

The U.S. National AI Legislative Framework

The White House just released the biggest shift in U.S. AI governance since the 2023 AI Executive Order. Here is what CTOs and CCOs need to know, and what your compliance team should do this quarter.

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THE HEADLINE

The Framework calls on Congress to pass a **single federal AI law** and preempt all state level AI regulation.

If adopted, dozens of live and upcoming state frameworks could be superseded overnight, including Colorado's AI Act, Texas TRAIGA, and a pipeline of others across the country.

01 · STATE LAWS IN PLAY

Still in effect. Still enforceable.

Preemption is a proposal, not a fact. These regimes remain the law of the land today, and your obligations under them have not changed.

LIVE JUNE 30

Colorado AI Act

CONSUMER PROTECTION

Algorithmic discrimination obligations for developers and deployers of high risk AI systems. Risk assessments, impact notices, and attorney general enforcement.

LIVE NOW

Texas TRAIGA

RESPONSIBLE AI GOVERNANCE

Transparency, prohibited uses, and documentation duties for AI systems used in employment, housing, and government decision making across Texas.

2025 - 2026

Dozens more

NY · CA · IL · VA AND BEYOND

A wave of state bills tracking NIST AI RMF, auditing requirements, and sector specific rules. Many advance quarterly.

All of these remain in effect today. Federal preemption, if it comes, is months to years away.

THE CATCH



The Framework is a non binding recommendation.

It signals direction. It does not change current obligations. Pausing your state level compliance work on the bet that preemption lands is the single biggest risk a CCO can take this year.

02 · WHAT YOUR COMPLIANCE TEAM SHOULD DO

Four moves for this quarter

A playbook that holds up whether preemption advances, stalls, or is passed in a narrower form than proposed.



Do not pause Colorado or Texas work

June 30 is still real. Keep risk assessments, impact notices, and vendor due diligence on track.



Document everything now

Good faith compliance records carry weight under any enforcement regime, state or federal. Build the paper trail before you need it.



Map which state frameworks reference NIST AI RMF

Several offer legal safe harbors today. Alignment with AI RMF is one of the highest leverage moves you can make right now.



Monitor the Hill

If federal legislation advances, your governance program should adapt, not scramble. Assign an owner and a cadence.

THE COMPLIANCE QUESTION JUST CHANGED

OLD QUESTION

"Which law applies to me?"



NEW QUESTION

"How do I build something that holds up no matter what?"