

EDGE Policy Update

May 2025

May marks a pivotal point in California's legislative calendar, as the Capitol enters a high-intensity phase of both the legislative and budget process. Budget committees in both chambers held hearings to review the Governor's revised budget proposal, known as the May Revision. The May Revision reflects another tough budget year, as the state grapples with a projected \$11.95 billion shortfall. This gap is driven by market volatility, decreased tourism revenue, and the impact of tariffs—factors that together have contributed to an estimated \$16 billion decline in state revenues. View EDGE's full summary of the May Revision [here](#).

Simultaneously, policy momentum intensified as the Senate and the Assembly Appropriations Committees convened, in which each committee held its respective Suspense File hearings. We are pleased to see that the majority of our supported legislation received committee approval and are now advancing to the next stage of the legislative process. Measures that were released from the Suspense File will proceed to a floor vote. Those held in suspense will not move forward this session. Amid continued fiscal uncertainty and pressing demands for equitable recovery and opportunity, EDGE remains fully committed to advocating for the protection and expansion of investments that support Californians meeting basic needs and accessing life-changing education and training programs.

Below is an official list of bills that EDGE has taken positions on. This is a dynamic list that will be updated as we continue to analyze legislation and as bills move forward, or not, this session. For more information about our positions on specific legislation, please contact Jason Henderson, Policy Analyst, at jhenderson@caedge.org.

EDGE Bill Positions

[AB 42 \(Bryan\)](#) - Simplifying CalWORKs/CalFresh. This bill would ensure all student grants, loans, fellowships, and scholarships are excluded from income calculations for CalWORKs and CalFresh recipients, helping underserved Californians access the full support needed to complete education and training programs. [Factsheet](#)

Position: Support

Status: Passed out of Assembly Appropriations Suspense File (05/23/2025)

[AB 95 \(Fong\)](#) - California Education Interagency Council. This bill would establish the California Education Interagency Council to improve coordination across California's education and workforce systems. [Factsheet](#)

Position: Support

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Suspense File (05/23/2025); **Two-Year Bill**

[AB 323 \(Fong\)](#) Strong Workforce Program Fund Authorization. This bill would authorize Strong Workforce Program (SWP) funds to support students, employers, or both, in offering paid work-based learning opportunities that enhance employability and job placement. [Factsheet](#)

Position: Support

Status: Passed out of Assembly Appropriations Suspense File (05/23/2025)

[AB 353 \(Boerner\)](#) California Affordable Home Internet Act of 2025. This bill requires every California internet service provider (ISP) to offer eligible underserved households an affordable home internet service starting at \$15 per month, enhancing digital equity efforts. [Factsheet](#)

Position: Support

Status: Passed out of Assembly Appropriations Suspense File (05/23/2025)

[AB 537 \(Ahrens\)](#) California College Promise for All. This bill seeks to make changes to the eligibility requirements for the California College Promise program to allow community college students enrolled in fewer than 12 units to qualify for the enrollment fee waiver. This proposal ensures more students can access the financial resources needed to succeed. [Factsheet](#)

Position: Support

Status: Passed out of Assembly Appropriations Suspense File (05/23/2025)

[AB 731 \(Fong\)](#) College and Career Access Pathways – Dual Enrollment Partnerships. This bill removes key barriers to make CCAP dual enrollment more accessible and equitable for all students. It simplifies the application process, eliminates the need for principal approval, and offers flexibility on the 15-unit cap. [Factsheet](#)

Position: Support

Status: Passed out of Assembly Appropriations Suspense File (05/23/2025)

[AB 988 \(Fong\)](#) Dual Enrollment Advisory Board. This bill establishes the Dual Enrollment Advisory Board to develop recommendations on a statewide dual enrollment framework designed to provide universal access to dual enrollment courses to all public high school students. [Factsheet](#)

Position: Support

Status: Died; Held in Assembly Appropriations Suspense File (05/23/2025)

[AB 1122 \(Bryan\)](#) – Universal Access to Dual Enrollment. This bill seeks to expand equitable access to dual enrollment opportunities by ensuring that all school districts offer a dual enrollment pathway that leads to a degree, credential, certificate, or transfer. [Factsheet](#)

Position: Support

Status: Pending in Assembly Education Committee (04/30/2025); **Two-Year Bill**

[SB 275 \(Smallwood-Cuevas\)](#) Eligible Training Provider List. This bill streamlines the eligibility process for training providers on the Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) by shifting from annual to biannual documentation, aligning with federal standards. This reduces administrative barriers, keeps programs accessible during review, and supports workforce development in California. [Factsheet](#)

Position: Support

Status: Passed out of Senate Appropriations Suspense File (05/23/2025)

[SB 575 \(Laird\)](#) - California Cradle-to-Career Data System. This bill will allow the Cradle-to-Career Data System's Governing Board to request limited earnings and tax credit information from the Franchise Tax Board, aiming to enhance understanding of workforce dynamics and economic trends and aid in closing critical gaps in earnings data. [Factsheet](#)

Position: Support

Status: Pending in Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee (04/23/2025); **Two-Year Bill**

[SB 638 \(Padilla\)](#) – Education and Workforce Coordinating Entity. This bill would establish the California Education and Workforce Development Coordinating Entity within the Government Operations Agency. [Factsheet](#)

Position: Support

Status: Passed out of Senate Appropriations Suspense File (05/23/2025)