

SISTER WARRIORS FREEDOM COALITION POLICY PLATFORM 2026



AB 464 SEXUAL ASSAULTS IN PRISON (AGUIAR- CURRY)	This bill would require the California Department of Corrections to closely monitor an incarcerated person who reports sexual assault, protecting them from potential staff retaliation and preventing transfers to another facility without their consent unless their safety is at risk; essentially aiming to enhance protections for incarcerated individuals reporting sexual assault within the prison system. It also extends the civil statute of limitations for survivors until after they leave custody, allowing survivors more time to pursue legal action.
SB 337 SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION IN PRISONS (MENJIVAR)	This bill works to ensure all incarcerated individuals within the California Department of Corrections are serving their time in a safe environment conducive to rehabilitation. It seeks to expand the protections for incarcerated people by providing more oversight of body searches, closing loopholes in body-worn camera policy, extending the window for individuals to file grievances, and requiring staff with personal conflicts to recuse themselves from investigations of staff abuse. It also requires higher standards for prison staff hiring and firing.
AB 2014 THE GENDER JUSTICE ACT (ELHAWARY)	This bill creates a stricter “gatekeeping” process for evidence that relies on gender stereotypes by requiring judges to presume such evidence has minimal value. It mandates a separate hearing where the court must weigh the evidence against the risk of “undue prejudice,” explicitly allowing for scientific research on gender bias to inform the decision this bill also expands habeas corpus rights, giving incarcerated people a new path to challenge their convictions if they can prove that the use of gender-biased evidence or arguments by the prosecution likely changed the outcome of their trial.
AB 1886 ENDING ENDLESS PROBATION FOR ALL YOUTH. (ELHAWARY)	This bill is a follow-up bill to AB 1376, which passed and was signed into law in 2025. Thanks to AB 1376, non-custodial youth probation terms are limited to 12 months unless the court determined that extending probation is in the best interest of the youth and the public. Youth probation conditions must also be individually tailored, developmentally appropriate, proportional, and not excessive. AB 1886 reverses the current exclusion of youth in out-of-home placements (foster youth on probation) and youth transitioning from Secure Youth Treatment Facilities (SYTFs) from the safeguards established by AB 1376 (2025).

****Our policy team stands firmly against harmful policies presented in the legislature and fights back against bad bills that could harm our progress and set our communities back.***