



Legislative Day at the Capitol 2026

Preparation Webinar

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2026 Legislative & Budget Overview

2026 Legislative & Budget Outlook

- **2026 – Election Year**

- Lame Duck Governor....Or is he?
- Statewide Officers, Including SPI
- All Assemblymembers Up for Re-Election/Election, Some Senators

- **Bill Limits Adjusted**

- 35 Max During 2-Year Session

- **2026 Legislative Dynamics**

- New Senate Committee Chairs, Members Amid Senate Pro Tem Transition
- Ongoing Focus on Affordability, Artificial Intelligence, Housing, Immigration, Energy, Insurance

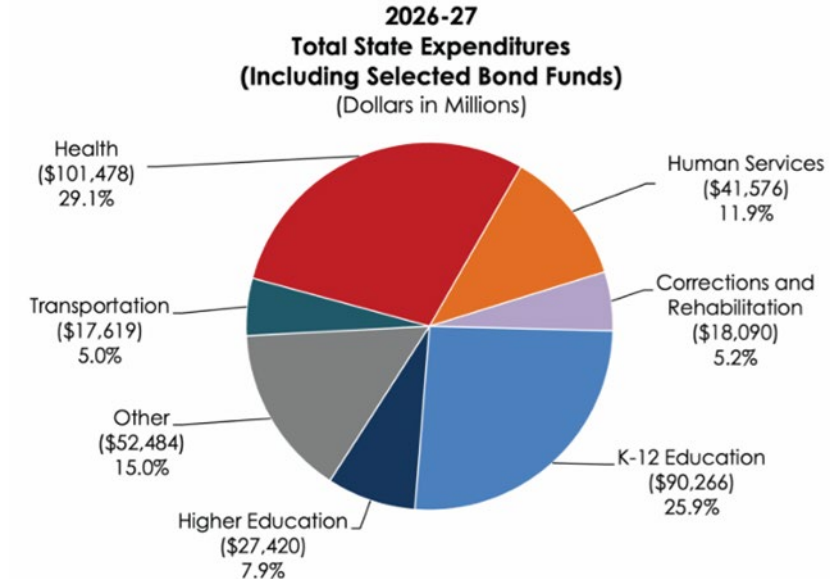
- **Legislative & Budget Hearings Underway**



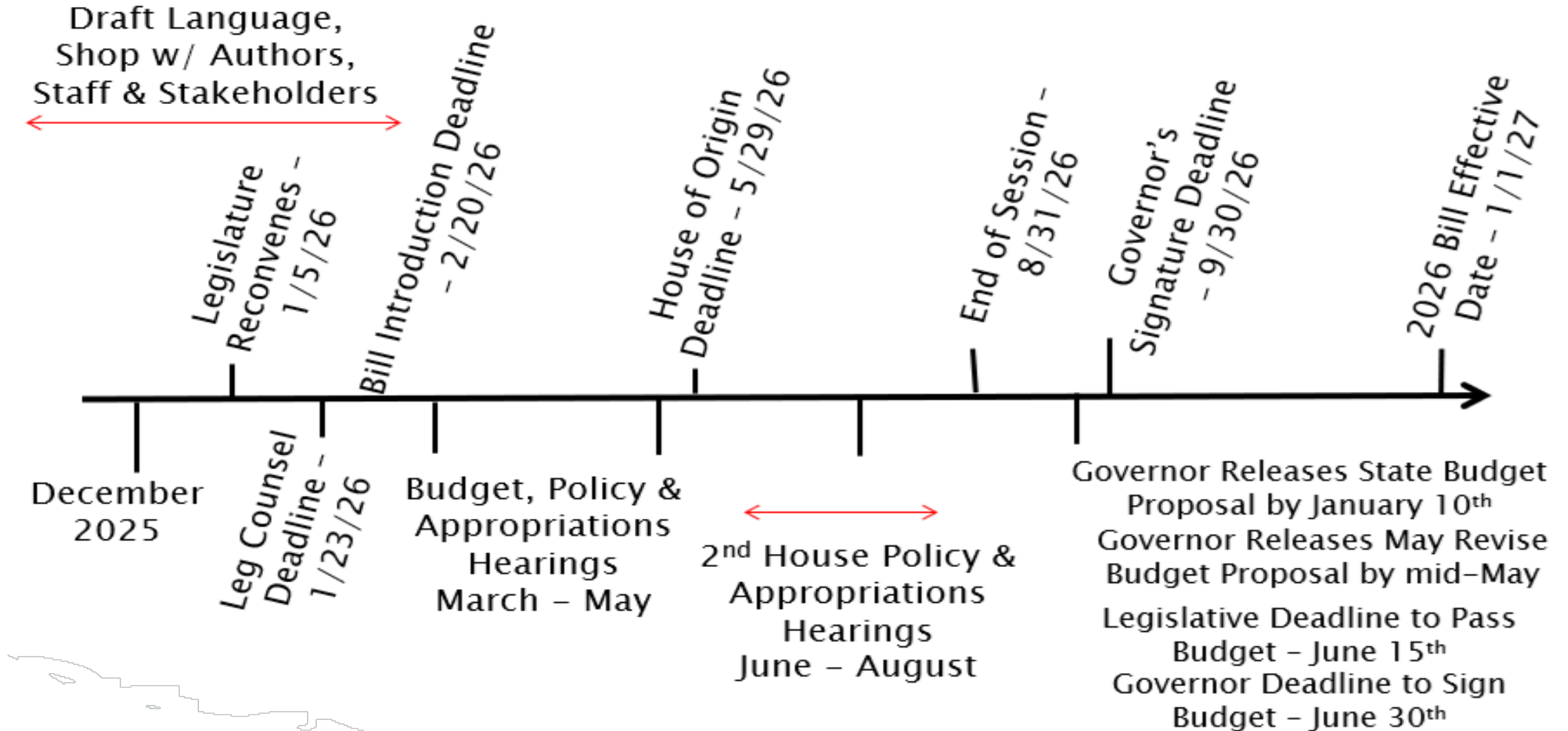
2026 Legislative & Budget Outlook

• FY 26-27 Budget A Mixed Bag

- Budget Projection & Outlook Subject of Debate
 - Newsom Admin @ Deficit ~\$3B; Revenues Up Significantly
 - LAO @ Deficit w/ Ongoing Outyear Deficits Growing (~\$30B+ FY 27-28)
 - Overspending Amid Prior Year Budget Actions/Commitments
 - Impact of Federal Actions (ie SNAP, MediCal)
- Prop 98 ~\$10.9B (9.5%) Over FY 25-26 Budget
- Shift CDE to Administration Control under SBE
- Adult Education COLA – 2.41% (aligned to K12)



2026 Legislative & Budget Timeline





CCAIE & CAEAA 2026 Advocacy Priorities

EL Healthcare Pathways Extension

Budget Request – CCAE & CAEAA proposal would extend the EL Healthcare Pathways Funding for those adult education providers who do not otherwise receive apportionment that can be used for the same programs.

ASK: Support \$30M for an extension of the EL Healthcare Pathways Funding

Require Community Schools to Collaborate w/ Adult Schools

Budget Request – CCAE & CAEAA request community schools statutory language be updated to require collaboration with adult schools to ensure parents of K12 students are also supported for the betterment of the parent and family as a whole. Additionally, CCAE and CAEAA request a portion of funding under the continuation and expansion of funding for community schools be available to support adult education programs for parents of K12 students.

ASK: Support Inclusion of language to require community schools collaborate with adult schools and make portion of funding available for adult education programs serving parents of K12 students.

Priorities for Ongoing Work & Engagement

****DISCLAIMER** Proposed Priorities are Long-Term Efforts,
NO Legislation Introduced by CCAE & CAEAA in 2026**

- **Master Plan for Career Education**
- **Cradle 2 Career Data System**
 - Include Adult Education
- **Teacher Credentialing**
 - Conversations w/ Legislature, ACSA, CTA, CFT & CTC
- **ELL Parent Toolkit**
- **Funding Formula**
 - Nothing Final, Nothing Advancing in 2025
- **Miscellaneous CAEP Program Reforms**
- **Seeking Field Feedback**



Dos & Don'ts of Advocacy

Critical Need for Grassroots Advocacy

- **Relationship Building**

- Tying capitol advocacy to individual districts

- **Legislator & Legislative Staff Education**

- High Turnover, Redistricting/New Legislators
 - 2/3 Legislature has Served 2 Years or Less
- Who are K12 adult schools? What adult school is in the member's district?
- Who do you serve?
- The value of adult education to students, families, communities and California
- CAEP Regional Consortia Activities, Progress, Challenges

- **Advocating for 2026 Budget Priorities**

“Don’ts” for Grassroots Advocacy

- Do NOT Be Late for Your Appointment
- Do NOT Mis-Pronounce Your Legislator’s Name
- Do NOT Assume Your Legislator is an Expert
- Do NOT use Acronyms – Spell out CAEP, etc.
- Do NOT Belabor the Issue – Get to the Point, Brevity is Key!
- Do NOT Remind them You are a Taxpayer

“Do” for Grassroots Advocacy

- **DO Know Your Legislator’s Political Affiliation – Knowing Will Help Your Conversation Angle**
- **DO Relate the Priorities/Talking Points to Broad Public Concerns**
- **DO Be a Good Listener**
- **DO Request a picture and tag on social media**
- **DO Seek a Commitment to Support Asks!**



LET'S GET OUR LEGISLATIVE GAME ON



California Council for Adult Education

Strength in Numbers!
Thank you!

★ California Adult Education



Administrators' Association



Adult Education Week 2026

April 19th – 25th

Adult Education Week Proclamation

[Click here to make a copy of the local resolution!](#)

Sacramento Leg Day

Monday and Tuesday, April 20th and 21st
The Citizen Hotel, Sacramento





Legislative Advocacy Day

April 20-21, 2026

[Click here for the web
page!](#)

Dana Carter

CCAE Legislative Chair

Leg Day Overview & Agenda

- [Click here for the agenda](#)
 - April 20th @ 3 p.m. – Overview & get materials; learn about legislators
 - April 21st
 - Morning: breakfast; recap training; legislative guest speaker still being finalized; practice as teams
 - Dismissed for meetings at Swing Space

Swing Space Requirements

- 1021 O Street, Sacramento
- Need to go through security... please don't bring any substances or materials that could pose an issue
- Elevator access or stairs
 - Elevators will be packed, plan accordingly for timing
- Suite number - first digit is floor number
- No ID/documentation needed
- Café is located on the 3rd Floor
- Legislative Offices 4th – 8th Floors

Tell all staff and students!

Morning Logistics

- Locate your CCAE Section Rep to get folders for legislators
 - In the folder: "White Papers" on supported budget requests
 - Include your own school data sheet or other marketing materials
 - Look up the key issues that matter most to your legislators - pick up one of the [N&R Publications stories](#) to help draw connection to adult education
- Allow 30 minutes "door to door" to get to Swing Space meetings
- Goal: have a meeting or leave a folder for every legislator

Meeting Follow Up & Feedback

Send Update on Meetings, Commitments, Etc.

- to your CCAE Section Rep.

Follow Up After Meetings

- Send Thank You Letter
- Follow Up on Any Additional Info Requested/Questions Raised

"Legislative Advocacy Made Easy" Tool

- Stay involved BEFORE and AFTER Leg Day.
- Navigate to the [Advocacy Kit](#) page on CCAEstate.org.
- Involve staff and students in the effort!
- Hashtags:
 - #AdultEdu
 - #CaliforniaAdultEducation
 - #CCAEE

Stakeholder Engagement

- California Council for Adult Education (CCAEE)
- Governor's Office
- New Legislators
- Labor & Workforce Development Agency & Secretary
- California Department of Education, Adult Education Office
- Chancellor's Office
- California Teachers Association (CTA)
- California Federation of Teachers (CFT)
- Assn of Community & Continuing Education (ACCE)
- Assn of California School Administrators (ACSA)
- EDGE Coalition



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Questions?

