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February 20, 2026 (15 total bills)

Bill: [CAAB1589](#) - Firearms: silencers.

Comment: This bill would expand existing exceptions to California's silencer prohibition by allowing Level I reserve peace officers to possess silencers under the same conditions as full-time peace officers, and clarify that registered dealers and manufacturers may possess, transport, and sell silencers to authorized entities. The bill has been introduced.

Position: Neutral

Last Action: Assembly Public Safety Hearing (09:00:00 3/3/2026 State Capitol, Room 126)

Action Date: 03/03/2026

Sponsors: 1

Sponsor List: Phillip Chen (R)*

Bill Progress: In Committee

State Link: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB1589

Bill: [CAAB1615](#) - Firearms: unsafe handguns.

Comment: This bill would allow sworn county probation officers to use "unsafe handguns" as service weapons, subject to POST training and a requirement to qualify with the firearm at least every three months, and would update and clarify related law-enforcement exemptions and reporting requirements. The bill has been introduced.

Position: Neutral

Last Action: Assembly Public Safety Hearing (09:00:00 3/3/2026 State Capitol, Room 126)

Action Date: 03/03/2026

Sponsors: 1

Sponsor List: Stephanie Nguyen (D)*

Bill Progress: In Committee

State Link: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB1615

Bill: [CAAB1701](#) - Recall and resentencing: school shootings.

Comment: AB 1701 limits California's juvenile resentencing law by preventing those convicted of school shootings from later seeking sentence reductions. While the bill is narrow and largely symbolic, it moves in the right direction by prioritizing accountability and sparing victims' families from repeated resentencing hearings. In a Legislature unwilling to enact meaningful criminal penalty reform, AB 1701 represents a modest but appropriate step toward restoring some balance in a system that too often favors early release over public safety.

Position: Support

Last Action: From printer. May be heard in committee March 7.

Action Date: 02/05/2026

Sponsors: 1

Sponsor List: Carl DeMaio (R)*

Bill Progress: Introduced

State Link: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB1701

Bill: [CAAB1743](#) - Firearms.

Comment: AB 1743 expands state surveillance of firearms, gun dealers, and ammunition vendors by requiring the Department of Justice to share detailed gun-trace and inspection data with local governments and public universities for "policy research." While it does not impose new restrictions today, the bill is designed to generate studies and reports that single out lawful dealers and businesses as sources of crime, laying the groundwork for future regulations, licensing crackdowns, and liability schemes. In short, AB 1743 is a setup bill that treats legal gun commerce as a problem to be managed out of existence rather than a constitutionally protected activity.

Position: Oppose

Last Action: From printer. May be heard in committee March 8.

Action Date: 02/06/2026

Sponsors: 1

Sponsor List: Buffy Wicks (D)*

Bill Progress: Introduced

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Bill:	CAAB1753 - Protective orders: firearms and ammunition.
Comment:	AB 1753 expands California's civil restraining order laws to automatically ban firearm and ammunition possession—often without a criminal charge or conviction. It applies these bans to broad categories like civil harassment, workplace disputes, and campus orders, some of which can be issued before the accused has a full hearing. The bill lowers due process protections, increases the risk of mistaken confiscation, and turns technical violations into serious criminal penalties for otherwise law-abiding gun owners.
Position:	Strong Oppose
Last Action:	From printer. May be heard in committee March 12.
Action Date:	02/10/2026
Sponsors:	6
Sponsor List:	Catherine Stefani (D)*, Jessica Caloza (D), Damon Connolly (D), Liz Ortega (D), Buffy Wicks (D), Scott Wiener (D)
Bill Progress:	Introduced
State Link:	https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB1753

Bill:	CAAB1810 - Firearms: centralized list.
Comment:	AB 1810 (Berman) makes technical amendments to Penal Code § 26715 governing DOJ's centralized list of licensed firearms dealers but preserves the Department's authority to remove dealers from the list for knowing or grossly negligent violations of specified firearm laws and mandates removal if a dealer's federal license expires, is revoked, or if the dealer fails to provide required certification of compliance. Removal from the centralized list effectively prevents a dealer from lawfully conducting firearm sales in California, meaning administrative or paperwork-related issues can result in business shutdown. While characterized as nonsubstantive, the bill maintains DOJ's broad enforcement leverage over licensed firearm retailers.
Position:	Strong Oppose
Last Action:	From printer. May be heard in committee March 13.
Action Date:	02/11/2026
Sponsors:	1
Sponsor List:	Marc Berman (D)*
Bill Progress:	Introduced
State Link:	https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB1810

Bill:	CAAB1912 - Deer: archery season: concealed firearms.
Comment:	AB 1912 (Hadwick) amends Section 4370 of the Fish and Game Code to allow any person hunting deer during archery season to carry a concealed firearm for personal protection, overturning current law that generally prohibits archery hunters from possessing a firearm (with limited peace officer exceptions). The bill maintains that deer may only be taken with bow and arrow during archery season and expressly prohibits using the concealed firearm to take or attempt to take deer.
Position:	Strong Support
Last Action:	From printer. May be heard in committee March 15.
Action Date:	02/13/2026
Sponsors:	2
Sponsor List:	Heather Hadwick (R)*, Megan Dahle (R)
Bill Progress:	Introduced
State Link:	https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB1912

Bill:	CAAB1943 - Pupil safety, notifications: firearms.
Comment:	AB 1943 (Gipson) expands and restructures existing school firearm-storage notification requirements by mandating that all local educational agencies annually distribute a standardized "Secure Firearm Storage Notification" to parents, post and update it on their websites, and integrate it into other school communications—including drill notices and suicide prevention outreach. The bill requires the Department of Education, in consultation with DOJ, to continually update model language, provide website formatting guidance by 2027, and include the notice as part of counselor training and parent threat notifications. By imposing new posting, distribution, and content requirements on schools, the bill creates a state-mandated local program subject to potential reimbursement.
Position:	Oppose
Last Action:	From printer. May be heard in committee March 16.
Action Date:	02/14/2026
Sponsors:	1
Sponsor List:	Mke Gipson (D)*
Bill Progress:	Introduced
State Link:	https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB1943

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Bill:	CAAB1948 - Firearms: concealed carry licenses.
Comment:	California Assembly Bill 1948 extends California concealed carry license terms from up to 2 years to 3 years for new permits and up to 6 years for renewals, without changing eligibility standards, background checks, or training requirements. The bill simply reduces how often permit holders must renew, lowering administrative workload for sheriffs and recurring costs for licensees while keeping all existing oversight mechanisms in place.
Position:	Strong Support
Last Action:	From printer. May be heard in committee March 16.
Action Date:	02/14/2026
Sponsors:	2
Sponsor List:	James Ramos (D)*, Avelino Valencia (D)*
Bill Progress:	Introduced
State Link:	https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB1948

Bill:	CAAB1974 - Firearms: voluntary firearm storage program.
Comment:	AB 1974 authorizes (but does not require) local police and sheriff's departments to create voluntary firearm storage programs allowing individuals to temporarily surrender firearms for safekeeping, framed primarily as a suicide-prevention measure. However, California residents already have lawful options to store firearms through licensed dealers or existing law enforcement practices, meaning the bill does not fill a clear legal gap. Instead, it formalizes a program that requires background re-checks before return, allows agencies to destroy firearms if not retrieved within an agency-defined time period, and grants law enforcement immunity for damage while in custody—all without dedicated funding or uniform statewide safeguards. As structured, it adds administrative authority and potential forfeiture risk more than it creates a genuinely new public safety tool.
Position:	Oppose
Last Action:	From printer. May be heard in committee March 16.
Action Date:	02/14/2026
Sponsors:	1
Sponsor List:	Catherine Stefani (D)*
Bill Progress:	Introduced
State Link:	https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB1974

Bill:	CAAB2047 - Firearms: 3-dimensional printing blocking technology.
Comment:	AB 2047 (Bauer-Kahan) would require all consumer 3D printers sold in California to include state-certified "firearm blocking technology" that scans and rejects digital files the government determines could be used to manufacture firearms or firearm parts. The bill gives the California DOJ sweeping authority to set evolving performance standards, certify and revoke software algorithms, mandate ongoing updates, and maintain a public compliance list—effectively banning the sale of any non-approved printer beginning March 1, 2029. It imposes civil penalties of up to \$25,000 per violation and creates a new misdemeanor for disabling the blocking technology. This measure regulates general-purpose manufacturing tools, grants broad discretionary power to DOJ, risks overblocking lawful design files, burdens small manufacturers, and creates a state-controlled filtering regime over digital code and hardware.
Position:	Strong Oppose
Last Action:	From printer. May be heard in committee March 20.
Action Date:	02/18/2026
Sponsors:	1
Sponsor List:	Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D)*
Bill Progress:	Introduced
State Link:	https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB2047

Bill:	CAAB2049 - Private security services and private investigators: BB devices.
Comment:	California Assembly Bill 2049 would make it a misdemeanor for private security employees to carry certain specified BB devices unless they complete state-prescribed training, effectively adding a new criminal compliance requirement under the Private Security Services Act. The measure is limited to licensed private patrol operators, not the general public. Gun Owners of California (GOC) is currently working with Assemblymember Alanis's office to pursue substantial amendments to address concerns with the bill's scope and implementation.
Position:	Neutral
Last Action:	From printer. May be heard in committee March 20.
Action Date:	02/18/2026
Sponsors:	1
Sponsor List:	Juan Alanis (R)*
Bill Progress:	Introduced
State Link:	https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB2049

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Bill:	CAAB2378 - California Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant Program.
Comment:	AB 2378 expands and formalizes California's existing CalVIP (California Violence Intervention and Prevention) grant program by creating a new Office of Community Violence Intervention within the Board of State and Community Corrections to administer the program, recommend grant awards, coordinate with DOJ's Office of Gun Violence Prevention, provide technical assistance, and produce biennial public reports. The bill increases and restructures the portion of CalVIP funds that may be reserved for administration and capacity-building—requiring at least \$1 million and allowing up to 5% annually—while maintaining competitive grants to cities and community-based organizations in high-homicide areas, with a continued emphasis on “evidence-based” public health-style violence intervention strategies rather than traditional law enforcement approaches.
Position:	Monitor
Last Action:	Read first time. To print.
Action Date:	02/19/2026
Sponsors:	3
Sponsor List:	Jesse Gabriel (D)*, Buffy Wicks (D)*, Catherine Stefani (D)
Bill Progress:	Introduced
State Link:	https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB2378

Bill:	CASB948 - Firearms: safety certificates.
Comment:	SB 948 expands California's Firearm Safety Certificate (FSC) requirements by imposing new criminal penalties and significantly increasing the burden to obtain an FSC. The bill requires personal firearm importers to obtain and submit a valid FSC when reporting firearms brought into the state, creating a new crime for noncompliance. Beginning July 1, 2028, the bill further transforms the FSC into a mandatory training requirement by requiring applicants to complete at least eight hours of DOJ-regulated instruction, including live-fire training. This effectively converts the FSC from a simple safety test into a licensing-style prerequisite for firearm ownership.
Position:	Strong Oppose
Last Action:	Referred to Com. on PUB. S.
Action Date:	02/11/2026
Sponsors:	1
Sponsor List:	Jesse Arreguin (D)*
Bill Progress:	In Committee
State Link:	https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260SB948

Bill:	CASB1220 - Firearms: prohibited persons.
Comment:	California Senate Bill 1220 would impose a 10-year firearm prohibition on individuals convicted of possessing or transferring a firearm with an altered or removed serial number, even though that conduct is already a misdemeanor under existing law. California already criminalizes defaced serial numbers and heavily regulates unserialized “ghost guns,” making this bill an added layer of punishment rather than a gap-closing reform. By converting a nonviolent misdemeanor into a decade-long loss of Second Amendment rights, SB 1220 continues the state's incremental expansion of prohibited-person categories without clear evidence of additional public safety benefit, and for that reason, we oppose it.
Position:	Oppose
Last Action:	Introduced. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.
Action Date:	02/19/2026
Sponsors:	1
Sponsor List:	Melissa Hurtado (D)*
Bill Progress:	Introduced
State Link:	https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260SB1220
