

GENERAL GOVERNMENT TRAILER BILL SUMMARY – SB 164

Please note, the below summary only highlights items anticipated to be of interest to local health departments.

Governor’s Office of Planning and Research (OPR) Reorganization

- Establishes the Governor’s Office of Service and Community Engagement. This office houses:
 - Office of Community Partnerships and Strategic Communications
 - California Volunteers
 - Youth Empowerment Commission
- Moves the California Initiative to Advance Precision Medicine to the California Health and Human Services Agency (CalHHS). Expands the program to include pandemic response and prevention. Authorizes CalHHS to receive nonstate funds to develop demonstration projects aimed at preventing or mitigating future disease outbreaks and pandemics.
- Renames the Office of Planning and Research to the Governor’s Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation.

Racial Equity Commission (GOV 8303.3)

- Extends the deadline for the state’s Racial Equity Commission to develop a Racial Equity Framework from April 1, 2025, to December 1, 2025.
- Extends the deadline for the Commission to prepare an annual report summarizing feedback from public engagement with communities of color and providing data on racial inequities and disparities in the state, and recommending best practices on tools, methodologies, and opportunities to advance racial equity from April 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026.