
AB 2400	Wallis	General Plan Annual Report	In Committee	Would require cities and counties to report the number of suite-style student housing quarters in their annual general plan housing report.
AB 2459	Wallis	Vehicle Charging Stations	In Committee	This bill would tie certain occupancy approvals to completion of electrical service connections for EV charging stations. For the City, it could affect permit review, inspection, and certificate of occupancy processes for applicable developments.

At a Glance: Federal Legislative Updates

Bill	Author	Topic (short)	Status	Notes
FY27 THUD Appropriations	Appropriations Committee	Community Project Funding	In Committee	Relevant to Beaumont's federal funding strategy. The House Appropriations Committee opened FY27 Community Project Funding requests on February 25, 2026. THUD markup is already scheduled for May 21, 2026 at the subcommittee level and June 4, 2026 at full committee.
Surface Transportation Reauthorization	Transportation & Infrastructure Committee	Federal Transportation Reauthorization	In Committee	Would shape future highway, freight, rail, and formula/discretionary transportation funding.

S. 3941	Cortez Masto	Municipal Bonds	In Committee	Would restore tax-exempt treatment for certain state and local bonds guaranteed by a Federal Home Loan Bank, which could expand financing options for local infrastructure and community development.
H.R. 7769	McClain	Municipal Bonds	Introduced	House companion to S. 3941; relevant as a municipal-finance watch item because it could improve financing flexibility for certain state and local bond issuances.

At the federal level, Congress continues to focus heavily on budget reconciliation, appropriations, and national funding priorities, including a proposed reconciliation package that may allocate approximately \$70 billion toward immigration enforcement and related programs.

Ongoing funding challenges within the Department of Homeland Security highlight broader federal budget uncertainty, which may indirectly affect grant availability, infrastructure funding timelines, and intergovernmental coordination. Additionally, continued activity surrounding federal budget proposals, agency restructuring, and infrastructure-related legislation underscores the importance of monitoring federal actions that could influence local funding opportunities and regulatory environments.

Fiscal Impact:

The estimated cost of preparing this staff report is \$300.

Laws that have passed may require changes to be implemented. Staff will evaluate those changes and provide updates to the Council along with taking budget amendments to the Council if needed.

Recommended Action:

Receive and file.