

SB 1159 • California

Artificial intelligence: transparency and governance.

Passed One Chamber

Risk: Low

Amendment

Last Action (Apr 08, 2026): Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

Summary

SB 1159 excludes AI and nonhuman entities from being considered 'persons' under specific California laws, ensuring these laws apply only to human entities.

Business Impact

If you use AI in public records requests, note AI is not recognized as a 'person' under these laws.

Key Provisions

- Excludes AI systems and nonhuman entities from the definition of 'person' under the California Public Records Act.
- Clarifies that AI is not a 'member of the public' under the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act and the Ralph M. Brown Act.
- Excludes AI from being considered a 'person' under the Political Reform Act of 1974, the Administrative Procedure Act, and CEQA.

Industries Affected

Public Sector

Government

Consumer Protection

Public Administration

Technology

Topics

AI in Political Advertising

Comprehensive AI

Bill Sponsors

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