

Public Policy:

Final Update of Lobby Days

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A Final Update on our 2025 Lobby Days--

AAUW California advocates came out in full strength on April 8th and 9th to participate in Lobby Days 2025. A total of 197 people representing 66 branches, including our Public Policy Interns and other college students, turned out to advance our priority legislation. 84 people came to Sacramento on April 8th to meet in-person with legislative offices; 104 people held virtual meetings via Zoom on April 9th; and 9 people met with district offices. Because many offices prefer to keep their calendars open until the last minute, our committee worked furiously right up until the day of the event to schedule meetings. Meetings were requested with all 120 legislative offices, and 94 meetings were secured. In other words, we met with 78% of all legislative offices --a record for AAUW California!

ALSO:

Shortly after our Lobby Days event, we learned that AB 579 was dead. (*AAUW lobbied the legislators to oppose*) The bill was held in the Assembly Rules Committee and was not referred to a policy committee, effectively killing the bill. (*AAUW had lobbied the legislators to OPPOSE this bill*). We quickly replaced AB 579 with AB 1098 (Fong) "Title IX and the California Sex Equity in Education Act" as our third "A" priority bill. AB 1098 would expand protections for pregnant graduate students and institute protections for pregnant undergraduate students, prohibiting secondary educational institutions from discriminating against a student based on their current, potential, or past pregnancy or pregnancy-related conditions.

AND:

We invite you to track the progress of our top three bills, and all of the bills on our Legislative Agenda, by viewing the [2025 Bill Tracking Report](#). The report will continue to be updated as the bills move through the legislative process, so you can always check back to see the latest status.

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