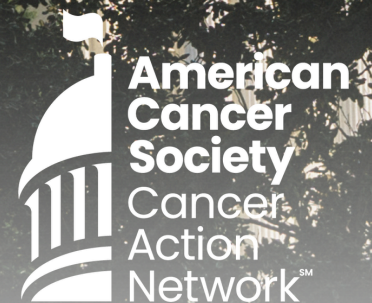


# 2025 LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD





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Advancing our vision of ending cancer as we know it, for everyone, requires a comprehensive public policy agenda.

# American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network

## 2025 Legislative Scorecard

In 2025, the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) advocated in support of numerous pieces of state legislation to promote beneficial policies that reduce cancer incidence, increase survival rates, improve quality of life for cancer patients and their families, and ultimately create a healthier California.

With nearly half of all Californians born today expected to receive a cancer diagnosis in their lifetime, access to preventive care and cancer treatment continues to be critical.

As the California state capital, Sacramento is where elected officials from across the state come to represent the needs of their constituents. State legislators are provided the opportunity to cast their vote for legislation that determines the well-being of cancer patients, survivors and Californians who may face a cancer diagnosis in the future. The 2025 legislative scorecard demonstrates the role each legislator played this year in California's achievements and failures on cancer policy.

The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) is the nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy affiliate of the American Cancer Society that supports policy and legislative solutions designed to eliminate cancer as a major health problem.

ACS CAN ensures cancer patients, survivors and their families have a voice in public policy matters at all levels of government. As the Society's advocacy affiliate, ACS CAN works to encourage elected officials and candidates to make cancer a top national priority.

The annual scorecard is a tool we use to demonstrate the breadth of policy issues which impact cancer prevention, detection, and treatment and to hold legislators accountable for their votes that impact cancer patients.

Please review the Legislative Scorecard 2025 for an evaluation of policymakers' records and the progress that is being made in the cancer fight. To learn more about how you can help California lead the way as a national public health leader, go to [www.fightcancer.org](http://www.fightcancer.org).

**Please note:** The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network does not endorse or oppose candidates for elected office or political parties. This record of votes is strictly nonpartisan and is not meant to convey support or opposition of any legislator. Because legislators often cast hundreds of votes in a year, there are inherent limitations in attempting to evaluate a legislator solely based on a few selected votes. Other important work includes unrecorded matters, such as performance on committees and constituent services.

# Scorecard Methodology

## What information does ACS CAN use to accredit votes?

The vote information used to create this scorecard was taken from the public vote record, which can be found at <https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>, the official site for California legislative information.

## Which votes were counted?

Only the final floor vote is counted for each chamber of the Legislature, because this represents the action taken by each legislator on the final version of the bill.

## Why are previous floor votes and committee votes not counted?

Focusing on the final floor vote provides a better representation of ACS CAN's policy priorities. As a bill moves through committees and between the chambers of the legislature, it is often amended. The final floor vote reflects the legislator's position on the final version of the bill.

## How are votes represented in the scorecard?

The votes are scored by indicating either a check (✓) for a vote in accordance with the ACS CAN position, X (×) for a vote against the ACS CAN position, No Vote (NV) for no vote due to absence or desire to abstain, or Not Applicable (N/A), which indicates the legislator was not in office at the time of the vote or the vote did not make it to the floor for a final vote.

## How are Governor Gavin Newsom's actions represented in the scorecard?

Actions the governor took in accordance with the ACS CAN position are marked with a check (✓). Actions that went against the ACS CAN position are marked with an X (×).

## How should an NV be interpreted?

No Vote (NV) counts as a negative vote for a legislator when the desired outcome is passing the legislation and as a positive vote for a legislator when the desired outcome is blocking the legislation. No accommodation was made for excused absences.

## How should a N/A be interpreted?

Not Applicable (N/A) does not count against the legislator. Sometimes there are special elections during the legislative session resulting in members not being in office at the time the votes were taken.

## Scorecard - SENATE

First Name	Last Name	Party	District	City	AB 703	AB 573	AB 1312	AB 688	AB 512	AJR 3	SB 717	Member Percentage
Benjamin	Allen	D	24	El Segundo	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Marie	Alvarado-Gil	R	4	El Dorado Hills	✓	NV	x	NV	NV	NV	✓	29%
Bob	Archuleta	D	30	Norwalk	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Jesse	Arreguin	D	7	Oakland	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Angelique	Ashby	D	8	Sacramento	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Josh	Becker	D	13	Menlo Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Catherine	Blakespear	D	38	Carlsbad	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Christopher	Cabaldon	D	3	Napa	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	88%
Anna	Caballero	D	14	Fresno	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Sabrina	Cervantes	D	31	Riverside	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Steve	Choi	R	37	Irvine	✓	NV	NV	✓	NV	NV	✓	43%
Dave	Cortese	D	15	San Jose	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Megan	Dahle	R	1	Redding	✓	✓	x	✓	NV	✓	✓	71%
Maria Elena	Durazo	D	26	Los Angeles	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Lena	Gonzalez	D	33	Long Beach	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Tim	Grayson	D	9	Walnut Creek	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Shannon	Grove	R	12	Bakersfield	✓	✓	x	✓	NV	NV	✓	57%
Melissa	Hurtado	D	16	Bakersfield	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	NV	✓	71%
Brian	Jones	R	40	San Diego	✓	NV	x	✓	NV	NV	✓	43%
John	Laird	D	17	Monterey	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Monique	Limón	D	21	Oxnard	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	86%
Mike	McGuire	D	2	San Rafael	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Jerry	McNerney	D	5	Stockton	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Caroline	Menjivar	D	20	Van Nuys	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Roger	Niello	R	6	Roseville	✓	NV	x	✓	NV	NV	✓	43%
Rosilicie	Ochoa Bogh	R	19	Redlands	✓	✓	x	✓	NV	NV	✓	57%
Steve	Padilla	D	18	Chula Vista	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Sasha Renée	Pérez	D	25	Pasadena	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	86%
Eloise Gómez	Reyes	D	29	San Bernardino	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	86%
Laura	Richardson	D	35	Inglewood	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Susan	Rubio	D	22	West Covina	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	NV	✓	71%
Kelly	Seyarto	R	32	Murrieta	✓	NV	x	✓	NV	NV	✓	43%
Lola	Smallwood-Cuevas	D	28	Los Angeles	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Henry	Stern	D	27	Sherman Oaks	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	86%
Tony	Strickland	R	36	Huntington Beach	✓	NV	x	✓	NV	NV	✓	43%
Thomas	Umberg	D	34	Santa Ana	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	86%
Suzette Martinez	Valladares	R	23	Lancaster	✓	NV	NV	✓	NV	NV	✓	43%
Aisha	Wahab	D	10	Fremont	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Akilah	Weber Pierson	D	39	San Diego	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	86%
Scott	Wiener	D	11	San Francisco	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%

## Gov. Gavin Newsom

Party	AB 703	AB 573	AB 957	AB 1312	AB 688	AB 512	AJR 3	SB 717	Percentage
D	✓	✓	N/A	✓	✓	x	✓	x	71%

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First Name	Last Name	Party	District	City	AB 703	AB 573	AB 957	AB 1312	AB 688	AB 512	AJR 3	SB 717	Member Percentage
Dawn	Addis	D	30	Morro Bay	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Cecilia	Aguar-Curry	D	4	Winters	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Patrick	Ahrens	D	26	Sunnyvale	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Juan	Alanis	R	22	Modesto	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	75%
David	Alvarez	D	80	San Diego	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	NV	✓	75%
Joaquin	Arambula	D	31	Fresno	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Anamarie	Ávila Farias	D	15	Martinez	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	88%
Jasmeet	Bains	D	35	Bakersfield	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	88%
Rebecca	Bauer-Kahan	D	16	Orinda	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Steve	Bennett	D	38	Ventura	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Marc	Berman	D	23	Menlo Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	NV	✓	75%
Tasha	Boerner	D	77	Encinitas	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Mia	Bonta	D	18	Alameda	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Isaac	Bryan	D	55	Los Angeles	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Lisa	Calderon	D	56	Whittier	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Jessica	Caloza	D	52	Los Angeles	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Juan	Carrillo	D	39	Palmdale	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Leticia	Castillo	R	58	Home Gardens	✓	NV	NV	x	✓	NV	NV	✓	38%
Phillip	Chen	R	59	Yorba Linda	✓	NV	NV	x	✓	NV	NV	✓	38%
Damon	Connolly	D	12	San Rafael	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Laurie	Davies	R	74	Laguna Niguel	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Carl	DeMaio	R	75	Escondido	✓	x	x	x	✓	x	NV	✓	38%
Diane	Dixon	R	72	Newport Beach	✓	NV	✓	x	✓	NV	NV	✓	50%
Sade	Elhawary	D	57	Los Angeles	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Stan	Ellis	R	32	Bakersfield	NV	NV	x	x	✓	x	NV	✓	25%
Heath	Flora	R	9	Lodi	✓	✓	NV	x	✓	NV	NV	✓	50%
Mike	Fong	D	49	Alhambra	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Jesse	Gabriel	D	46	Encino	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
James	Gallagher	R	3	Yuba City	✓	NV	NV	x	✓	✓	NV	✓	50%
Robert	Garcia	D	50	Rancho Cucamonga	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Mike	Gipson	D	65	Carson	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Jeff	Gonzalez	R	36	Indio	✓	NV	NV	NV	✓	✓	NV	✓	50%
Mark	González	D	54	Los Angeles	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Heather	Hadwick	R	1	Alturas	✓	NV	NV	x	✓	NV	NV	✓	38%
Matt	Haney	D	17	San Francisco	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
John	Harabedian	D	41	Pasadena	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Gregg	Hart	D	37	Santa Barbara	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	88%
Josh	Hoover	R	7	Folsom	✓	NV	NV	x	✓	✓	NV	✓	50%
Jacqui	Irwin	D	42	Thousand Oaks	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Corey	Jackson	D	60	Perris	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%

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Natasha	Johnson	R	63	Lake Elsinore	N/A	NV	✓	x	✓	NV	✓	✓	57%
Ash	Kalra	D	25	San Jose	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Maggy	Krell	D	6	Sacramento	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Tom	Lackey	R	34	Palmdale	✓	NV	NV	x	✓	NV	NV	✓	38%
Alex	Lee	D	24	San Jose	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Josh	Lowenthal	D	69	Long Beach	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Alexandra	Macedo	R	33	Tulare	✓	NV	x	x	✓	NV	NV	✓	38%
Tina	McKinnor	D	61	Hawthorne	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Al	Muratsuchi	D	66	Rolling Hills Estates	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Stephanie	Nguyen	D	10	Elk Grove	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Liz	Ortega	D	20	San Leandro	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	88%
Blanca	Pacheco	D	64	Downey	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Diane	Papan	D	21	San Mateo	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Darshana	Patel	D	76	San Diego	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Joe	Patterson	R	5	Rocklin	✓	NV	✓	x	✓	NV	NV	✓	50%
Gail	Pellerin	D	28	Santa Cruz	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Cottie	Petrie-Norris	D	73	Irvine	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Sharon	Quirk-Silva	D	67	Fullerton	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
James	Ramos	D	45	Highland	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Rhodesia	Ransom	D	13	Tracy	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Robert	Rivas	D	29	Hollister	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Celeste	Rodriguez	D	43	San Fernando	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Michelle	Rodriguez	D	53	Pomona	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Chris	Rogers	D	2	Santa Rosa	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Blanca	Rubio	D	48	Baldwin Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Kate	Sanchez	R	71	Trabuco Canyon	✓	NV	NV	x	✓	✓	NV	✓	50%
Pilar	Schiavo	D	40	Santa Clarita	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Nick	Schultz	D	44	Burbank	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
LaShae	Sharp-Collins	D	79	San Diego	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Jose Luis	Solache	D	62	Lynwood	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	88%
Esmeralda	Soria	D	27	Fresno	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	88%
Catherine	Stefani	D	19	San Francisco	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Tri	Ta	R	70	Westminster	✓	NV	✓	x	✓	NV	NV	✓	50%
David	Tangjipa	R	8	Clovis	✓	NV	x	x	✓	NV	NV	✓	38%
Avelino	Valencia	D	68	Anaheim	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	NV	✓	75%
Greg	Wallis	R	47	Bermuda Dunes	✓	NV	NV	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	63%
Christopher	Ward	D	78	San Diego	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Buffy	Wicks	D	14	Oakland	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Lori	Wilson	D	11	Suisun City	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Rick Chavez	Zbur	D	51	Los Angeles	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%

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# 2025 Scorecard Legislation

## ACCESS TO CARE

### **AB 512 (Harabedian)**

Would shorten the timeframe for prior authorization review. ACS CAN supported AB 512 because reducing delays in prior authorization can help patients access medically necessary care more quickly and with fewer administrative barriers.

*ACS CAN Position: SUPPORT  
Outcome: Governor vetoed*

### **AB 1312 (Schiavo)**

Would help prevent medical debt from being imposed on patients through unfair billing and collection practices. ACS CAN supported AB 1312 because it would reduce financial harm for patients facing serious illness and treatment costs.

*ACS CAN Position: SUPPORT  
Outcome: Signed into law*

### **AB 688 (Gonzalez)**

Would expand telehealth access statewide. ACS CAN supported AB 688 because telehealth can reduce access barriers and help patients obtain timely care, particularly when transportation, work, or geography make in-person care harder to reach.

*ACS CAN Position: SUPPORT  
Outcome: Signed into law*

### **AJR 3 (Schiavo)**

Would call on Congress to protect Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid. ACS CAN supported AJR 3 because preserving coverage programs is directly tied to maintaining access to cancer screening, treatment, and follow-up care.

*ACS CAN Position: SUPPORT  
Outcome: Signed into law*

## RESEARCH

### **AB 703 (Lee)**

Would establish the Childhood Cancer Research Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund. ACS CAN sponsored AB 703 because preserving this tax checkoff helps sustain funding for childhood cancer research.

*ACS CAN Position: SPONSOR  
Outcome: Signed into law*

### **SB 717 (Richardson)**

Would codify the California Cancer Registry's relationship with the state's regional cancer registries. ACS CAN supported SB 717 because maintaining a strong cancer registry system supports research, surveillance, and better understanding of cancer trends and disparities.

*ACS CAN Position: SUPPORT  
Outcome: Governor vetoed*

## **TOBACCO**

### **AB 573 (Rogers)**

Would increase the CDTFA tobacco retail license fee. ACS CAN co-sponsored AB 573 because stronger tobacco retail licensing enforcement helps reduce illegal sales and supports tobacco control protections that improve public health.

*ACS CAN Position: CO-SPONSOR*

*Outcome: Signed into law*

### **AB 957 (Ortega)**

Would prohibit the sale of tobacco products in pharmacies. ACS CAN co-sponsored AB 957 because pharmacies should promote health, not sell tobacco products that increase cancer risk.

*ACS CAN Position: CO-SPONSOR*

*Outcome: Two-year bill*

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