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California Industrial Hygiene Council Legislative Opportunities and Challenges for November 3, 2025

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CIHC Mission

Keep profession intact by opposing further erosion or limitation of practice by legislation or regulation. Seeks recognition in statute defining, recognizing, and protecting the profession of industrial hygiene

Provide sound scientific and technological input to the regulatory and legislative processes and establish a legislative presence in the state Capitol

Sponsor legislation



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2025 Activities Legislative

Screened several hundred new bills of interest introduced in the 2025 legislative session (year 1 of the new two-year session)

Using CapitolTracks bill-tracking software to facilitate screening and track bill status

- Initial bill report (January 2025) showed 63 bills of potential interest; pared down to 49 as the session progressed
- Final bill report 10/15/2025 posted to CIHC's website

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2025 Activities Legislative

Lots of spot bills – many of which did not amount to anything of interest

23 bills turned into 2-year bills; these will be revisited in 2026

3 bills that were sent to the Governor (enrolled) were vetoed by the Governor

13 bills became new laws with the Governor's approval

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2025 Activities Legislative

Highlights:

- SB 20 – Occupational safety: high-exposure trigger tasks on artificial stone; amend Labor Code sections 6302 and 6432, and add Chapter 2.2, sections 6359.1-6359.5
- Summary of requirements:
 - (1) Prohibiting the undertaking of fabrication activities without the use of effective wet methods that effectively suppress dust.
 - (2) Requiring more reporting and tracking of silicosis cases.
 - (3) Closing gaps in current law to allow for more effective enforcement.

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2025 Activities Legislative

Highlights:

- AB 841 – State Fire Marshal: personal protective equipment: battery fires

- Add Health and Safety Code section 13105.1

“The State Fire Marshal shall develop, in consultation with the Division of Occupational Safety and Health, a working group to make recommendations regarding personal protective equipment used in responding to lithium-ion battery fires.”

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2025 Activities Legislative

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Highlights:

- AB 1288 – Registered environmental health specialists
- Amend Health and Safety Code sections 106615, 106625, 106635, 106665, 106670, 106675, 106680, 106685, 106690
- Amendments to the REHS training, qualifications, and examination process

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2025 Activities Leading to New Regulations

Legislative requirements to propose Cal/OSHA regulation changes:

- AB 1181 – Firefighters: personal protective equipment
- Amend Labor Code section 147.4
- By January 1, 2028, OSHSB to consider modifying 8 CCR sections 3403 to 3411 to maintain alignment with the applicable National Fire Protection Association standards.
- By July 1, 2026, the Division of Occupational Safety and Health shall provide a report to the Governor and Legislature on progress toward implementation of the modified PPE safety standards.

Progress is reported during OSHSB monthly meetings.



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