

## CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE

2025–26 REGULAR SESSION

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# ASSEMBLY JOURNAL

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Assembly Chamber, Sacramento  
Friday, January 10, 2025

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 59, the following Assembly Journal for the 2025–26 Regular Session was printed while the Assembly was in Recess.

**INTRODUCTION OF ASSEMBLY BILLS**

The following bill was introduced:

**ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 227—Gabriel.** An act making appropriations for the support of the government of the State of California and for several public purposes in accordance with the provisions of Section 12 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of California, relating to the state budget, to take effect immediately, budget bill.

**MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**

The following budget message from the Governor was received and ordered printed in the Journal:

Governor’s Office, Sacramento  
January 10, 2025

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

With foresight and fortitude, California has weathered extraordinary global and domestic turmoil over the past six years to produce balanced budgets that protect our most vulnerable citizens, strengthen opportunities for working people, and expand the state’s ecosystem of innovation and creativity. We have worked together to bring stability to California despite the economic shock of the pandemic, a severe decline in the stock market, and delayed tax filings imposed by the IRS, all exacerbating swings in revenues and uncertainty that are a hallmark of California’s volatile tax system. We have brought stability to the budget without imposing any broad-based tax increases, while paying down long-term debt, storing away budget reserves, and returning \$18 billion in tax refunds.

Current and past members of the Legislature should feel proud of the work we’ve done to use government resources wisely, save for the future, and protect the prosperity of ordinary Californians. But we cannot rest on this progress. The budget I present to you today builds on a framework that balanced the books over two years instead of just one—an unprecedented effort to address the budget shortfall we faced. This has provided us with a clear-eyed view of the near future and made our task easier this year. However, work remains to ensure California’s finances remain in order in the years to come. In the months ahead,

California is facing a new federal administration that has expressed unalloyed and uninformed hostility toward the state, threatening the funding of essential services for political stunts. Continued global instability and the prospect of another downturn in the financial markets, as well as additional pressure on state expenditures for health care and other programs, are warning signs to remain vigilant and prudent.

It's my mission in the remaining years to build on California's success and protect the economic foundation we've created. We have expanded and improved our education system, from adding transitional kindergarten to building an apprenticeship program for hundreds of thousands of new workers in good-paying jobs. We have built a healthier and cleaner California by nurturing a green economy that manufactures and invents EVs, hybrids, and new ways to power our state without burning carbon. We have slimmed down government, cut red tape, and transformed vital services such as the DMV, now praised for its efficiency and innovation. And we have worked with urgency to bring down costs for all Californians, including passing nearly four dozen CEQA reforms to build more housing, faster.

As with every year, this January budget reflects a point-in-time assessment of the state's finances and the priorities of my Administration. We will continue to assess the state's ongoing fiscal position and include appropriate adjustments in the May Revision. Our work is just beginning. I look forward to working with new and returning members of the Legislature on a final 2025–26 budget that assures California a strong economic future well into the 21st century.

With respect,

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Receipt

I acknowledge receipt this 10th day of January 2025 at 9:56 a.m., of the budget for the 2025–26 fiscal year, together with an explanatory message delivered to me personally by Emily Patterson.

SUE PARKER  
Chief Clerk of the Assembly

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ROBERT RIVAS, Speaker

DANIEL ALVAREZ, Assistant Minute Clerk