



MEMORANDUM

TO: California Automatic Vendors Council

FROM: Jennifer Roe, Capitol Advocacy

RE: Legislative Update

DATE: August 20, 2025

As we move into the final stretch of the legislative session, we are pleased to report significant progress on the 2025 Priority 1A bill package. Of the four bills identified as key to our advocacy efforts, we have successfully secured favorable outcomes on three. Two bills have been stopped and one was amended to remove our primary concern. Two bills remain active, and we continue to engage with the author, sponsors, and committee staff on both.

Below is a summary of our efforts and outcomes to date:

AB 800 (Ortega D) State prisons: food.

Status: 5/23/2025-Failed Deadline is now a 2-year bill

Summary: Current law establishes the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and sets forth its powers and duties regarding the administration of correctional facilities and the care and custody of inmates. This bill would require the department to require all food items sold in prison vending machines to be priced at the same average market retail price as in the community in which the prison is located.

Position: Oppose with letter; We successfully defeated this bill in Assembly Appropriations by meeting with committee staff and members to outline our issues with the proposal.

AB 1331 (Elhawary D) Workplace surveillance.

Status: 8/18/2025-In committee: Referred to suspense file.

Summary: Would limit the use of workplace surveillance tools, as defined, by employers, including by prohibiting an employer from monitoring or surveilling workers in employee-only, employer-designated areas, as specified. The bill would provide workers with the right to leave

behind workplace surveillance tools that are on their person or in their possession during off-duty hours, as specified. This bill would subject an employer who violates the bill to a civil penalty of \$500 per employee for each violation and would authorize a public prosecutor to bring specified enforcement actions.

Position: Oppose Under Coalition; We continue to fight this bill in the Legislature. CAVC has met with the author and the sponsors (California Labor Federation) multiple times regarding the issue of needing micro-markets to have 24-hour surveillance for food safety purposes.

SB 14 (Blakespear D) State agencies: solid waste diversion: single-use plastic bottles.

Status: 7/10/2025-Re-referred to Assembly Committee on Appropriations

Summary: The California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 requires each state agency to divert at least 50% of all solid waste through source reduction, recycling, and composting activities. The act requires each state agency to develop and adopt an integrated waste management plan to reduce solid waste, reuse materials whenever possible, recycle recyclable materials, and procure products with recycled content in all state agency offices and facilities, including any leased locations, as provided. The act requires each state agency to submit an annual report to the department summarizing its progress in reducing solid waste by at least 50%, as provided. This bill would require a state agency to include in its integrated waste management plan descriptions of actions to be taken to source reduce certain materials, as specified. The bill would require, on or before July 15, 2027, each state agency to submit an adopted integrated waste management plan to the department for review and approval, and would, on or before January 1, 2028, require the department to complete its review of the plans, as specified. The bill would require a state agency's annual report to include summaries of the state agency's compliance with the requirement to reduce solid waste by 50% and the requirements relating to the adoption of an integrated waste management plan.

Position: Neutral as Amended; We were able to successfully remove the provision that would have required a 90% minimum content standard for beverages sold in state facilities.

SB 45 (Padilla D) Recycling: beverage containers: tethered plastic caps.

Status: 5/23/2025 - Failed Deadline is now a 2-year bill

Summary Current law authorizes the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, subject to the availability of funds, to pay a quality incentive payment of up to \$180 per ton to qualified recyclers for thermoform plastic containers diverted from curbside recycling programs, as provided. This bill would delete that authorization. The bill would instead require, on and after January 1, 2027, if a beverage is subject to the act and offered for sale in a plastic beverage container with a plastic cap, beverage manufacturers to ensure that the container to have has a cap that is tethered to the container that prevents the separation of the cap from the container

when the cap is removed from the container by the consumer. The bill would exempt, until January 1, 2028, any type of beverage container with a recycling rate of better than 70% for calendar years 2022 and 2023, as determined by the department, from compliance with that requirement.

Position: Oppose on Coalition Letter; Through our advocacy efforts, we were able to defeat this bill; however, it is eligible for reconsideration next year.