

2025 Lobby Days

Welcome to Lobby Days 2025!

Thank you very much for volunteering to participate in Lobby Days 2025. This annual act of advocacy would not be possible without you. The AAUW California Public Policy Committee appreciates your passion and commitment to advance gender equity and make the world a better place for all women and girls.

We have 80 people registered to lobby **in-person** at the Capitol on **April 8th**, and 105 people registered to lobby virtually **via Zoom** on **April 9th**. In addition to our amazing AAUW members, we would like to extend our heartfelt welcome to several college students who will be joining us, including three interns who have been doing some fantastic work on behalf of the Public Policy Committee.

Below are some details about the event:

- Teams have been formed based on shared legislators where possible. We have tried to keep branch members together, again where possible. Teams typically consist of 3-5 members, and a Team Leader has been designated for every team.
- Team Leader responsibilities can be found <u>here</u>.
- We are working to schedule legislative office meetings, and will provide details of your meeting(s) day/time and location/Zoom link as soon as these are available.
- We hope to schedule 3 meetings for in-person teams and 1-2 meetings for Zoom teams.
- The purpose of Lobby Days is to convey AAUW California's message to our elected officials by advancing our priority bills and asking for their support. In order to do this, we need to defer to members' schedules. Most meetings will be with staff. Flexibility is key to making this work for everyone.

We will discuss three priority bills on Lobby Days:

- AB 579 (oppose)
- SB 418 (support)
- SB 771 (support) (AAUW California sponsored)

Bill fact sheets and talking points will be posted here by March 30th.

Our committee will be reviewing all this information with you at the mandatory training webinar on Monday, March 31st at 7:00 pm. If you haven't yet done so, please register for the webinar <u>HERE</u>. We look forward to seeing you then.