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**A NEW DELEGATE'S GUIDE
TO GETTING CADEM TO
ENDORSE A BILL**

CADEM LEGISLATION COMMITTEE



Every year, CADEM's Legislation Committee receives legislative bills to review, discuss and potentially endorse. CADEM's Legislation Committee submission guidelines are based on the fact that our party is interconnected by groups of people. If your chartered organization is interested in submitting a bill for review by the Committee, please follow the steps below: here are the ways that you can try to get your bill endorsed.

A. Contact the bill's legislative author:

Prior to submitting the bill, contact the author of the bill to ensure that the legislator would like to bring the bill up for endorsement consideration by the California Democratic Party. You should make sure that they would want the bill to be endorsed by the party. Legislators are given the opportunity to bring up other bills into consideration with the Party as well. Therefore, a discussion should be in order to ensure that they welcome the endorsement of the Party for your priority bill.

B. Attend a Caucus Meeting:

Attend a Caucus meeting to discuss bringing up the bill for endorsement consideration. Each Caucus is able to seek endorsement of 12 bills per calendar year. If you are passionate about an issue, chances are you will find like minded people. If you don't get support of your bill through a Caucus, it may mean that the bill isn't a priority.

C. Attend a County Central Committee:

Attend a County Central Committee to get support for a bill. All Central Committees can submit two bills and are able to submit a bill for every two assembly districts in the county. For example: San Francisco could submit 3 bills for consideration because that county has two assembly members.

D. Attend an Organization Chartered by the Party:

Attend an organization chartered by the Party. Chartered organizations are able to seek endorsements for 12 bills per year. A chartered organization can be an organization like the California Young Democrats, the Stonewall Democrats, etc. They can also seek endorsement of 12 bills a year.

Regardless of the path you choose to have a bill endorsed, your bill **MUST** be submitted 30 days prior to the meeting of the Legislation Committee in order to not be considered late. Late submitted bills may or may not be taken up at the meeting. During the meeting, the timely and properly submitted bills will have the opportunity to be heard.

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