Overview of the Legislative Process

2nd Year in a 2-Year Session

Overview:

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### 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 🎓

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The Legislative Process: 
A roadmap from idea to law
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.

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 of Psychology

February 2018 Board Meeting

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.

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 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 deliberares merits of the analyses or proposal and the recommendations for Board action
10. Board action and takes action on analyses or proposal and directs staff on follow-up actions to be taken
11. Staff advocates for Board 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
Q & A