

SYSTEMS OPTIMIZATION & SUSTAINABILITY (SOS) COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Date: October 22, 2025, Time: 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Commission Members: Érik Fernández y Garcia, Eric Guerra, LaWanda Wesley

(Chair)

Advisory Committee Member(s): Carolyn Curtis, Heidi Keiser Alternates: Kairis Chiaji,

Darsey Varnedoe

Staff: Julie Gallelo, Erin Maurie, Maria Hammill

This is an In-Person Meeting for Committee Members

Location: First 5 Sacramento, 2750 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 330 Sacramento, CA 95833.

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- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call
- 2. Public Comment on Off-Agenda Items
- 3. Approve Minutes for August 20, 2025
- 4. Policy and Advocacy Activities
- 5. Equity In Action Committee Update: REDI Grants
- 6. Presentation: Help Me Grow
- 7. Mental Health Centers at Schools: Update from the Sacramento Office of Education (SCOE)
- 8. Approve 2026 Meeting Dates/Time and Discuss Chair and Vice Chair
- 9. Committee Member Comments
- 10. Future Agenda Items
- 11. Adjourn

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SYSTEMS OPTIMIZATION & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

DRAFT ACTION SUMMARY

August 20, 2025: 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m. A quorum was established. Present: LaWanda Wesley, Érik Fernández y García and Carolyn Curtis. Heidi Keiser, Kairis Chaiji and Darsey Varnedoe attended via zoom and were unable to vote. First 5 Staff: Alejandra Labrado and Linda Fong Somera via zoom.

2. Public Comment on Off-Agenda Items None.

Approve Draft Action Summaries for June 18, 2025 Moved by Carolyn Curtis and seconded by Érik Fernández y García.

4. Change October 15th meeting date: Either October 8th or 22ndThe Committee members agreed to change the meeting date to October 22nd.

5. Policy and Advocacy Activities

The Committee discussed the federal budget specifically the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA).

6. Equity In Action Committee Update

The request for Letters of Interest was released on September 19th with a due date on October 9th. The Committee will review letter submissions and decide which applicants will be invited to complete an application.

7. Parent Partnership Initiative

Alejandra Labrado, Home Visiting and Parent Liaison Manager, presented the Parent Partnership Initiative. This is one of First 5's priority areas in the current Strategic Plan. The initiative has two strategies: parent engagement and parent leadership.



8. First 5 CA and First 5 Association Update

Julie Gallelo provided members updates from the First 5 Association and First 5 CA.

9. Committee Member Comments

No comments.

10. Future Agenda Items

- Help Me Grow
- Mental Health Centers at schools
- Social Media update
- Childcare and Immigration
- Community Pathway

11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Erin Maurie, Communications and Policy Director First 5 Sacramento Commission

First 5 Sacramento Systems Optimization and Sustainability (SOS) Committee Agenda Item Cover Sheet

Agenda Item – Update on Policy and Advocacy Activities

Staff Overview

Legislative Update

The Legislature adjourned on September 12th. The last day for the Governor to sign or veto bills was October 12th. Several of the bills the First 5 Association supported were held back.

Signed Bills

AB 607 (Rodriguez) extends the enrollment timeframe for the CalWORKs Home Visiting Program (HVP) and allows families to participate longer, based on model duration. The law strengthens the CalWORKs Home Visiting Program while maintaining cost neutrality.

AB 753 (Garcia) strengthens the early childhood workforce and expand access to high-quality child care for families. Two of the bill's sponsors are Child Action, Inc. and the Child Care Resource Center (CCRC).

AB 563 (Jackson) enhances the oversight and effectiveness of the Early Childhood Policy Council (ECPC). The council advises on planning, implementation, and evaluation of California's Master Plan for Early Learning and Care, ensuring equitable access to early education services for diverse populations.

Members are appointed by the Governor, the Senate, the Assembly, and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. The council includes representatives from government agencies, childcare providers, advocacy organizations, school districts, and First 5 commissions, as well as a Parent Advisory Committee and a Workforce Advisory Committee.

SB 271 (Gómez Reyes) increases campus collaboration and child care support for parenting students at California's public higher education institutions.

Parent Leadership Training Institute (PLTI) Recruitment

We are currently accepting applications for the next PLTI English and Spanish language classes to begin in January 2026. The program is led in partnership with the Sacramento Children's Home and classes will be held at their South Sacramento Family Resource Center. The application is available at www.sacramentoplti.com. For more information contact Alejandra Labrado at labradoa@saccounty.gov. Much

appreciation for the Sacramento County Department of Health Services for funding the Spanish language cohort, allowing us to serve 25 additional parents this fiscal year.
Additional Information/ Next Steps
None.
Staff Recommendation
Review and comment.

Bill No.	Author	Description	Status	Position	Materials
AB 29	Arambula	Medi-Cal: ACEs screenings: This bill would require the department to include community-based organizations and local health jurisdictions that provide health services through community health workers and doulas, that are enrolled Medi-Cal providers, as providers qualified to provide, and eligible to receive payments for, ACEs trauma screenings.	Held in Asm Approps	Support	Folder
AB 49	Muratsuchi	School sites: entry requirements: immigration enforcement: This bill prohibits school officials and employees of a local educational agency from allowing an officer conducting immigration enforcement to enter a school site for any purpose, unless the officer or employee provides valid identification and a valid judicial warrant or court order, or exigent circumstances necessitate immediate action.	Chaptered 9/20/25.	Support	Folder
AB 55	Bonta	Alternative birth centers: licensing and Medi-Cal reimbursement: this bill would ease some certification and licensing requirements to try to keep remaining birth centers open and potentially allow for more facilities to open.	Enrolled 9/16/25.	Support	Folder

AB 73	Jackson	Black mental health navigator certification: would require the department to develop criteria for a specialty certificate program and specialized training requirements for a Black Mental Health Navigator Certification.	Held in Asm Approps.		Folder
AB 96	Jackson	Community health workers: specifies that a "community health worker" includes a peer support specialist and would deem a certified peer support specialist to have satisfied all education and training requirements developed by the department for certification as a community health worker.	Held in Asm. Health.		Folder
AB 318	Alanis	Child daycare: application fees: Existing law requires DSS to charge an applicant for licensure an initial application fee and an annual license fee and authorizes a child daycare facility to use business or personal check to pay the annual license fee. This bill would also authorize a child daycare facility to use a business or personal check to pay the initial application fee and require the department to accept credit card payments for initial application fees and license fees from child daycare facilities.	Held in Asm. Human Services		Folder
AB 339	Ortega	Local public employee organizations: notice requirements: This bill requires public agencies regulated by the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act (MMBA) to give a recognized employee organization no less than 60 45 days' written notice regarding contracts to perform services that are within the scope of work of job classifications represented by the recognized employee organization.	Enrolled 9/15/25.	Oppose	Folder

AB 350	Bonta	Health care coverage: fluoride treatments: would require health plans to provide coverage for application of fluoride varnish in the primary care setting for children under 21 years of age. This bill would make the application of fluoride a covered benefit under Medi-Cal.	Inactive file 9/11/25.		
AB 397	Gonzalez	Personal income tax law: young child tax credit: existing law defines "qualified taxpayer" to include an eligible individual who has a qualifying child younger than 6 years old as of the last day of the taxable year. This bill would change the definition to mean a child younger than a specified age as of the last day of the taxable year and would make an appropriation by increasing the payments from the Tax Relief and Refund Account.	Held in Asm. Approps.	Support	Folder
AB 398	Ahrens	Personal income tax: earned income tax credit: The Personal Income Tax Law allows an earned income tax credit against personal income tax and a payment from the Tax Relief and Refund Account for an allowable credit in excess of tax liability to an eligible individual that is equal to that portion of the earned income tax credit allowed by federal law, as determined by the earned income tax credit adjustment factor, as specified. The law provides that the amount of the credit is calculated as a percentage of the eligible individual's earned income and is phased out above a specified amount as income increases and provides alternative calculation factors under specified circumstances. Existing law, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, and until and	Held in Asm. Approps.		Folder

		including the taxable year in which the minimum wage is set at \$15 per hour, requires the phaseout percentage for eligible individuals to be recalculated by the Franchise Tax Board so that the calculated amount of credit for a taxpayer with an earned income of \$30,000 is equal to zero. This bill, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, if the amount of credit computed for an eligible individual is less than \$355, as specified, would allow the credit for the eligible individual to be \$355 instead, except as otherwise specified.			
AB 403	Ortega	Medi-Cal: community health worker services: would require the department to annually review the above-described outreach and education efforts conducted by Medi-Cal managed care plans and would require the department to annually conduct analysis of the CHW services benefit, submit each analysis to the Legislature, and publish each analysis on the department's website.	Held in Asm. Approps.	Support	Folder
AB 495	Rodriguez	Family Preparedness Plan Act of 2025: This bill requires schools and licensed child day care facilities to adopt model policies developed by the Attorney General regarding interaction with immigration enforcement authorities and requires the Attorney General to develop those model policies. This bill allows a court to appoint a temporary guardian for a child, chosen by the child's custodial parent, who is empowered to assume guardianship duties of the child if the parent is temporarily unavailable due to an	Enrolled 9/16/25.	Support	Folder

		immigration-related administrative action, among other circumstances.			
AB 563	Jackson	Childcare: Early Childhood Policy Council (ECPC): This bill expands the scope of the existing annual report of the Early Childhood Policy Council (ECPC) to specifically include the successes, challenges, and gaps in the state's early childhood education systems and make recommendations to facilitate advancing the state's vision for children, families, and communities. This bill additionally requires ECPC to develop policy proposals and budget requests for the Legislature to consider related to facility needs, workforce needs, and family access.	Enrolled 9/22/25.	Watch	Folder
AB 607	Rodriguez	CalWORKs: home visiting programs: extends the time on the program to at least 24 months, and not to exceed the duration of the applicable home visiting program model and would extend the maximum age of the child at the time of enrollment to less than 36 months of age.	Enrolled 9/24/25.	Support	Folder
AB 752	Ávila Farías	Child daycare facilities: This bill would require a daycare center when colocated with multifamily housing or legally established community amenities, to be considered a residential use of property and a use by right for the purposes of all local ordinances. The bill would exempt a daycare	Chaptered 10/1/25.	Support	Folder

		center colocated with multifamily housing or legally established community amenities from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.			
AB 753	Garcia	Childcare: facility licensure: teacher requirements: This bill would temporarily allow California state preschool program (CSPP) and a general childcare and development (CCTR) program, beginning July 1, 2026, to allow interim associate teachers up to two years from the date of hire to obtain required credentials for a Child Development Associate Teacher permit.	Chaptered 10/1/25.	Support	Folder
AB 904	Aguiar- Curry	Childcare services: workday. This bill is a regulation revision under CDSS to clarify language / rules around what counts as a "workday" for the purposes of accessing child care subsidies, amending it to specifically include parents on pregnancy-related leave or PFML or job searching. The bill also clarifies that a medical incapacity form isn't needed if parent is on PFML. Under current law and administrative practice, parents on parental leave, to which they are legally entitled, may not be eligible for continued child care subsidies and may lose their child care slot as a result, unless an onerous administrative process by which a medical professional applies a diagnosis and fills out a form to designate the parent as medically incapable of caring for the child. The bill clarifies language to be sure that families in need of these services can access both – that parents taking legally entitled PFML won't	Inactive file 9/11/25.	Support	Folder

		be penalized by having their child care subsidy for other children potentially taken away.			
AB 997	Stefani	"Have a Heart, Be A Star, Help Our Kids" license plate program: increases the fees for "Have a Heart, Be a Star, Help Our Kids" license plates and allocates 50% of the fees to state and local child care provider licensure, oversight, recruitment, training, and development, and the remainder to child care safety and health.	Held in Asm. Approps.	Support	Folder
AB 1025	Pellerin	Standby Guardianship: This bill authorizes parents to use a new tool called "standby guardianship" to choose another adult to take care of their child or children if they are subject to an adverse immigration action such as deportation or detention. This bill involves the court after the adverse immigration action occurs to create oversight and an additional level of protection for the child (or children). While the standby guardian has the duties and powers of a guardian while provisionally appointed and upon formal appointment, the rights of the custodial parent remain superior ot the rights of the standby guardian - an important provision to simplify reunification.	Held in Asm. Approps.	Watch and Gather More Intel	Folder
AB 1121	Rubio, Blanca	Early literacy: professional development: instructional materials: this bill would require the Department of Education to develop a list of recommended professional development and training programs related to effective means of teaching literacy and reading skills and require	Failed to pass out of Asm. Ed.		<u>Folder</u>

		school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools to ensure participation in an approved professional development and training program. The bill would also require adoption of instructional materials that are adhere to effective means of teaching literacy and foundational reading skills.			
AB 1123	Muratsuchi	Commission on Teacher Credentialing: membership: This bill modifies the composition of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) to allow for early childhood education (ECE) representation without expanding the total number of commissioners.	Chaptered 10/1/25.	Support	Folder
AB 1129	Rodriguez	Birth defects monitoring: This bill would allow (but not require) a Local Health Officer (LHO) to make birth defects and birth conditions occurring or diagnosed in a child's first year reportable and to implement a local birth reporting for those birth defects and conditions program.	Inactive file 9/9/25.	Support	Folder
AB 1312	Schiavo	Hospital pricing: This bill requires a hospital to presumptively determine that a patient is eligible for charity care or discounted payment policies if the patient is experiencing homelessness or is already enrolled in a means-tested program such as CalFresh or CalWORKS, among others, and requires a hospital to screen patients in other categories that might indicate they could qualify for charity care or discounted payment policies and make a determination if the patient is eligible before sending that patient a bill for hospital services.	Enrolled 9/16/25.	Support	Folder

AB 1428	Muratsuchi	California Affordable Child Care Act: this bill	Hooring	Folder
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		creates the California Affordable Child Care Fund in	canceled at	
		the State Treasury with revenues generated through a	request of	
		0.5% income tax on personal income of an individual	author.	
		through LLCs, LLPs, S-Corps, and partnerships and		
		corporations earning over \$10 million annually.		
		Entities are exempted from this tax for the following:		
		1) Providing child care for their employees during		
		working hours. 2)Reimbursing employees for child		
		care services. Revenues from the fund will be used for		
		the following:		
		 Lower child care rates for families. 		
		 Increase the number of child care slots by 		
		hiring additional employees.		
		This bill ensures long-term investments in California's		
		child care system, and makes child care more		
		affordable, accessible, and sustainable for working		
		families.		
<u>AB 1471</u>	Soria	Resource and referral agencies: Existing law, the	Held in Asm.	Spot Bill
		Child Care and Development Services Act,	Approps.	
		administered by the State Department of Social		
		Services, establishes a system of childcare and		
		development services for children up to 13 years of		
		age. Existing law establishes childcare resource		
		and referral programs to serve a		
		defined geographic area and provide prescribed		
		services. Among the services provided by these		
		programs is the establishment of a referral process		
		that responds to parental need for information and		
		that makes referrals to licensed child daycare		
		facilities, as specified. Existing law requires federal		
		funds		
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		allocated to local childcare resource and referral agencies to support their continued participation in COVID-19 relief and recovery to be used to strengthen their role in serving as intermediaries to develop new, and support existing, childcare facilities and capacity and to streamline and improve data collection processes, as specified. This bill would repeal that provision and instead require, upon appropriation by Legislature, local childcare resource and referral agencies to take specified actions elating to assisting childcare providers during a disaster, including, among others, implementing certain roles and responsibilities assigned to them in specified disaster plans. The bill would also require, upon appropriation by the Legislature, the California Child Care Resource and Referral Network to implement the roles and responsibilities assigned to it in those disaster plans. The bill would require the department, in consultation with local childcare resource and referral agencies, to establish data collection and reporting requirements relating to disasters and disaster preparedness for childcare providers.			
ACR 18	Sharp- Collins	Maternal Health Awareness Day: would proclaim January 23, 2025 as Maternal Health Awareness Day.	Chaptered 2/24/25.		
SB 68	Menjivar	Major food allergens: this bill would add sesame to the list of major food allergens. The bill, commencing July 1, 2026, would require a food facility that serves	Enrolled 9/16/25.	Watch	

		or sells restaurant-type food to the consumer to include on all of its menus written notification of the major food allergens contained as an ingredient in each menu item, as specified. By expanding the scope of existing crimes and by imposing new duties on local health officials, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.		
<u>SB 99</u>	Blakespear	Family childcare homes: United States Armed Forces: Existing law requires the CA Dept of Social Services to license and regulate family daycare homes. This bill would exempt from state licensure a family childcare home certified as a family childcare provider by a branch of the U.S. military and who exclusively provides care for military families (thereby eliminating the redundancy of licensing through the state). The bill would also require the local bases to notify DSS with a list of certified childcare homes that will be exempt, as well as report incidents, post notices on the status of the facility, and certify that they meet California health and safety requirements. The bill also gives priority to these daycare homes for annual DSS inspections, including if they are participating in a QRIS.	Held in Sen. Approps.	Folder
<u>SB 228</u>	Cervantes	Comprehensive perinatal services program: This bill would transfer the administration of the program for CDPH to DHCS and authorize DHCS to enter into MOU or interagency agreement with CDPH to implement the program as needed.	Held in Asm Approps 8/29/2025.	Folder

SB 257	Wahab	Pregnancy As a Recognized Event for	Enrolled 9/17/25.		
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		make pregnancy a triggering event for purposes of			
		enrollment or changing a health benefit plan. The			
		bill would prohibit a health care service plan			
		contract or disability insurance policy issued,			
		amended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2026,			
		that provides coverage for maternity services or			
		newborn and pediatric care services from taking			
		specified actions based on the circumstances of			
		conception, including denying, limiting, or seeking			
		reimbursement for maternity services or newborn			
		and pediatric care services because the enrollee or			
		insured is acting as a gestational carrier.			
SB 324	Menjivar	Medi-Cal: enhanced care management and	Held in Asm.	Support	Folder
		community supports: this bill would require a Medi-	Approps		
		Cal managed care plan, for purposes of covering	8/29/2025.		
		the ECM benefit, or if it elects to cover a community			
		support, to contract with community providers, as			
		defined, whenever those providers are available in			
		the respective county and have experience in			
		providing the applicable ECM or community			
		support, and can demonstrate that they are			
		capable of providing access and meeting quality			
		requirements in accordance with Medi-Cal			
		guidelines.			
SB 626	Smallwood-	Maternal health screenings and treatment: This bill	Inactive file	Support	Folder
	Cuevas	Revises an existing requirement on health plans	9/3/25.		
		and insurers relating to maternal mental health			
		(MMH) screenings to require case management and			
		care coordination and guidelines and standards			

		appropriate to the provider's license, training, and scope of practice, as specified. Encourages health plans and insurers to provide coverage for at least one medication approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for perinatal mental health (PMH) and for at least one FDA-approved digital therapeutic for perinatal mental health.			
SB 669	McGuire	Rural hospitals: standby perinatal medical services: this bill would require CDPH to establish a 5-year pilot project to establish standby perinatal medical services. To qualify, critical access and individual and small system rural hospitals would have to meet specified requirements, including that the hospital (1) be greater than 60 minutes from the nearest hospital providing full maternity services, (2) not have closed a full maternity or labor and delivery department within the past 3 years, and (3) agree to provide routine labor and delivery services or have an agreement with a freestanding birth center, as specified. The bill would require a hospital selected for a pilot program to comply with certain requirements, including among others, having and maintaining specified staff, services, and equipment. The bill would require a physician, as specified, to have overall responsibility for a pilot program under these provisions. This bill contains other related provisions.	Enrolled 9/16/25.	Support	Folder
SB 707	Durazo	Open meetings: meeting and teleconference requirements: This bill would, beginning July 1, 2026, and until January 1, 2030, require an eligible legislative body, as defined, to comply with	Enrolled 9/23/25	Watch	

		additional meeting requirements, including that, except as specified, all open and public meetings include an opportunity for members of the public to attend via a 2-way telephonic service or a 2-way audiovisual platform, as defined, and that the eligible legislative body take specified actions to encourage residents to participate in public meetings, as specified. The bill would require an eligible legislative body, on or before July 1, 2026, to approve at a noticed public meeting in open session a policy regarding disruption of telephonic or internet services occurring during meetings subject to these provisions, as specified, and would require the eligible legislative body to comply with certain requirements relating to disruption, including for certain disruptions, recessing the open session for at least one hour and making a good faith attempt to restore the service, as specified.			
SB 716	Durazo	CA home internet lifeline act: This bill would require the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to include standalone broadband internet access service as a class of lifeline service, as part of the California Lifeline program. This bill establishes specified requirements for an internet service provider (ISP) participating in the program, including among other things, offering at least one internet service plan that provides broadband internet access service at a speed of at least 100 megabits per second downstream and 20 megabits	Inactive file 9/11/25.	Support	Folder

		per second upstream and costs thirty dollars (\$30) or less per month.		
SB 778	Limón	Migrant childcare and development programs: Existing law, the Child Care and Development Services Act, requires the State Department of Social Services to administer childcare and development programs, including, among others, migrant childcare and development programs. Existing law, for purposes of migrant childcare and development programs, defines a "migrant agricultural worker family" as a family that has earned at least 50% of its total gross income from employment in fishing, agriculture, or agriculturally related work during the 12-month period immediately preceding the date of application for childcare and development services. Existing law requires the children of these families to be enrolled in child development programs on the basis of specified priorities, including priority to children whose families move from place to place. This bill would instead define a "migrant agricultural worker family" as a family with at least one individual who has earned at least 40% of their total gross income from employment in fishing, agriculture, or agriculturally related work during the 12-month period immediately preceding the date of application for childcare and development services. The bill would authorize the individual to obtain and provide specified documentation	Enrolled 9/17/25.	

		necessary to establish their current income eligibility.			
SB 792	Arreguín	Childcare: state median income threshold: this bill updates the income cap for California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Stage 3 childcare services, and for disenrollment from subsidized childcare programs, from 70% to 85% of the state median income (SMI). Clarifies that for reimbursement purposes, "attendance" includes excused absences for medical and educational appointments, and days when a provider is required to hold a child's space while the family is presumed to have abandoned care or is appealing disenrollment. Extends family fee exemptions from 12 to 24 months for children referred for, or at risk of, receiving child protective services.	Chaptered 10/1/25.	Support	Folder
SCR 9	Weber Pierson	Would proclaim January 23, 2025, as Maternal Health Awareness Day.	Chaptered		



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2026 MEETING CALENDAR

TIME: 11:00 AM-12:30 PM LOCATION: First 5 Community Room 2750 Gateway Oaks Dr., #330, Sacramento, CA 95833

FREQUENCY: Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of every other month

Meeting Date
FEBRUARY18, 2026
APRIL15, 2026
JUNE 17, 2026
AUGUST19, 2026
OCTOBER 21, 2026
DECEMBER 16, 2026