



# 2026 Good, Bad & Ugly Bills

*Following the Feb. 20 deadline for bill introductions, NFIB will lobby on 52 most affecting small business, and from that list, nine that are Good, Bad & Ugly*

## Good for Small Business Bills

- [Assembly Bill 649](#) (Lowenthal) establishes a **Small Business Right to Cure** program.
- [Assembly Bill 1745](#) (Gonzalez) suspends the state's **gas tax** for one year.
- [Senate Bill 84](#) (Niello) allows for **120 days to correct a violation** of certain state laws.
- [Senate Bill 885](#) (Strickland) prohibits a state agency from taking final action to **adopt a major regulation** until the Legislature approves.

## Bad for Small Business Bills

- [Assembly Bill 1421](#) (Wilson) seeks to establish a **road user charge** or a mileage-based fee system.
- [Assembly Bill 1234](#) (Ortega) requires the Labor Commissioner to speed up hearing dates and automatically levy a **30% penalty** that would apply even if a defendant acted in good faith.

## Ugly Bills

- [Assembly Bill 1630](#) (Caloza) authorizes one or more members of a bargaining unit to remotely and passively observe a **meet-and-confer** session.
- [Assembly Bill 1900](#) (Kalra) would create the California Guaranteed Health Care for All program, or CalCare, to provide comprehensive universal **single-payer health care**.
- [Assembly Bill 2646](#) (Krell) raises the state's **minimum-wage rate** to \$19.75 per hour, starting January 1, 2027.