

# Regulatory Bodies & Contacts Reference:

## California AI Oversight (2025)

California's AI regulatory landscape is overseen by several key agencies, each with distinct responsibilities for privacy, civil rights, technology standards, and legal compliance. Below is a summary of the primary regulatory bodies, their functions, and relevant contact points for nonprofits and organizations navigating AI laws and compliance.

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### 1. California Department of Technology

- **Role:** Oversees the safe, ethical, and effective use of AI technologies in the state, including government and public sector standards.
  - **Responsibilities:** Implements AI safety and ethical standards, coordinates public-private partnerships, and advises on technology procurement and deployment.
  - **Contact:**
    - Website: [cdt.ca.gov](https://cdt.ca.gov)
    - General Inquiries: (916) 319-9223
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### 2. California Privacy Protection Agency (CPPA)

- **Role:** Enforces privacy laws, including the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA) and California Privacy Rights Act (CPRA), with specific authority over AI systems handling personal data.
- **Responsibilities:** Issues regulations, investigates complaints, and provides guidance on AI transparency, data protection, and consumer rights.
- **Contact:**

- Website: [cppa.ca.gov](http://cppa.ca.gov)
  - Email: [info@cppa.ca.gov](mailto:info@cppa.ca.gov)
  - Complaint Portal: Available on the CPPA website
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### 3. California Civil Rights Department

- **Role:** Ensures AI systems do not violate civil rights, including protections against algorithmic discrimination under the Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA) and Title VII.
  - **Responsibilities:** Investigates discrimination claims, enforces anti-bias standards, and provides guidance on fair AI use in employment and services.
  - **Contact:**
    - Website: [civildrights.ca.gov](http://civildrights.ca.gov)
    - General Inquiries: (800) 884-1684
    - Email: [contact.center@dfeh.ca.gov](mailto:contact.center@dfeh.ca.gov)
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### 4. California Attorney General's Office

- **Role:** Issues legal advisories, enforces consumer protection, civil rights, competition, and privacy laws as they apply to AI; provides guidance to businesses and nonprofits.
- **Responsibilities:** Publishes legal advisories, investigates violations, and leads on AI-related legal compliance for healthcare, consumer, and business sectors.
- **Contact:**
  - Website: [oag.ca.gov](http://oag.ca.gov)
  - Consumer Protection: (800) 952-5225
  - Email: [piu@doj.ca.gov](mailto:piu@doj.ca.gov)

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## 5. Joint California Policy Working Group on AI Frontier Models

- **Role:** Advises the Governor and Legislature on foundation model regulation, transparency, and risk assessment; includes academic and industry experts.
- **Contact:**
  - Website: [cdt.ca.gov/ai](https://cdt.ca.gov/ai) (for working group reports and updates)

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## 6. Additional Resources

- **Legal Guidance & Advisories:**
  - California AI legal advisories and summaries: [oag.ca.gov/news](https://oag.ca.gov/news)
- **Legislation & Policy Updates:**
  - California Legislative Information: [leginfo.legislature.ca.gov](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov)

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## Summary Table

Regulatory Body	Main Area of Oversight	Website/Contact Info
California Department of Technology	AI safety, ethics, standards	<a href="https://cdt.ca.gov">cdt.ca.gov</a> / (916) 319-9223

California Privacy Protection Agency	Privacy, CCPA/CPRA, AI data use	<a href="https://coppa.ca.gov/">coppa.ca.gov</a> / <a href="mailto:info@coppa.ca.gov">info@coppa.ca.gov</a>
California Civil Rights Department	Anti-discrimination, civil rights	<a href="https://civildrights.ca.gov/">civildrights.ca.gov</a> / (800) 884-1684
California Attorney General's Office	Legal compliance, advisories	<a href="https://oag.ca.gov/">oag.ca.gov</a> / <a href="mailto:piu@doj.ca.gov">piu@doj.ca.gov</a>
Joint Policy Working Group on AI	AI policy, transparency	<a href="https://cdt.ca.gov/ai">cdt.ca.gov/ai</a>

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**Tip:** For nonprofit-specific guidance, start with the California Privacy Protection Agency and the Attorney General's Office, and consult the Department of Technology for technical standards or procurement questions<sup>347</sup>.