

California Legislature



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California Life Sciences

California Life Sciences Institute (CLS) is a membership organization which advocates for effective national, state, and local public policies and support entrepreneurs and life sciences businesses.

CLS represents California’s life sciences industry, including biotechnology, pharmaceutical, medical device, and diagnostics companies, as well as research universities, institutes, investors, and service providers.

CLS works with government, business, academia, and other stakeholders to shape public policy for all areas of the life sciences. CLS lobbies for public policy in areas such as drug pricing, patient access, health equity, and mental health.

CLS is comprised of government relations professionals located across five locations, including four in California. One of CLS' offices is based in Sacramento and works closely with legislators to lobby for public policy. CLS is also based in Washington, D.C., and engages with federal policymakers. The team's efforts involve lobbying, strategic collaborations, and public affairs campaigns, working alongside academia, industry, and government entities. At the federal level, the CLS Federal Legislative Committee is the primary means for its membership to discuss the policy items that the CLS focuses on. The Federal Legislative Committee meets monthly,

CLS hosts over 70 events annually, including conferences, webinars, and lectures, providing learning opportunities for members of the life sciences community.

CLS was founded in 2015 following the merger of the Bay Area Bioscience Association (BayBio) and the California Healthcare Institute (CHI). It is the largest and most influential life sciences advocacy and business leadership organization in the state.