

Date of Hearing: June 24, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Buffy Wicks, Chair

SB 1235 (Committee on Governmental Organization) – As Introduced February 19, 2026

Policy Committee: Governmental Organization

Vote: 18 - 0

Urgency: No

State Mandated Local Program: No

Reimbursable: No

**SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Governor to notify certain legislative policy committees when the Governor removes a member of the California Gambling Control Commission (CGCC) for cause.

**FISCAL EFFECT:**

Negligible costs to the Governor and CGCC.

**COMMENTS:**

1) **Purpose.** According to the author:

By establishing this notification requirement, this bill seeks to enhance transparency and strengthen legislative oversight of the [CGCC] that regulates California's cardroom industry. The notification would help ensure that the Legislature remains informed about changes in the composition of the regulatory body responsible for licensing and overseeing cardrooms in the state.

2) **CGCC.** The CGCC provides for the licensure and regulation of various legalized gambling activities and establishments. The CGCC consists of five members appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate. Existing law allows the Governor to remove a CGCC member for incompetence, neglect of duty, or corruption. This bill requires the Governor to notify the Legislature about a removal of a CGCC member under such conditions.

3) **Related Legislation.** AB 817 (Nguyen) was nearly identical to this bill when AB 817 was heard in this committee. AB 817 was amended to address an unrelated subject.

AB 2644 (Rubio) is nearly identical to this bill. AB 2644 is pending hearing in the Senate Governmental Organization Committee.

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