



July 3, 2025

The Honorable Mia Bonta  
Chair, Assembly Health Committee  
1020 N Street, Room 390  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: SB 503 (Weber-Pierson) — SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Bonta:

Hospitals are deeply committed to delivering high quality, equitable care to every patient. Each day, patients place their trust in hospitals — often during their most vulnerable moments — and hospitals take that responsibility seriously. Promoting equitable access and quality of care is not just a legal requirement — it is central to hospitals' mission. **That's why the California Hospital Association (CHA), on behalf of nearly 400 hospitals and health systems, supports Senate Bill (SB) 503, which adds important legal safeguards to help ensure equitable care.**

SB 503 would require that health care providers make reasonable efforts to identify instances when artificial intelligence systems used to support clinical decision making and health care resource allocation use input variables that reflect protected characteristics, and mitigate any potential risk of discrimination that could result from the use of those tools.

CHA is grateful to the bill's author for working collaboratively with hospitals to address concerns with previous versions of the bill. The most recent amendments, dated June 30, resolve CHA's concerns.

For these reasons, **CHA supports SB 503.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Farouk", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mark Farouk  
Vice President, State Advocacy

cc: The Honorable Akilah Weber Pierson M.D.  
Honorable Members of the Assembly Health Committee  
Lisa Murawski, Principal Consultant, Assembly Health Committee  
Justin Boman, Consultant, Assembly Republican Caucus