California's Proposed Legislation Related to Tobacco and the Environment: 2025-2027

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Assembly Bill 2667 [1]
Vape products: Household Hazardous Waste: Advertising

Sponsor: AM Heather Hardwick
Summary:
- Would require the Department of Toxic Substance Control to evaluate opportunities to increase safety and convenience related to the management and disposal of vape pens confiscated from students by schools until January 1, 2030.
- It would also authorize a permanent household hazardous waste collection facility to mechanically disassemble vape pens and devices in a manner that does not result in the unauthorized release of hazardous materials.

Senate Bill 1180 [1]
Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act: California Plastic Pollution Mitigation Fund

Sponsor: Senator Ben Allen
Summary:
- The California Plastic Pollution Mitigation Fund will remain in place until 2037, allocating 60% of its resources to address the environmental justice and health impacts of plastic pollution.
- The remaining 40% will assess and mitigate the effects of plastic on ecosystems and human health.

Assembly Bill 1695 [1]
Smokefree State-subsidized Multiunit Housing Developments

Sponsor: AM Liz Ortega
Summary:
- Would prohibit the smoking of tobacco products in developing state-subsidized housing.
- It also authorizes landlords of a residential dwelling unit to prohibit smoking on the property or any portion of it.

Downstream Solutions [2]
Policies focused on managing tobacco product waste are the least effective and cost the most.
- Cigarette butt return programs
- Installing ash cans
- Tobacco product waste cleanups

Midstream Solutions [2]
Policies addressing the use of existing tobacco products are helpful.
- Education about how cigarette filters release microplastics & toxic chemicals into soil and water as they degrade
- Pass a policy making all public places 100% smokefree

Upstream Solutions [2]
Policies preventing tobacco product waste at the source are the most effective and cost the least.
- End the sale of filtered cigarettes

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AB 998 – Household Hazardous Waste: Vape Pens [1]
Sponsor: AM Heather Hadwick
Summary: Suspended.
Supporters: 13
Opponents: 0

SB 501– Household Hazardous Waste Producer Responsibility Act [1]
Sponsors: Senator Ben Allen
Summary: As of 1/21/2026, the bill is in review by the Assembly.
Supporters: 63
Opponents: 18

AB 957 – Cigarette and Tobacco Products: Retail: Pharmacies [1]
Sponsor: AM Liz Ortega
Summary: In Senate committee reconsideration stage.
Supporters: 13
Opponents: 0

AB 886 – Nicotine: Cessation [1]
Sponsor: AM Maggy Krell
Summary: Failed.
Supporters: 5
Opponents: 0

AB 455 – Real Estate Environmental Hazards: Thirdhand Smoke [1]
Sponsor: AM Liz Ortega
Summary: Passed. In effect 1/1/2026.
Supporters: 3
Opponents: 0

AB 762 – Disposable, Battery-embedded Vapor Inhalation Device: Prohibition
Sponsors: AM Jacqui Irwin & AM Lori Wilson
Summary: Passed. In effect 1/1/2026.
Supporters: 104
Opponents: 14

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