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Agenda Item 6e (Consent/Information)

TO: Local Agency Formation Commission

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MEETING DATE: August 3, 2026

SUBJECT: Legislative Report

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY

This is a consent item for information purposes only. Accordingly, if interested, the Commission is invited to pull this item for additional discussion with the concurrence of the Chair. No formal action will be taken as part of this item.

The Commission previously established an ad hoc Legislative Committee to advise staff with respect to legislative items related to LAFCO. Commissioners Kahn and Oro were appointed to the Legislative Committee.

As of the 2025–2026 legislative session, the California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO) actively tracks approximately 18 to 21 bills that impact LAFCOs. Their tracking centers primarily on local government structure, transparency laws, and land use boundaries. CALAFCO's positions generally fall into four categories: Support, Oppose, Watch, and Neutral.

Given that Napa LAFCO is not a member of CALAFCO, the Commission's access to daily legislative tracking reports is limited. The most current available CALAFCO legislative tracking report is dated May 13, 2026 and included as Attachment 1.

A summary of key bills tracked and core positions taken by CALAFCO follows.

1. Open Meetings & Brown Act Transparency (Positions: Neutral to Watch)

- **AB 259 (Rubio):** Teleconference options for local agencies. CALAFCO is tracking this bill as it navigates modern rules for hybrid public engagement and structural modifications following the implementation of major Brown Act overhauls.
- **SB 707 Compliance:** Following the sweeping Brown Act teleconference rules that took effect earlier this year, CALAFCO is heavily monitoring follow-up structural trailer bills ensuring LAFCOs stay compliant with new uniform public access laws.

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2. Special District Governance (Position: Oppose)

- **Childcare and Regional Special Districts:** CALAFCO maintains strict opposition to bills that attempt to bypass the traditional LAFCO process to independently establish or expand governing boundaries, such as creating separate regional child care taxing districts without local commission input.

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ATTACHMENT

1) CALAFCO Legislative Tracking Report dated May 13, 2026