



STAFF REPORT

CITY of YORBA LINDA

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

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TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: LEGISLATION UPDATE AND BILL ANALYSIS

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the recommended positions on bills currently in the state legislature, and direct staff to prepare and send advocacy letters, as necessary, to communicate the Council's position on these bills.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

The City Council has requested staff to track bills in the state legislature that may pose a direct impact to Yorba Linda, especially as it relates to housing matters, and when appropriate, to recommend official positions to the City Council to voice support or opposition to such bills. Additionally, staff provides important updates regarding bill status, committee passage, chaptering, etc.

Since the last update the legislature has entered into a new two-year cycle, the 2025-26 Legislative Session. Bills from the 23-24 legislative session that did not pass through their required committees or floor votes before the November 30, 2024, deadline have officially failed. In this new session, state legislators have already introduced 2,350 bills for the first year. Curtailing cities' local control in pursuit of a building free-for-all for the sake of affordable housing remains a top priority for this legislature.

Staff continues to analyze new bills and have brought this update to the City Council to take action on bills that are particularly timely. The attached report outlines these bills and the recommended position. Once the City Council has taken an official position on bills, staff will continue to monitor the bills' progress and send advocacy letters to authors, policy committees, and local elected representatives as necessary.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no direct fiscal impact to adopt advocacy positions on bills.

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ALTERNATIVES

Take a different position, or no position, per bill than what is currently recommended in the attached report.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Legislation Update – May 20, 2025
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