



2026 Good, Bad & Ugly Bills

NFIB is monitoring or lobbying for and against 70 bills most affecting small business. The ones below are the particularly Good, Bad & Ugly bills

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.
- [Assembly Bill 2336](#) (Macedo) **excludes** the first \$25,000 of overtime pay from gross income.
- [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.
- [Senate Bill 981](#) (Niello) requires a standardized regulatory impact analysis to address **cost of living impacts** on residents of the state.

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.
- [Assembly Bill 2646](#) (Krell) raises the state's **minimum-wage rate** to \$19.75 per hour, starting January 1, 2027.

Ugly Bills

- [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 2021](#) (Schiavo) incentivizes **whistleblower complaints** with the California Consumer Privacy Agency.
- [Senate Bill 982](#) (Wiener) would authorize the attorney general to bring a civil action against a party responsible for **climate-attributable damage**.