

# California's Proposed Legislation Related to Tobacco and the Environment: 2025-26

### AB 998 – Household Hazardous Waste<sup>1</sup>

**Sponsor:** AM Heather Hadwick Summary: AB 998 allows vape pens confiscated by schools to be considered household hazardous waste to ensure proper disposal at hazardous waste facilities. It also prohibits vapes from being included in material exchange programs. Supporters: 13 **Opponents:** 0

## Downstream

Remove tobacco product waste and residue found in the environment



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### **SB 501- Household Hazardous** Waste Producer Responsibility Act<sup>1</sup>

**Sponsors:** Senator Benjamin Allen, National Stewardship Action Council, Rural County Representative of California, Resource Recovery Coalition of California **Summary:** SB 501 crates a producer responsibility program containing household hazardous waste and requires that the producer responsibility organization (PRO) ensures the safe and convenient collection and management of covered products (including vapes) at no cost to consumers or local governments. Supporters: 63 **Opponents:** 18

Midstream

Prevent tobacco product waste and residue from entering the environment

### Conclusion

We are interested in these proposed state bills as they aim to reduce commercial tobacco's toxic legacy in indoor and outdoor environments. With emphasis on education and strategies to reduce harm, we are excited to follow these bills as they go through the 2025-2026 legislative cycle.

### AB 762 – Disposable, Battery-**Embedded Vapor Inhalation Device: Prohibition**<sup>1</sup>

**Sponsors:** AM Jacqui Irwin & AM Lori Wilson, Californians Against Waste, California Product Stewardship Council, California Public Interest Research Group, ReThinkWaste **Summary:** AB 762 bans the sale of disposable e-cigarettes and allows cities and counties to impose civil penalties on people in violation. Supporters: 104 **Opponents:** 14

**Sponsor:** AM Maggy Krell **Summary:** AB 886 requires the Tobacco Education and Research Oversight Committee (TEROC) to develop and oversee a statewide community education plan to translate, disseminate, and apply research findings from TRDRP related to teenage vaping and nicotine cessation. **Supporters:** 5 **Opponents:** 0



### AB 957 – Cigarette and Tobacco **Products: Retail: Pharmacies<sup>1</sup>**

**Sponsor:** AM Liz Ortega **Summary:** AB 957 prohibits pharmacies from engaging in the retail sale of commercial tobacco products. Supporters: 13 **Opponents:** 0



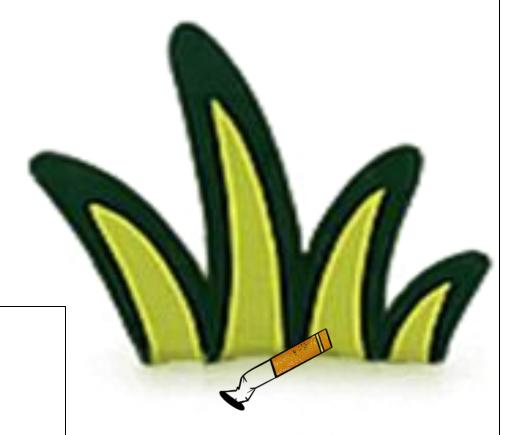


### **AB 886 – Nicotine: Cessation<sup>1</sup>**



## Upstream

Change product design and reduce use to prevent tobacco product waste and residue



### AB 455 – Real Estate **Environmental Hazards: Thirdhand Smoke**<sup>1</sup>

Sponsor: AM Liz Ortega **Summary:** AB 455 requires home sellers to disclose knowledge of existing residue from smoking or vaping products and the history of occupant smoking within the home. It also requires education for all homebuyers, sellers, and renters on thirdhand smoke's hazards. **Supporters: 3 Opponents:** 0

### References

<sup>1</sup>CalMatters (2025). *California legislation tracker*. Digital Democracy. https://calmatters.digitaldemocracy.org/bills

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