

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2025-2026 SIMULATION SESSION

SENATE BILL

NO 25

Introduced by Senator Padilla

Co-Sponsored by Senator Wiener, Senator Stern,

October 1, 2025

An act to amend SB53 through the addition of Section 1, Point A.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SB 25, as introduced, Senator Padilla. Artificial Intelligence: Frontier Models.

Existing law requires the Department of Technology to conduct, in coordination with other interagency bodies as it deems appropriate, a comprehensive inventory of all high-risk automated decision systems that have been proposed for use, development, or procurement by, or are being used, developed, or procured by, any state agency.

Existing law defines “automated decision system” as a computational process derived from machine learning, statistical modeling, data analytics, or artificial intelligence (AI) that issues simplified output, including a score, classification, or recommendation, that is used to assist or replace human discretionary decisionmaking and materially impacts natural persons. Existing law defines “artificial intelligence” as an engineered or machine-based system that varies in its level of autonomy and that can, for explicit or implicit objectives, infer from the input it receives how to generate outputs that can influence physical or virtual environments.

Existing law, the Generative Artificial Intelligence Accountability Act, among other things, requires the Department of Technology, under the guidance of the Government Operations Agency, the Office of Data and Innovation, and the Department of Human Resources, to update the report to the Governor, as required by Executive Order No. N-12-23, as prescribed, and requires the Office of Emergency Services to perform, as appropriate, a risk analysis of potential threats posed by the use of generative AI to California’s critical infrastructure, including those that could lead to mass casualty events.

This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would establish safeguards for the development of AI frontier models and that would build state capacity for the use of AI, that may include, but is not limited to, the findings of the Joint California Policy Working Group on AI Frontier Models established by the Governor.

Vote: Majority Appropriation: No Fiscal Committee: No Local Program: No

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would establish safeguards for the development of artificial intelligence (AI) frontier models and that would build state capacity for the use of AI, that may include, but is not limited to, the findings of the Joint California Policy Working Group on AI Frontier Models, established by the Governor.

- (A) *Furthermore, the Legislature declares its intent to uphold its responsibilities towards public wellbeing and is willing to restrict the provision of public resources and infrastructure towards the implementation of AI Frontier Models under select circumstances. Should the construction and use of AI models come into conflict with the ethical standards, economic needs and safety of Californian citizens and their families, revocation of state support is expected.*