California Board of PSYCHOLOGY

Overview of the Legislative Process

2nd Year in a 2-Year Session

Overview:

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- The Legislative Process Overview
- Major Legislative Deadlines
- The Board's Legislative Process
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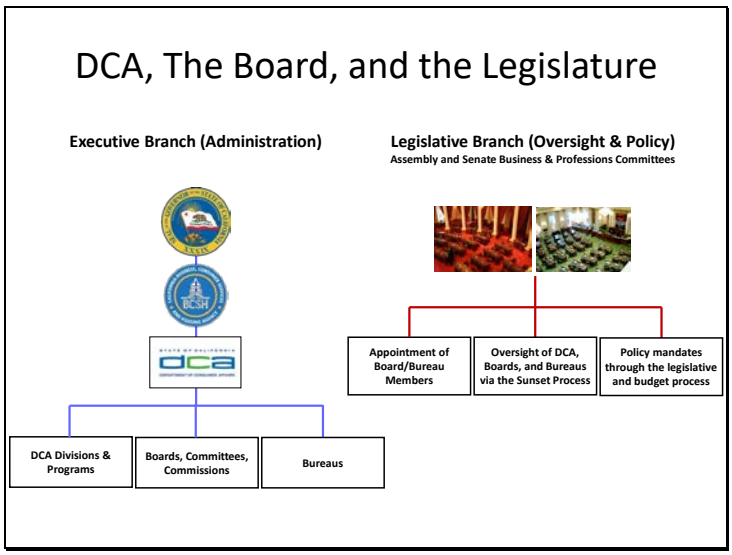
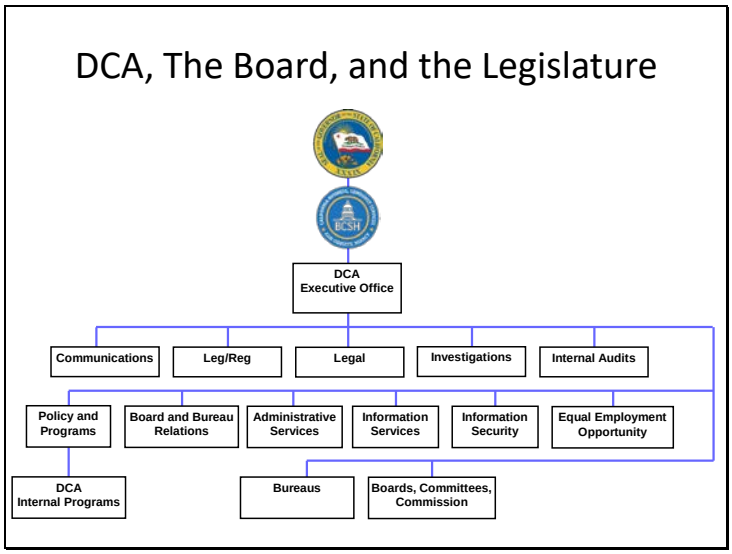

DCA, The Board, and the Legislature
Executive Branch (Administration)
Legislative Branch (Oversight & Policy)
Assembly and Senate Business & Professions Committees
Appointment of Board/Bureau Members
Oversight of DCA, Boards, and Bureaus via the Sunset Process
Policy mandates through the legislative and budget process
DCA Divisions & Programs
Boards, Committees, Commissions
Bureaus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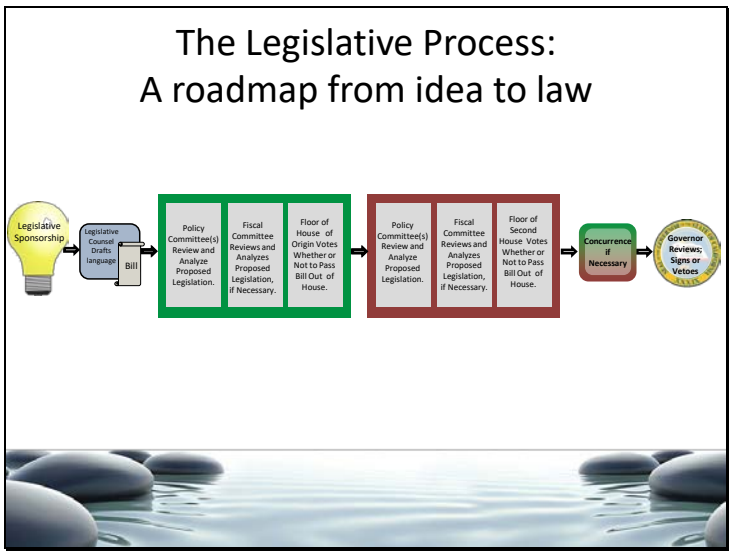
DCA Executive Office
Communications
Leg/Reg
Legal
Investigations
Internal Audits
Policy and Programs
Board and Bureau Relations
Administrative Services
Information Services
Information Security
Equal Employment Opportunity
DCA Internal Programs
Bureaus
Boards, Committees, Commission

Major Terms

- Assembly
- Senate
- Author
- Sponsor
- Legislative Staffer
- Legislative Counsel
- Stakeholders
- House of Origin (First House)
- Second House
- Enrolled
- Chaptered
- Urgency Clause

Cast of Characters

- Legislators
- Legislative Staff
- Stakeholders
- Governor's Administration
- Constitutional Offices
- Independent Boards


The Legislative Process:
A roadmap from idea to law
Legislative Sponsorship
Legislative Counsel Drafts language
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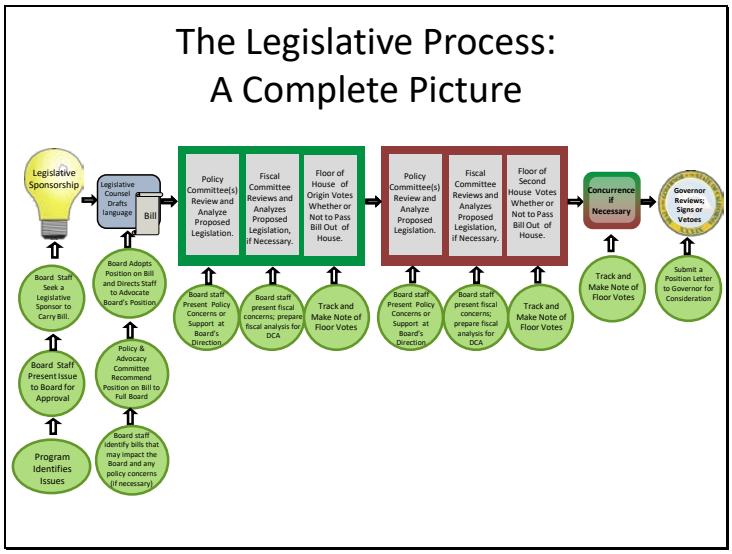
The Legislative Process:
A Complete Picture
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Bill
Board Staff Seek a Legislative Sponsor to Carry Bill.
Board Adopts Position on Bill and Directs Staff to Advocate Board's Position
Board Staff Present Issue to Board for Approval
Policy & Advocacy Committee Recommend Position on Bill to Full Board
Program Identifies Issues
Board staff identify bills that may impact the Board and any policy concerns (if necessary).
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Submit a Position Letter to Governor for Consideration

Major Legislative Deadlines

Most Important Dates to Track:

- Last day for policy committees to hear and report to fiscal committees fiscal bills introduced in their house of origin in the odd-numbered year
- Last day for any committee to hear and report to the Floor bills introduced in their house of origin in the odd-numbered year.
- Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in their house of origin in the odd- numbered year

Major Legislative Deadlines

Most Important Dates to Track (cont.):

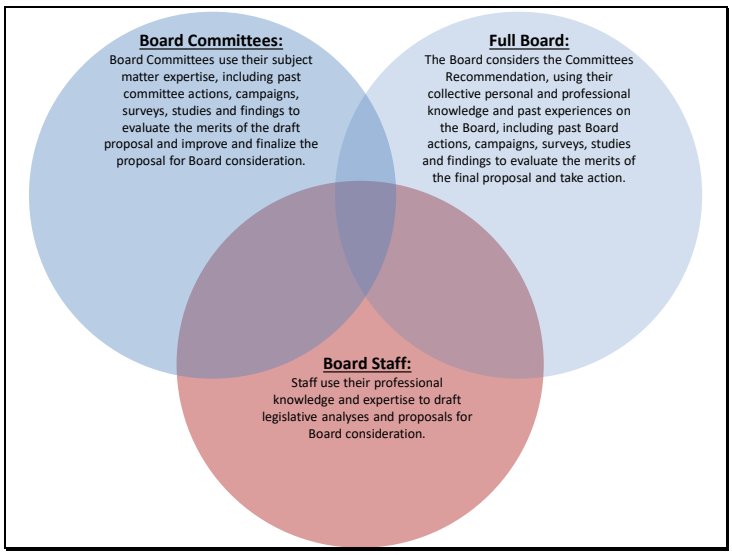
- Last day to submit new bill requests to Legislative Counsel
- Last day to introduce bills
- Last day for policy committees to pass fiscal bills
- Last day for policy committees to pass nonfiscal bills
- Last day for fiscal committees to pass bills
- House of origin deadline

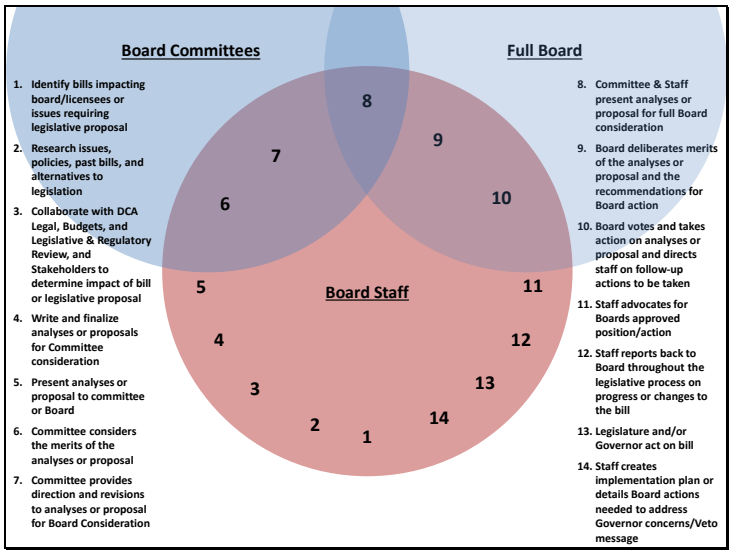
Major Legislative Deadlines

Most Important Dates to Track (cont.):

- Spring/Summer Recess
- Last day to amend bills on the Floor
- Last day for bills to pass on the Floor
- Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature

The Board's Process


Board Committees:
Board Committees use their subject matter expertise, including past committee actions, campaigns, surveys, studies and findings to evaluate the merits of the draft proposal and improve and finalize the proposal for Board consideration.
Full Board:
The Board considers the Committees Recommendation, using their collective personal and professional knowledge and past experiences on the Board, including past Board actions, campaigns, surveys, studies and findings to evaluate the merits of the final proposal and take action.
Board Staff:
Staff use their professional knowledge and expertise to draft legislative analyses and proposals for Board consideration.


Board Committees
1. Identify bills impacting board/licensees or issues requiring legislative proposal
2. Research issues, policies, past bills, and alternatives to legislation
3. Collaborate with DCA Legal, Budgets, and Legislative & Regulatory Review, and Stakeholders to determine impact of bill or legislative proposal
4. Write and finalize analyses or proposals for Committee consideration
5. Present analyses or proposal to committee or Board
6. Committee considers the merits of the analyses or proposal
7. Committee provides direction and revisions to analyses or proposal for Board Consideration
Full Board
8. Committee & Staff present analyses or proposal for full Board consideration
9. Board deliberates merits of the analyses or proposal and the recommendations for Board action
10. Board votes and takes action on analyses or proposal and directs staff on follow-up actions to be taken
11. Staff advocates for Boards approved position/action
12. Staff reports back to Board throughout the legislative process on progress or changes to the bill
13. Legislature and/or Governor act on bill
14. Staff creates implementation plan or details Board actions needed to address Governor concerns/Veto message
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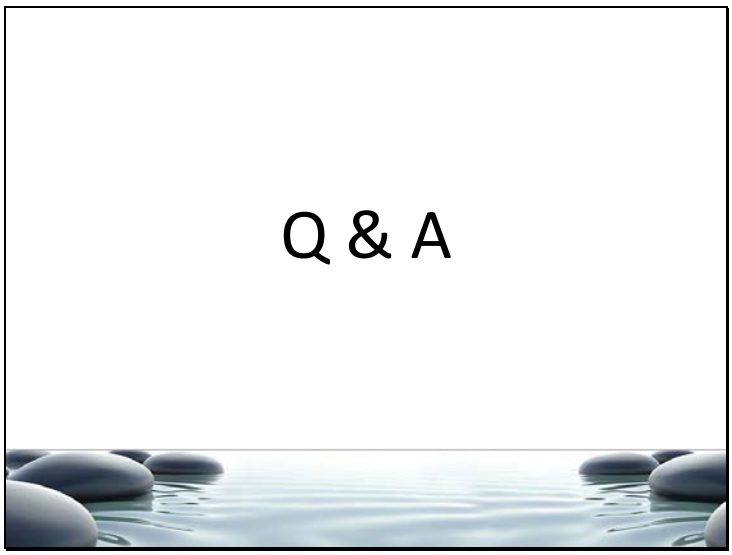
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