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Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus Policy Priorities 2021

This list only reflects the bill items that are currently active as of May 12, 2021

Legislative Priorities

Hate Crimes Bill Package:

SB 17 (Pan) – Declares racism a public health crisis and creates the Office of Racial Equity to ensure racial equity in our state government.

AB 557 (Muratsuchi) – Requires the California Department of Justice to establish and maintain an accessible toll-free hotline number and an online form for reporting hate crimes and hate incidents.

Additional API Caucus Policy Priorities:

AB 101 (Medina, Chiu) - This bill requires ethnic studies as a high school graduation requirement.

AB 339 (Lee) - Allows for continued remote participation in local and state hearings/meetings and expand language access.

AB 401 (Chiu) - Ensures everyone using EDD services has access to in-language support.

AB 789 (Low) – Requires health facilities and clinics that provide outpatient primary care services in California to offer voluntary screening for hepatitis B and C, and provide persons tested positive with follow-up health care and treatment or offer referral for care and treatment.

AB 915 (Chiu) - Establishes a clear and consistent accountability process to ensure all State entities meet their 25% goal for minority, small business, and disabled veterans business participation in state procurements and contracts. This measure also establishes a definition for "Disadvantaged Business Enterprises" for state contracting purposes.

AB 937 (Carrillo, Kalra) – This is the Voiding Inequality and Seeking Inclusion for Our Immigrant Neighbors (VISION) Act, which would protect refugee and immigrant community members, who have already been deemed eligible for release, from being funneled by local jails and our state prison system to immigration detention.

AB 1040 (Muratsuchi) - Expands access to ethnic studies courses at each community college district and requires the completion of a three-unit ethnic studies course for associate degree completion, addressing a gap in our public education curriculum.

AB 1236 (Ting) - Requires the collection of demographic data for all registered health professions under the Department of Consumer Affairs.

AB 1358 (Muratsuchi) - Requires that all 58 counties have to release standardized and disaggregated data, add additional ethnic groups to the data collection, and incorporate language and race (disaggregated) in the state's Health Equity Metric of the CA Healthy Places Index (HPI).