

# The Water We Swim In: A State and Federal Landscape Overview

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## CHA 2023 Landscape



- **New Speaker selects Assembly leadership positions**
  - **New Health and Appropriations Chairs**
- **Newer ProTem has changed Senate leadership**
  - **New Health, Business & Professions, and Appropriations Chairs**
- **Budget Deficit will lead the agenda**
- **2024 Elections: Legislator turnover will again be a central issue**
- **March and November Elections have key tax and labor votes**

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# California State Legislature

**2023 Combined  
Assembly and Senate:**  
 ● 94 Democrats  
 ● 26 Republicans

## Assembly

### State Assembly

80 Members

DEM: 62

REP: 18

**23**  
Seat Turnover

## Senate

### State Senate

40 Members

DEM: 32

REP: 8

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Seat Turnover

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# Qualified / Eligible for November 2024

Measure	Notes
1. ACA 13 – Vote Threshold	Labor
2. “Taxpayer Protection Act”	CA Business Roundtable
3. ACA 1 – Vote Threshold	Labor, biz, housing
4. Expands Rent Control	AIDS Healthcare Foundation
5. Referendum on Oil Drilling Limitations Yes vote upholds law, No vote repeals law	CA Independent Petroleum Association
6. Repeal of Local Voter Approval Requirement for Low-Rent Housing	Placed on ballot by legislature
7. ACA 5 (Marriage Equality) – Const. Amendment to Repeal Prop 8	Assemblyman Evan Low
8. Provides Funding for Pandemic Detection and Prevention Increases Tax on Personal Income Over \$5 Million	Hedge Fund Philanthropists
9. Private Attorney General Act Reform (PAGA)	CalChamber, New Car Dealers
10. \$18 minimum Wage	Joe Sandberg

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## Filed & Rumored Measures for November 2024

Measure	Notes	T&S Date / Status
<b>Felony Charges and Sentencing</b>	Retailers	1/26/23 – started collecting Jan 1 (\$3)
<b>"California Personal Finance Education Act"</b>	Next Gen Personal Finance	11/09/23 – collecting signatures (\$3)
<b>AHF Funding Measure</b>	CA Apartment Association	11/03/23 – collecting signatures (\$3)
<b>MCO Tax Protection</b>	Health and Labor	11/20/23 – collecting signatures (\$3)
<b>Children's Hospital Financing</b>	Children's Hospitals	12/27/23 -- collecting signatures (\$3)
<b>Online Sports Wagering</b>	Ryan Tyler Walz	01/02/24
<b>School Bond</b>	Education Community & CA Building Industry Association	
<b>Resources / Water Bond</b>	Environmental Groups, ACWA, Labor	
<b>SCA 7 – Right to Unionization</b>	Labor	

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## CHA 2023 Landscape

- **Offense**
  - Seismic Extension
  - Insurance Accountability
  - Protect Rural Hospitals
- **Defense**
  - Prevent Cuts
  - MCO Funding
  - OCHA Target
  - Community Benefit
  - Consolidation
  - Behavioral Health Staffing



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# Forecast: Continued Gridlock Likely

Passing legislation in the current environment is difficult due to multiple factors.



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## Barriers to Legislating



### Divided Government/Narrow Margins

House: **Rep-219**, Dem-213, Vacant 3  
Senate: Rep-49, **Dem 51**, Vacant 0



### Legislative Days Until 2024 Election

House: 72 Days  
Senate: 79 Days



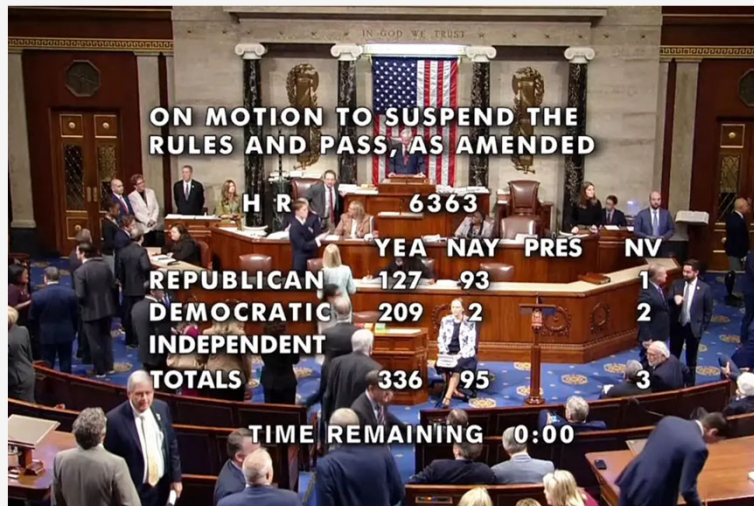
### 2024 Federal Election

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# Federal Government Shutdown Averted...For Now

Congress passed a continuing resolution to fund portions of the federal government until March 8 and others until March 22.



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## Federal Rural Advocacy Efforts



**CHA's federal legislative and regulatory agenda is focused on improving payment rates and supporting care delivery in rural areas.**

### Legislative: Maintain Extenders

- Medicare Dependent Hospital
- Low Volume Adjustment
- Ambulance Add-on

### Legislative: Ensure Sustainable Delivery Models

- CAH Necessary Provider Status
- Remove CAH 96 Hour Requirement
- Medicare Advantage CAH Payment Parity
- Reverse RHC Cuts
- Improve REH Model
- Telehealth Flexibilities
- Expand USDA Financing
- Protect 340B

### Regulatory: Provide Adequate Payment

- Sustainable Medicare Payment Updates
- Provide Sufficient Medicare Safety Net Payments
- Protect/Grow Directed and Supplemental Medicaid Payments
- Address Medicare Advantage Throughput
- Accelerate FEMA Obligations

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## 2024 RURAL HEALTH CARE SYMPOSIUM

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# Questions?



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## Thank You

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