



2025 Lobby Days

Republican Offices

Some Republican offices may push back on AAUW's positions.

- Represent AAUW CA views confidently and respectfully. Public discourse is intended to include differing views.
- In response to questions on our position on a bill, refer to our [PPP's](#) that support Social and Racial Justice, Equal Access to Quality Education, Economic Security for All Women and Girls, and Women in Leadership. These values underlie the position we take on legislation.
- If you are asked a question and don't know the answer, it is fair to say so and advise that we will follow up with the member to get them the answer.
- It is always fair to suggest that "we may need to agree to disagree" on the bill.

Talking Points for Oppo Bills

Republicans have offered 5 bills that we are actively opposing and 3 Domestic Violence related bills that we evaluated for the Leg Agenda but decided not to support.

If you are scheduled to visit with a Republican legislator, it is possible that you might be questioned about our position on any of these bills. Here are some quick notes that will help you with a response:

Bill No.	Author	Summary	Our Position	Reason
AB 68	Essayli	Requires school districts to hire and maintain at least one armed security guard at each school	0	Research indicates armed personnel on schoolsites do not deter gun violence on campus and can escalate violent aggression. AAUW believes that more guns on campuses creates less, not more, safety for our students
AB 25	DeMaio	Would prohibit elections official from registering to vote a person who does not provide appropriate documentation of citizenship	0	Keeps eligible voters from casting ballots. 1 in 10 adult citizens don't have or say they couldn't easily find proof of citizenship docs*.

				Citizens of color are more likely than white citizens to say they lack citizenship documents; Independents report that they don't have documents (4%); Democrats (2%) and Republicans (1%).
SCA 1	Grove	Constitutional Amendment to create the School Choice Flex Account to allow public funds to be used to pay for private school tuition	0	AAUW supports public education and opposes the diversion of public funds to pay for private schools
SB 64	Grove	Same as above but as a law, not a constitutional amendment	0	Same
AB 89	Sanchez	Requires CA Interscholastic Federation to prohibit transgender girls from playing on girls' interscholastic sports teams	0	AAUW believes that denying a transgender girl the right to play on a team whose members she identifies with is a form of discrimination; AAUW opposes all forms of discrimination against girls
AB 292	J. Patterson	Would add felony domestic violence to list of felony convictions subject to sentencing under the 3-strikes law	Not supporting	1) AAUW does not take a position on sentencing laws, not within our expertise 2) Stronger sentencing laws are not always in the best interest of survivors
AB 779	Lackey	In a pilot program for L.A. County, would require a domestic violence (D.V.) consultant to assist social workers in understanding complexities of domestic violence relating to removal of children from a D.V. home	Not supporting	As a pilot program for just one county, the bill would not have a broad enough impact to warrant a significant expenditure of our Advocate's time
SB 421	Valladares	Would give courts discretion to issue a permanent restraining order for victims of and upon conviction of any violent, or serious, or certain sex crimes	Not supporting	The bill does not appear to include domestic violence cases where the only crime charged is domestic violence (P.C. 273.5), which is not included as a serious or violent crime