



December 2025 Legislative Advocate Report

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CalRTA Supports Proposition 30/55 Permanent Extension

The CalRTA Executive Committee, with a support recommendation from the Government Relations Committee, took a support position on a proposed initiative that would permanently extend Proposition 30/55. Its official title is *Provides permanent funding for schools and healthcare by extending existing tax on high incomes*.

In 2012, Proposition 30 was passed by California voters to increase tax rates for the state's wealthiest individuals, providing additional financial support for public schools. The funds were intended for classroom expenses, not administrative costs, and the measure was set to expire in 2018. Proposition 55, which was also passed by the voters, extended this through 2030. CalRTA previously supported both initiatives.

The new initiative would eliminate the sunset and permanently extend this tax. Should the initiative secure the necessary signatures, it will be placed on the ballot in 2026. Specifically, the increased rates would apply to personal income over approximately \$360,000 for single filers, \$721,000 for joint filers, and \$490,000 for heads of household. It would apply 89 percent of these revenues to TK-12 schools, and 11 percent to community colleges. The initiative would allow local school boards to decide how revenues are spent, consistent with current law. Overall, it would increase General Fund revenues that are available for education, health care, budget reserves, and other programs.

The Legislative Analyst's Office reports that the measure would maintain between \$5 billion and \$15 billion in annual state income tax revenues (in current dollars).

Holiday Break

I would like to thank my CalRTA friends and family for the opportunity to support you over this past year. While the Legislature is taking a break until January 5th, I will continue to monitor the California economy to prepare for the release of the Governor's proposed budget in early January. Once they return, the Legislature will begin introducing a number of bills and may be amending bills that were held this past year. I will be working with the CalRTA Government Relations Committee and CalRTA leadership to ensure your voices are heard in the halls of the Capitol.

Legislative Calendar

January 1 – Statutes take effect.

January 5 – Legislature resumes session.

January 10 – Governor releases January budget proposal.

January 31 – Last day for each house to pass two-year bills introduced in that house.

February 20 – Last day for bills to be introduced.

March 26 – Legislative Spring Recess.

April 6 – Legislature reconvenes from Spring Recess.

April 24 – Last day for policy committees to hear bills that are fiscal.

May 1 – Last day for policy committees to hear non-fiscal bills.
May 8 – Last day for policy committees to meet prior to June 1.
May 15 – Last day for fiscal committees to hear bills introduced in their house. Last day for fiscal committees to meet prior to June 1.
May 25-29 – Floor session only.
May 29 – Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house.
June 1 – Committee hearings may resume.
June 15 – Budget bill must be passed by midnight.
June 25 – Last day for a legislative measure to qualify for the November election.
July 2 – Last day for policy committees to meet. Legislative Summer Recess begins.
August 3 – Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess.
August 14 – Last day for fiscal committees to meet.
August 17-31 – Floor Session only.
August 31 – Last day for each house to pass bills. Final recess begins upon adjournment.
September 31 – Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills.