



2019 LEGISLATION

(As of April 15th)

Banking and Financial Institutions

- **SB 455: Financially Empowering Californians**
Creates the California Financial Empowerment Fund administered by the Department of Business Oversight to award grants to nonprofit organizations, which provide effective financial education and empowerment tools to unbanked and underbanked individuals and families.
- **SB 747: Banking Development Districts**
Establishes a Banking Development District Program within the Department of Business Oversight. The program encourages the establishment of banking branches to serve the banking needs of financially disenfranchised Californians who are currently unbanked. This bill seeks to bridge the growing financial equity gap in California and giving citizens the opportunity to build wealth through access to reasonably priced banking services.

Business and Economic Development

- **SB 595: Reducing Barriers and Creating an Equitable Cannabis Industry**
Requires a state cannabis-licensing authority to develop and implement a program to provide state application or licensing fee waivers and deferrals for local equity applicants or licensees, who have been most harmed by cannabis prohibition and the larger war on drugs.
- **SB 658: Improving Cannabis Consumer Safety and Effective Regulatory Oversight**
Authorizes local regulators to access the California Cannabis Track-and-Trace system for the purpose of enforcement, and requires the Bureau of Cannabis Control to create an emblem program to help consumers differentiate illegal operators and licensed operators.

Education

- **SB 426: Better Preparing South LA Students for College**
Expands the academic and leadership skills of high school and community college students in the South Los Angeles Area by creating a fellowship program that increase their enrollment in the California State University system.
- **SB 575: Expanding Access to College Education Programs for Incarcerated Students**
Ensures that incarcerated students will have equal access to college education programs, while supporting effective rehabilitative efforts within our correctional institutions.

Energy, Utilities and Communication

- **SB 155: Clarifying Energy Procurement Rules**
Clarifies existing requirements created to help the State achieve its existing renewable and zero-carbon energy goals.
- **SB 255: Expanding Diversity in California's Energy Sector**
Adapts the existing energy supplier diversity initiative to suit our twenty-first-century electric grid by including new market participants.
- **SB 497: Increased Transparency from the California Energy Commission**
Requires the chair of the Energy Commission to appear annually before the Legislature to report on the many vital activities underway at this agency.
- **SB 676: Smart Transportation Electrification**
Lowers the overall costs associated with Californians' growing number of electric vehicles by integrating their electricity demand into the grid in smart, strategic ways.
- **SB 704: Improving the LifeLine Universal Telecommunication Service Program**
Updates the LifeLine program, which helps low-income Californians access affordable, basic telephone service for their safety and well-being, and helps particularly vulnerable individuals access the program.
- **SB 772: Building the Electric Grid of the Future**
Helps California to affordably deliver on its clean energy goals by ensuring the electric grid will have sufficient long-duration bulk energy storage to meet its long-term needs.

Environmental Quality

- **SB 519: Streamlining Remediation for Groundwater Cleanup**
Authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board to grant money in the Site Cleanup Subaccount to Water Replenishment Districts thereby quickly and effectively funding projects in order to protect valuable water resources.

Health

- **SB 322: Protecting Employee Reporting Rights during Health Inspections**
Allows workers to speak freely and privately with a state hospital or health facility inspector during an inspection by the Department of Public Health. This right is already afforded to employees when an inspection or investigation is behind conducted by the California Division of Occupational Safety and Health.

Insurance

- **SB 534: Ensuring Diversity in California's Insurance Industry**
Reinstates the Insurance Supplier Diversity Survey and expands on current definitions in the survey to include diverse communities and categories that have been historically excluded, such as LGBT and veteran-business enterprises. Also codifies the Governing Board Diversity Survey and Insurance Diversity Task Force in order to continue collecting vital information and advise the Department of Insurance on how best to achieve its diversity goals.

Judiciary

- **SB 218: Fair Employment and Housing Act Local Enforcement**
Allows local jurisdictions to investigate and enforce state law prohibiting employment discrimination and enact their own employment antidiscrimination ordinances.

Labor

- **SB 731: The Workers' Compensation Justice Act**
Prohibits the reduction of workers' compensation benefits on the basis of race, gender, sexual identity, genetics, and other factors.

Public Safety

- **SB 269: Automatic Compensation for the Wrongly Convicted**
Provides automatic compensation to individuals who were wrongly convicted and have proven their innocence in a court of law.

RESOLUTIONS AUTHORED BY SENATOR BRADFORD:

- **SR 5: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**
Honors the late reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and commemorates January 15, 2019 as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- **SR 12: Black History Month**
Recognizes February 2019 as Black History Month and celebrates the accomplishments of African Americans while encouraging the people of California to recognize the many talents of African Americans and the achievements and contributions they make to their communities.
- **SR 31: The Willie L. Brown, Jr. Circle and Plaza**
Names the public street, circle, and plaza at 914 and 915 Capitol Mall as the Willie L. Brown, Jr. Circle and Plaza.