

SB1159 • California

Artificial intelligence: transparency and governance.

In Committee

Risk: Medium

Amendment

Last Action (May 18, 2026): Referred to Coms. on P. & C.P. and JUD.

Summary

SB1159 proposes amendments to California's Government Code, including Sections 11121.5, 11342.575, 11370.1.5, and 54951.5, as confirmed by the official description.

Business Impact

If you use AI in governance, review changes to compliance requirements.

Key Provisions

- Amendment to Section 7920.520 of the Government Code
- Amendment to Section 11405.70 of the Government Code
- Amendment to Section 11500 of the Government Code
- Amendment to Section 82047 of the Government Code
- Amendment to Section 11121.5 of the Government Code
- Amendment to Section 11342.575 of the Government Code
- Amendment to Section 11370.1.5 of the Government Code
- Amendment to Section 54951.5 of the Government Code

Compliance Checklist

- Ensure AI systems are not classified as 'persons' in public interactions. | Who: All governmental agencies interacting with the public. | Penalty: No specific penalties outlined, but non-compliance may undermine public engagement.

Industries Affected

Government

Topics

AI Transparency

AI in Government

Comprehensive AI

Bill Sponsors

Name	Party	Role
Christopher Cabaldon	D	Sponsor
Benjamin Allen	D	Sponsor
Brian Jones	R	Sponsor
Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh	R	Sponsor
Akilah Weber Pierson	D	Sponsor

Roll Call Votes

Date	Description	Yea	Nay	Result
2026-05-04	Senate 3rd Reading SB1159 Cabaldon et al	38	0	Passed
2026-04-06	Do pass, but first be re-referred to the Committee	9	0	Passed
2026-03-24	Do pass as amended, but first amend, and re-refer	12	0	Passed

Official Source

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