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Legislative Impact: MENOPAUSE

Close the Gap Legislators are leading the growing wave of menopause legislation championed by women lawmakers across the U.S.

Most bills address menopause-related:

- insurance coverage
- awareness and education
- clinician training
- workplace considerations

Even bills that do not become law change the conversation - a win for menopause advocacy.

CNN

'A national movement': More than a dozen states consider laws around menopause care and training for doctors

Legislative Women's Caucus Announces 2025 Priority Bill Package

(SACRAMENTO, CA) — The California Legislative Women's Caucus (LWC) has announced its 2025 priority bill package—11 member-authored bills chosen by a caucus-wide vote. The package focuses on advancing early childhood education, bolstering women's economic security, protecting vulnerable women, and closing gaps in maternal and **menopause care.**



"My menopause bill is back, stronger than ever, and as a Legislative Women's Caucus priority to ensure that California prioritizes women's health throughout all stages of life. Although menopause is a natural occurrence that affects 50% of the population, it has not been adequately researched or covered."

- **Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan** (CTG Class of 2018)

Asm. Bauer-Kahan's bill was born out of her own experiences having perimenopausal symptoms dismissed by doctors, illustrating the importance of electing women.

In the 2025-26 session so far, **CTG Legislators have introduced 3 menopause-related bills:**

- **AB 432 (Bauer-Kahan): The Menopause Care Equity Act** expands coverage and education to close the care gap for millions of women, mandates coverage for menopause evaluation and treatment options.
- **AB 360 (Papan): Menopause training for providers** enhances physician training on menopause, ensuring Californians get the care they need.
- **SB 418 (Menjivar): Health care coverage: prescription hormone therapy and nondiscrimination** increases access to prescription hormone therapy, which affects individuals experiencing perimenopause and menopause.