

California Department of Insurance

2026 Legislative Priorities

Smoke Damage Recovery Act (AB 1795)

- Sets health standards for smoke testing and restoration.
- Certifies insurers in modern claims handling.
- Triggers immediate aid via local health standards.
- Mandates science-based restoration protocols.

Disaster Recovery Reform Act (SB 876)

- Mandates insurer Disaster Recovery Plans.
- Doubles penalties for unfair practices; requires direct restitution.
- Boosts Living Expenses by 100% with mandatory up-front payments.
- Updates replacement costs to meet current building codes.

Make It FAIR Act (AB 1680)

- Overhauls FAIR Plan transparency and claims handling.
- Creates a transition path back to the private market.
- Imposes violation fees and mandates CDI compliance.
- Consolidates coverage to eliminate redundant policies.

CALL TO ACTION

We invite your office to join cities and counties statewide in submitting a letter of support for this bill.

<https://bit.ly/CDILegAction>.



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EXPANDING WILDFIRE SAFETY EFFORTS

Strengthen California Homes Grant Program (in process):

- Provides grants for low-income homeowners in high fire hazard zones for Zone 0 and Class A roofing improvements.

Sustainable Insurance Strategy (2023–2024):

- Expands coverage using catastrophe modeling to reflect property and community mitigation efforts.

Safer from Wildfires (2022):

- Mandates premium discounts (4–40%) for mitigated homes with wildfire standards.



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