



ISSUE MEMORANDUM	
DATE	March 11, 2022
TO	Members, California State Board of Optometry
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SUBJECT	Agenda Item #6c – Discussion and Possible Action on 2022 Legislation - Other Legislative Proposals and Priorities

Upcoming legislative deadlines of note:

- Apr. 29 —Last day for policy committees to hear and report to fiscal committees' fiscal bills introduced in their house.
- May 6 —Last day for policy committees to hear and report to the floor nonfiscal bills introduced in their house.
- May 13 —Last day for policy committees to meet prior to May 31.
- May 20 —Last day for fiscal committees to hear and report to the floor bills introduced in their house (J.R. 61 (b)(8)). Last day for fiscal committees to meet prior to May 31.

Discussion:

Staff works closely with DCA Legislative and Regulatory unit to track legislation and meets on a bi-weekly basis to review any potential bills. Below are the introduced bills currently being monitored by staff. Staff expects legislation should be better identified for the next LRC meeting in April with Board taking positions in May.

2022 Bills Applicable to Optometry

[AB 2236 \(Low\)](#) – Optometry.

Spot bill amending Business and Professions Code 2544 and 3041. Bill would make nonsubstantive changes to those optometric assistant and optometry practice provisions.

[AB 2574 \(Salas\)](#) – Optometry.

Bill sponsored by California Optometric Association that reinstates optometrist's ability to direct CLIA waived tests and stabilize acute angle closure in the case of an emergency.

[SB 1237 \(Newman\)](#) – Licenses: military service.

Bill sponsored by California Optometric Association would require the boards to waive the renewal fee of any licensee or registrant who is called to active duty as a member of the United States Armed Forces or the California National Guard if the licensee or registrant is stationed outside of California. This bill would also make nonsubstantive changes to those provisions.

The Board may wish to take public comment from the California Optometric Association or other stakeholders regarding other potential legislation for 2022.