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MEMORANDUM

DATE	November 5, 2026
TO	Board Members
FROM	Terri Thorfinnson, J.D. Legislative & Regulatory Specialist
RE:	Agenda Item 16 -- 2026 Legislative Update

Bill No.	Author	Subject	Status	Position
AB 1703	Hart	Title Protection: Osteopath	Signed 9.27.2026 Chapter 543, effective 1.2028	Support
SB 1002	Niello	License Exemption: Out of State Physicians: Non- Life Threatening Condition	Asm BP Com Failed.	Oppose
AB 2398	Alvarez	Alternative Pathway for Residency Training for M.D.s & D.O.s	Asm Approp Com—held under submission	Oppose
AB 2575	Ortega	A.I. in Health Care	Vetoed	Support
SB 903	Padilla	AI consent: Mental Health Professionals	Vetoed	Support
AB 2164	Bauer-Kahan	Reproductive Health Protection: Prohibits extradition	Vetoed	Support
SB 164 Menopause Trailer Bill 2026-27		Menopause Trailer Bill 2026-27, signed 9.29.2026, chapter 27, effective: Provider continuing education July 1, 2027 Mandatory screening and notification January 1, 2027 Insurance and Medi-Cal	Approved in budget 2026-27* See footnote below	Support

		mandates: January 1, 2027		
AB 2256	Chen	Radiology Assistant Act: No Regulatory Oversight for Act/Profession	Asm Approp Com—held under submission	Oppose
SB 849	Weber-Pierson	Sexual Misconduct	Signed, Chapter 654, Effective 1.2027	Support If Amended
AB 2497	Johnson	Physical Therapist Scope of Practice Expansion	Asm Floor--failed	Oppose

WATCH LIST BILLS

AB 2386	Alvarez	Alternative Pathway to Residency Training: Foreign Trained M.D.s,	Sen Approp Com—held under submission	
SB 1179	Menjivar	Physicians from El Salvador	Sen Approp Com—Held Under Submission	
AB 1558	Arambula	Emergency Physician Volunteer Health Act	Asm Approp Com—held under submission	
AB 1587	Ta	Pharmacist Prescription Authority: Life-Threatening Conditions	Chaptered, Chapter 69, Signed July 13, 2026, effective 1.2027	
AB 2140	Johnson	Mandatory Reporting: Settlements, Arbitration, Judgments: Fine increase	Asm BP Com	
AB 1637	Caloza	Physician: Medical Records	Signed, Chapter 536, Effective 1.2027	
AB 2311	Schiavo	Health Facilities Hiring Physicians	Signed 9.18.2026,	

			Chapter 299, effective 1.2027	
AB 1598	Quirk-Silva	Behavioral Sciences	Signed 9.27.2026, chapter 528, effective 1.2027	
AB 408	Berman	MBC Wellness Program (2025)	Sen Judiciary Com	
AB 485	Ortega	Labor Commissioner: Unsatisfied Judgments: non-payment of wages (2025)	Sen Approp. Com—Held Under Submission	
AB 967	Valencia	Physician Expedite Fee (2025)	Sen BP&ED Com	
SB 626	Smallwood-Cuevas	Prenatal Care screening and treatment	Signed 9.30.2026, chapter 973, effective 1.2027	
AB 2195	Rodriguez	Child Support: Suspension of License	Signed 9.18.2026, chapter 291, effective 1.2027	

*Menopause Budget Trailer Bill Implementation timeline:

- Insurance and Medi-Cal mandates: January 1, 2027
- Mandatory screening and notification January 1, 2027
- Provider continuing education July 1, 2027