
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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AB 2662 (Carrillo) - Working Group on Civil Rights Accountability

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Mandate: No

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Bill Summary: AB 2662 would establish the Working Group on Civil Rights Accountability within the Department of Justice (DOJ) to monitor, document and report on alleged violations of constitutional and civil rights arising from immigration enforcement activities conducted within the state by federal agencies.

Fiscal Impact: Major costs annually for DOJ workload to report, establish eligibility standards, submission protocols and to report on trends, geographic patterns, systemic concerns and policy recommendations. New information technology infrastructure to host a statewide reporting dashboard may be needed. (private, General Fund)

Background: Recent legislation to limit immigration enforcement at various state and community locations include:

SB 81 (Arrequin) Chapter 123/2025 prohibits a health care provider entity and its personnel, unless required by state and federal law, from granting access to the nonpublic areas of the facility for immigration enforcement without a valid judicial warrant or court order.

AB 49 (Muratsuchi) Chapter 122/2025 prohibits local educational agencies from allowing immigration enforcement officers to enter nonpublic areas of a school site without providing a valid judicial warrant, judicial subpoena, or court order.

SB 98 (Cervantes) Chapter 124/2025 requires the governing boards of school districts and county offices of education, and the governing boards of charter schools, to include procedures for notifying parents and school staff when immigration enforcement is confirmed on the school site within the school safety plan.

In December 2025, DOJ established an online portal for reporting potentially unlawful activity by federal agents. The portal is intended to help document potential unlawful conduct by federal officers and help inform DOJ regarding potential legal action to protect Californians from unlawful activity by the federal government, though DOJ is not required to take any specific actions on the complaints submitted through the portal.

Proposed Law: The working group shall consist of 12 members, as follows:

- (1) Three members appointed by the Governor.
- (2) Three members appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.
- (3) Three members appointed by the President pro Tempore of the Senate.
- (4) Three members appointed by the Attorney General.

Each appointing authority shall ensure that its appointees collectively reflect expertise in constitutional law, civil rights enforcement, public accountability, labor and workforce impacts, public health, education, and community-based oversight.

The working group shall develop and maintain a statewide reporting dashboard to document and categorize alleged constitutional or civil rights violations arising from federal immigration enforcement activities within the state.

DOJ would be required to establish standards, submission protocols, and data verification procedures for nonprofit organizations authorized to submit reports to the dashboard. A nonprofit organization would be required to meet specified qualifications to be eligible to submit reports to the dashboard.

Related Legislation: SB 1257 (Arreguín) requires the AG to submit to the Legislature and post on its internet website, on or before October 30, 2027, and annually thereafter, a report regarding immigration enforcement incidents and activities conducted at designated safe locations, as specified. SB 1257 is pending in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 1806 (Gabriel, 2026) requires the state prosecutor to conduct an independent, transparent, and thorough investigation of incidents of federal immigration enforcement officer-involved shooting of a civilian and permits the state prosecutor to criminally prosecute the federal immigration enforcement officer. AB 1806 also requires the state prosecutor to post and maintain each written report regarding the incident on a public website. AB 1806 is pending in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Staff Comments: It is unclear if DOJ must accept and post all submissions. Staff Recommends an amendment to state that DOJ may decline posting a report if the post fails to meet the reporting standards established by the working group.

Fully funding the working group with private moneys may present technical and operational challenges for DOJ.

Proposed Author Amendments: The author has suspense file amendments which would (1) authorize the working group to hold public hearings and consultations within communities affected by federal immigration enforcement activities, and (2) require the working group to be funded from specified nongovernmental sources. The bill would authorize the members of the working group to raise funds for those purposes, as specified, and would require the working group to maintain records of all funds received, as prescribed. The bill would also require the members of the working group to serve without compensation.