



# Board of Retirement Regular Meeting

## Sacramento County Employees' Retirement System

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### Agenda Item 6

**MEETING DATE:** June 18, 2025

**SUBJECT:** State Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS) Legislative Update—June 2025

**SUBMITTED FOR:** ☐ Action ☒ Information

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#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Receive and file the State Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS) Legislative Update for June 2025.

#### **PURPOSE**

This item complies with the Strategic Management Plan goal of stakeholder communication and outreach by participating in the legislative process to monitor changes in state law affecting public pension plans.

#### **DISCUSSION**

The attached report highlights recent legislative activity affecting California public pension plans and is produced by SACRS' legislative advocates.

SACRS is composed of the 20 systems operating under the County Employees' Retirement Law. The association's mission is to provide education and analysis to trustees and staff so that they can be more effective stewards of their systems' pension plans.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

- Board Order
- SACRS Legislative Update—June 2025

Prepared by:

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Eric Stern  
Chief Executive Officer



# **Retirement Board Order**

## **Sacramento County Employees' Retirement System**

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**Before the Board of Retirement  
June 18, 2025**

AGENDA ITEM:

**State Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS) Legislative  
Update—June 2025**

THE BOARD OF RETIREMENT hereby approves the Staff recommendation to receive and file the State Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS) Legislative Update for June 2025.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above order was passed and adopted on June 18, 2025, by the following vote of the Board of Retirement, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ALTERNATES:  
(Present but not voting)

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James Diepenbrock  
Board President

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Eric Stern  
Chief Executive Officer and  
Board Secretary



TO: State Association of County Retirement Systems  
FROM: Cara Martinson, Public House Consulting  
Laurie Johnson, LJ Consulting & Advocacy  
DATE: June 10, 2025  
RE: **Legislative Update – June 2025**

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The Legislature wrapped up their House of Origin deadline on June 6 after convening two weeks of floor session votes to move over a thousand bills to the other House. But that was not before both Houses made its fiscal deadline on May 23 - when the Legislature took its first big cut of bills. With the state facing an estimated \$12 billion deficit and growing, both Appropriations Committees were tasked with holding many bills back that had fiscal impacts. In the Senate, with 432 measures, leaders held 29%, up from 25.5% last year; and, of the 666 bills in the Assembly, lawmakers held 35%, which is consistent with their actions last year.

Meanwhile, legislative leadership and budget staff are working to reach an agreement on a budget plan. The Senate and Assembly announced an agreement amongst the houses on June 9 but final negotiations with the Administration are ongoing. Key points of contention include the Governor's proposal to advance the Delta Conveyance Project, and significant cuts to Medi-Cal—such as eliminating dental benefits for adults, halting new enrollment for undocumented Californians, and imposing monthly premiums on those already enrolled. Amidst all of this activity, and after weeks of rumors, the Senate voted for a new leader this week, Senator Monique Limon from Santa Barbara. She will replace the current Senate President Pro Tempore Mike McGuire next year. This transition wasn't entirely unexpected as Senator McGuire is termed out in 2026. However, the vote came quickly after Senator Limon was able to secure the votes necessary to make the transition official. Focus will now return to the budget as the Legislature has until June 15 to pass a budget and send it to the Governor.

**SACRS is tracking the following bills:**

- **ACA 2 (Jackson)** - seeks to reinstate retirement for State Legislators. ACA 2 would establish a retirement system specifically for legislators elected or serving from November 1, 2010 onward. To qualify, legislators would be required to serve at least 10 years. If their service is less than 10 years, legislators could transfer their accumulated service credits to another public pension or retirement system they are a part of. Status: This bill did not receive a hearing and is now a 2-year bill.



- **AB 259 (Rubio)** - was amended to extend the 2026 sunset on existing laws governing teleconferencing procedures for public meetings to 2030. This bill is sponsored the CA Special District's Association (CSDA). Status: This bill passed out of the Assembly and has been referred to the Senate Local Government Committee.
- **AB 288 (McKinnor)** - expands the jurisdiction of the Public Employment Relations Board (PERB) by authorizing certain workers to petition the PERB to protect and enforce their rights. Status: This bill passed out of the Assembly and is awaiting a policy committee referral in the Senate.
- **AB 339 (Ortega)** - would require the governing body of a public agency to give a recognized employee organization no less than 120 days' written notice before issuing a request for proposals, request for quotes, or renewing or extending an existing contract to perform services that are within the scope of work of the job classifications represented by the recognized employee organization. Status: This bill passed out of Assembly and is awaiting bill referral in the Senate.
- **AB 340 (Ahrens)** - would prohibit a public agency employer from questioning any employee or employee representative regarding communications made in confidence between an employee and an employee representative in connection with representation relating to any matter within the scope of the recognized employee organization's representation. Status: This bill passed out of the Assembly and is awaiting bill referral in the Senate.
- **AB 409 (Arambula)** - would extend the 2026 sunset on existing laws governing teleconferencing procedures for California Community College student body associations and student-run community college organizations to 2030. Status: This bill passed out of the Assembly and has been referred to the Senate Local Government Committee.
- **AB 467 (Fong)** – would extend the sunset date from 2026 to 2030 (as opposed to 2031) for teleconferencing procedures for neighborhood councils, defined as an advisory body with the purpose to promote more citizen participation in government and make government more responsive to local needs that is established pursuant to the charter of a city with a population of more than 3,000,000 people that is subject to the Brown Act. Status: This bill passed out of the Assembly and has been referred to the Senate Local Government Committee.



- **AB 569 (Stefani)** - was amended to maintain the proposed authorization to negotiate contributions to supplemental Defined Benefit plans but also maintain consistency with the existing PEPRA prohibitions and limitations. Status: This bill was held on the Appropriations Suspense File and is now a 2-year bill.
- **AB 1323 (Chen)** – would increase the compensation rate for certain members of the Orange County Board of Retirement to not more than \$320 per meeting. Status: This bill did not receive a policy committee hearing and is now a 2-year bill.
- **AB 1383 (McKinnor)** - This bill would establish new retirement formulas, for employees first hired on or after January 1, 2026, as 2.5% at age 55, 2.7% at age 55, or 3% at age 55. For new members hired on or after January 1, 2013, who are safety members, the bill would require employers to adjust the formulas for service performed on or after January 1, 2026, to offer one of the 3 formulas for safety members that is closest to the formula the employer provided pursuant to existing law. The bill would authorize a public employer and a recognized employee organization to negotiate a prospective increase to the retirement benefit formulas for members and new members, consistent with the formulas permitted under the act. This bill would authorize an employer and its employees to agree in a memorandum of understanding to be subject to a higher safety plan or a lower safety plan, subject to certain requirements, including that the memorandum of understanding is collectively bargained in accordance with applicable laws. Status: This bill was held on the Assembly Suspense File and is now a 2-year bill.
- **AB 1439 (Garcia)** - would prohibit the board of a public pension or retirement system from making any additional or new investments of public employee pension or retirement funds in development projects in California or providing financing for those projects with public employee pension or retirement funds unless those projects include labor standards protections. Status: This bill did not receive a policy committee hearing and is now a 2-year bill.
- **SB 239 (Arreguín)** - allows flexibility for remote meetings of local advisory bodies (“subsidiary bodies” in the language of the bill). Specifically, this bill would allow the subsidiary body of a local agency to teleconference their meetings without having to make all locations publicly available and would require the subsidiary body to post the agenda at each physical



meeting location. The bill also sunsets these provisions in 2030. Status: The bill was moved in the inactive file. The sponsors of this bill are now working with Senator Durazo on SB 707 as the consensus measure.

- **SB 301 (Grayson)** - would beginning on or after January 1, 2026, prohibit a city or district that contracts with a retirement system under the CERL from amending their contract with the system in a manner that provides for the exclusion of some, but not all, employees. This bill passed out of the Senate and is awaiting policy committee referral in the Assembly.
- **SB 470 (Laird)** – would delete the 2026 sunset on existing laws governing teleconferencing procedures for state agencies relative to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act and extend the sunset provision to 2030. Status: This bill passed out of the Senate and is awaiting policy committee referral in the Assembly.
- **SB 707 (Durazo)** - would add additional teleconferencing meeting requirements for certain local governments until 2030 to allow members of the public to attend a public meeting via a two-way teleconferencing option. The bill would also require additional alternative language noticing requirements, among other requirements. The sponsors of SB 239 (Arreguin) are now working with Senator Durazo and have amended the bill to narrow the public participation requirements to cities, counties and special districts with certain population thresholds. The bill's two-way conferencing and translation requirements appear to no longer apply to the County Boards of Retirement. Additional amendments are expected in the Assembly related to remote comments. Status: The bill passed out of the Senate and is now awaiting policy committee referral in the Assembly.

### **Contact:**

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