

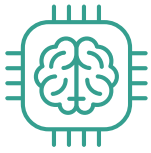
Monthly Update: Artificial Intelligence

Monthly update on executive, legislative, and regulatory movement in the artificial intelligence industry

April 21, 2026

Roadmap

- **Monthly recap**
- Executive order tracker
- Legislative update
- National AI Legislative Framework
- State Policy Watch: Artificial Intelligence



Top issues to watch in artificial intelligence this month

1

Trump admin unveils framework for federal AI policy legislation

The White House is calling for Congress to preempt state AI laws with national legislation that reduces barriers to innovation, streamlines data center expansion, and supports workforce training, while balancing industry flexibility with safeguards for children and consumer energy protections

2

Anthropic could regain Pentagon access as Trump softens stance

After being cut off from federal work and suing the Defense Department for designating the start-up as a supply-chain risk, Anthropic held “productive” talks with the White House as President Trump indicated a potential path to renewed cooperation

3

Maine moves toward landmark statewide moratorium on data centers

Lawmakers approved an 18-month pause on new large-scale data centers requiring significant power use, citing concerns over energy demand, water consumption, and grid strain, as Gov. Janet Mills weighs whether to sign the first-in-the-nation measure

4

Lawmakers voice rising fears over AI in subcommittee roundtable

At a House Oversight subcommittee roundtable discussion on AI and national power, members raised concerns about national security, job disruption, misuse of likenesses, and even existential risks, warning the technology could outpace regulation

5

Anthropic closes revenue gap with OpenAI ahead of anticipated IPOs

New data shows Anthropic has rapidly narrowed the revenue gap with OpenAI as both companies prepare to go public later in 2026, reflecting intensifying competition between the two leading AI firms

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Trump executive orders: artificial intelligence (1/2)

DATE	EXECUTIVE ORDER	DETAILS
1/23/25	President's Council of Advisors on Science and artificial intelligence	Establishes the President's Council of Advisors on Science and artificial intelligence (PCAST) to provide guidance to the president
1/23/25	Removing Barriers to American Leadership In Artificial Intelligence	Revokes prior AI directives and requires White House offices to develop an action plan promoting innovation and competitiveness
6/6/25	Sustaining Select Efforts to Strengthen the Nation's Cybersecurity and Amending Executive Order 13694 and Executive Order 14144	Modifies prior cybersecurity orders to address cyber threats from foreign actors, integrate AI in defense, promote post-quantum crypto, mandate secure software, and limit sanctions to foreign actors
6/6/25	Unleashing American Drone Dominance	Directs streamlined regulations, testing, AI-based approvals, and pilot programs; stated aims are expanding domestic drone use, supporting US-made drones, and promoting exports
7/23/25	Promoting the Export of the American AI artificial intelligence Stack	Establishes an American AI Export program to promote global use of US full-stacks AI artificial intelligence; directs Commerce to seek proposals from industry and use federal financing tools to promote American-made AI abroad
9/30/25	Unlocking Cures for Pediatric Cancer with Artificial Intelligence	Directs the MAHA Commission and agencies to harness AI to accelerate pediatric cancer research and treatment, in line with the implementation of the AI Action Plan



Trump executive orders: artificial intelligence (2/2)

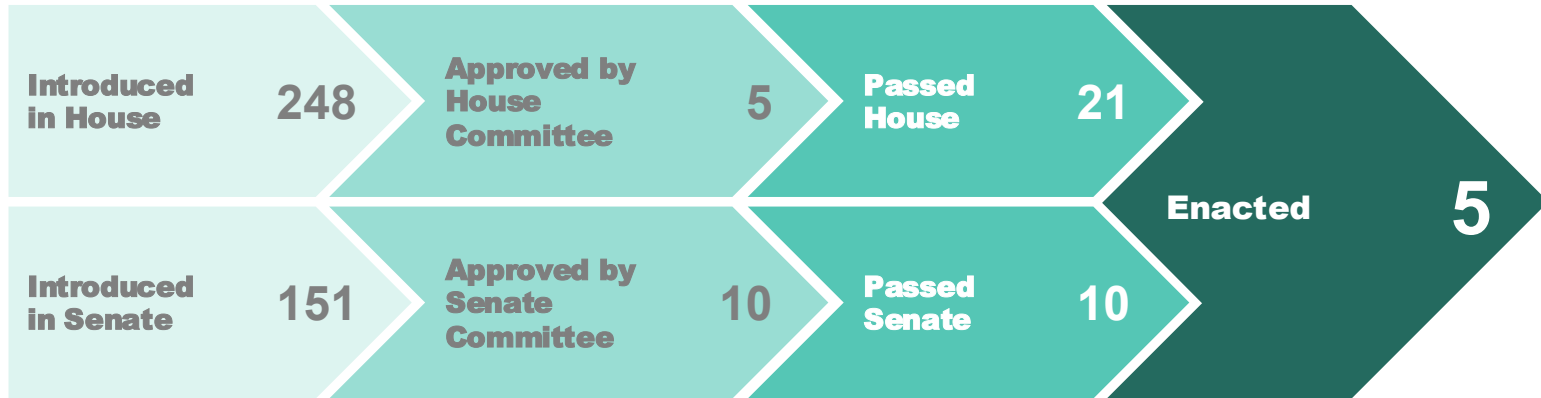
DATE	EXECUTIVE ORDER	DETAILS
11/24/25	Launching the Genesis Mission	Launches the “Genesis Mission” to build an integrated AI supercomputing platform that accelerates scientific discovery by harnessing federal datasets, national labs, and advanced AI
12/11/25	Ensuring a National Policy Framework for Artificial Intelligence	Directs the federal government to promote US leadership in AI by opposing state laws viewed as inconsistent with a national, minimally burdensome AI policy. It establishes processes to review, challenge, and potentially preempt certain state AI regulations while advancing a uniform federal framework
12/18/25	Ensuring American Space Superiority	Sets a national space policy prioritizing expanded human space exploration, strengthened space security, commercial space growth, and advanced technologies, while directing agencies to reform acquisition processes and coordinate implementation

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119th Congress legislative record: Artificial intelligence

TOTAL ACTIVITY FOR THE 119TH CONGRESS



KEY ENACTED BILLS

H.R. 7148: Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026 (*Enacted 2/3/26*)

S. 1071: National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (*Enacted 12/18/25*)

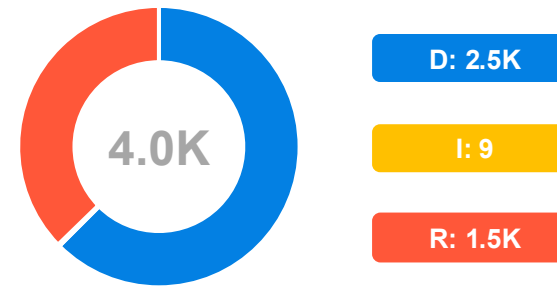
S. 1582: GENIUS Act (*Enacted 7/18/25*)

H.R. 1: An act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of H. Con. Res. 14. (*Enacted 7/4/25*)

S. 146: TAKE IT DOWN Act (*Enacted 5/19/25*)

SPONSORS AND COSPONSORS BY PARTY

CUMULATIVE ENDORSEMENT ACTIONS



*Original

Key bills to watch: Artificial intelligence

LEGISLATION	SPONSOR	LATEST ACTION
H.R. 7148: Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026	Rep. Cole, Tom (R-OK-4)	Enacted (2/3/26)
S.Res. 652: A resolution recognizing the importance of the United States-Japan Alliance and welcoming the ...	Sen. Hagerty, Bill (R-TN)	Passed Senate (3/19/26)
H.R. 5784: AI-WISE Act	Rep. Scholten, Hillary J. (D-MI-3)	Received in Other Chamber (1/26/26)
S.Res. 603: A resolution supporting the observation of National Trafficking and Modern Slavery Prevention ...	Sen. Grassley, Chuck (R-IA)	Passed Senate (2/10/26)
S. 257: Promoting Resilient Supply Chains Act of 2025	Sen. Cantwell, Maria (D-WA)	Received in Other Chamber (7/3/25)
H.R. 3679: Small Business Artificial Intelligence Advancement Act	Rep. Collins, Mike (R-GA-10)	Received in Other Chamber (2/24/26)
H.R. 5764: AI for Main Street Act	Rep. Alford, Mark (R-MO-4)	Received in Other Chamber (1/26/26)
S. 2563: Global Investment in American Jobs Act of 2025	Sen. Young, Todd (R-IN)	Received in Other Chamber (3/24/26)
H.R. 7688: DPA Modernization Act of 2026	Rep. Davidson, Warren (R-OH-8)	Reported to House (4/15/26)
S. 2722: Taiwan Energy Security and Anti-Embargo Act of 2026	Sen. Ricketts, Pete (R-NE)	Reported to Senate (2/10/26)

Top sponsors of artificial intelligence legislation

TOP SPONSORS

KEY SPONSORED LEGISLATION

KEY COMMITTEES



Sen. Young, Todd
R-IN

14 BILLS SPONSORED

S. 2563: Global Investment in American Jobs Act of 2025 (*Received in Other Chamber: 3/24/26*)
S. 3597: National Quantum Initiative Reauthorization Act of 2026 (*Introduced in Senate: 1/8/26*)

Finance
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Small Business and Entrepreneurship
Intelligence



Sen. Rounds, Mike
R-SD

9 BILLS SPONSORED

S. 1085: MedShield Act of 2025 (*Introduced in Senate: 3/14/25*)
S. 438: Cyber PIVOTT Act of 2025 (*Introduced in Senate: 2/5/25*)

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
Armed Services
Appropriations
Indian Affairs
Joint Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe
Intelligence



Rep. Schweikert, David
R-AZ-1

7 BILLS SPONSORED

H.R. 238: Healthy Technology Act of 2025 (*Introduced in House: 1/7/25*)
H.Res. 696: Recognizing the 60th anniversary of independence of ... (*Introduced in House: 9/10/25*)

Ways and Means



Sen. Markey, Edward J.
D-MA

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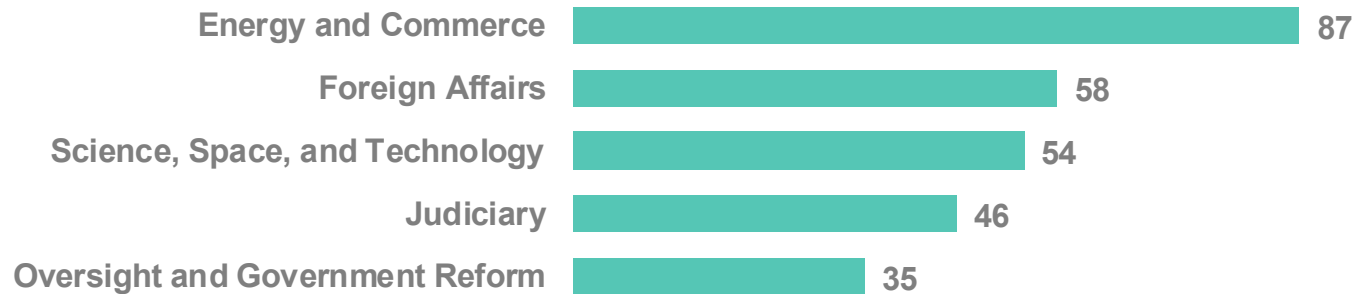
S. 3680: Eliminating Bias in Algorithmic Systems Act of 2026 (*Introduced in Senate: 1/15/26*)
S.Res. 158: A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate ... (*Introduced in House:*)

Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Ranking Member)
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Environment and Public Works
Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Artificial intelligence bills by top committees

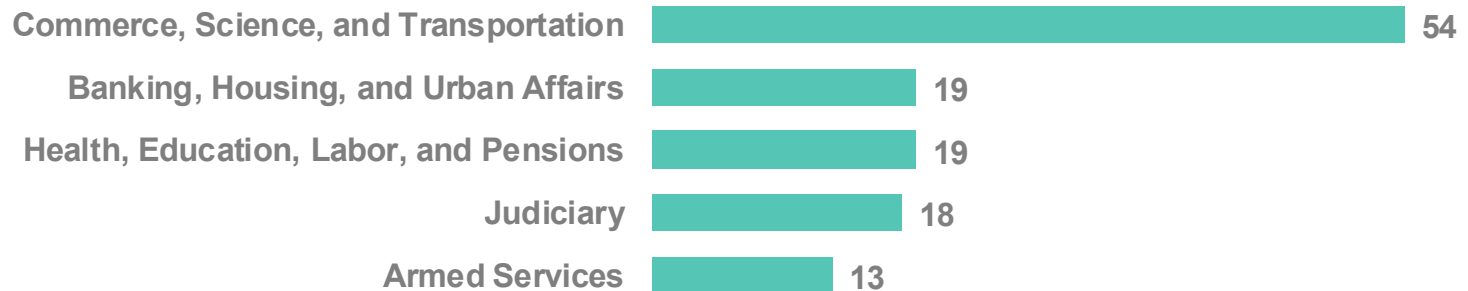
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NUMBER OF BILLS CONSIDERED



TOP SENATE COMMITTEES

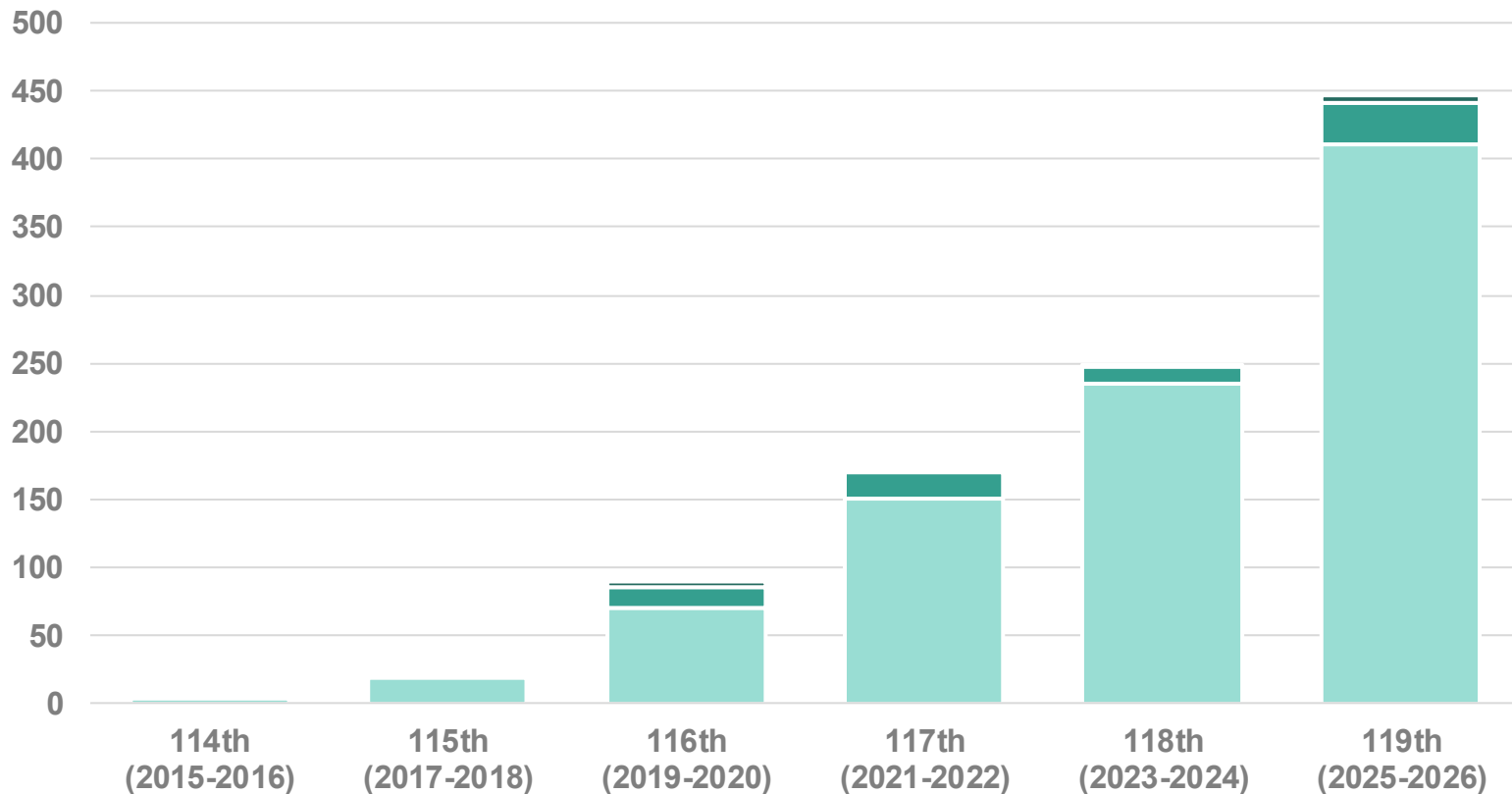
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Activity across congressional sessions: Artificial intelligence

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITY BY THIS POINT IN RECENT SESSIONS

■ Introduced ■ Passed at least one chamber ■ Enacted



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The administration's framework will serve as a **roadmap** for Congress



The Trump administration released a **nonbinding national AI framework** to guide Congress toward a **uniform federal approach**, with emphasis on innovation, safety, and limiting state-level fragmentation

What is this?

- Framework provides **legislative recommendations**, not enforceable policy
- Intended to **inform congressional action**, not direct agencies
- Administration aims to convert framework into legislation in **2026**
- Reflects ongoing push for a **single national AI standard** vs state-led regulation

Core policy pillars

Federal preemption of certain state AI laws



Child safety and parental controls



Free speech and limits on content suppression



Community impacts and infrastructure



Innovation and deployment of AI systems



Intellectual property and creator protections



Workforce development and training

FEDERAL VS. STATE AUTHORITY

1. Strong preference for **national uniformity**
2. Recommends **preempting state AI laws** that create compliance burdens
3. Preserves state authority in **limited areas** (general laws, zoning, government use)
4. Ongoing **uncertainty on enforcement** posture due to delayed federal review of state laws



Key policy provisions: National AI legislative framework (1/2)

Child safety

- Calls for **parental tools** to manage privacy, screen time, and content exposure
- Supports **age assurance mechanisms** for platforms used by minors
- Recommends safeguards addressing **exploitation and self-harm risks**
- Applies **existing child privacy standards** to AI systems

Infrastructure, energy, and communities

- Proposes **requiring companies to supply/pay for data center energy use**
- Supports **streamlined permitting** for on-site power generation
- Emphasizes **grid reliability and cost protections for ratepayers**
- Encourages **AI adoption support for small businesses**

Intellectual property

- Supports allowing **courts to resolve fair use questions** for AI training
- Does not mandate licensing; suggests **voluntary or collective mechanisms**
- Recommends protections against **unauthorized AI-generated likeness/voice replication**

Innovation and oversight

- Calls for **removal of regulatory barriers** and expanded AI deployment
- Supports **regulatory sandboxes and access to federal datasets**
- Favors **existing agencies over creating a new AI regulator**

Key policy provisions: National AI legislative framework (2/2)

Free speech

- Seeks to **limit government influence over AI content moderation**
- Recommends guardrails against **suppression of lawful political expression**
- Supports **mechanisms for individuals to challenge government pressure on platforms**

Workforce

- Recommends integrating AI into **existing education and workforce programs**
- Encourages **skills training and workforce transition research**
- Supports **technical assistance through institutions like land-grant universities**

National security and safety

- Calls for agencies to build **technical capacity to evaluate advanced AI systems**
- Recommends **risk mitigation planning in coordination with developers**
- Addresses **AI-enabled fraud and scams** as a policy priority

WHAT TO WATCH

1. Whether Congress moves toward **incremental vs comprehensive legislation**
2. Outcome of debate over **federal preemption vs state authority**
3. Progress on **child safety and data center energy provisions**
4. Interaction with broader legislative priorities (e.g., SAVE America Act)
5. Timing and content of **Commerce Department review of state AI laws**

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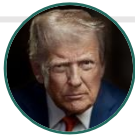
Trump administration unveils preemptive national AI framework as states push ahead on AI regulation



Since taking office, President Trump has issued executive orders advancing a federal AI framework to insulate the tech industry from state laws, and on March 20 unveiled a legislative push to codify these policies, heightening tensions with states pursuing their own AI regulations

90

Artificial intelligence bills enacted by states this legislative session



“The federal government must establish a federal AI policy framework to protect American rights, support innovation, and prevent a fragmented patchwork of state regulations that would hinder our national competitiveness, while respecting federalism and State rights”

- *White House Artificial Intelligence National Policy Framework*

Artificial intelligence background



Trump’s executive actions: National AI action plan focused on innovation and competitiveness, challenging existing state AI laws through litigation, funding leverage, and calls for congressional preemption



State legislative momentum: States are advancing laws on model transparency, chatbot disclosures, political deepfakes, consumer protection, and programmable money - creating an increasingly complex regulatory patchwork

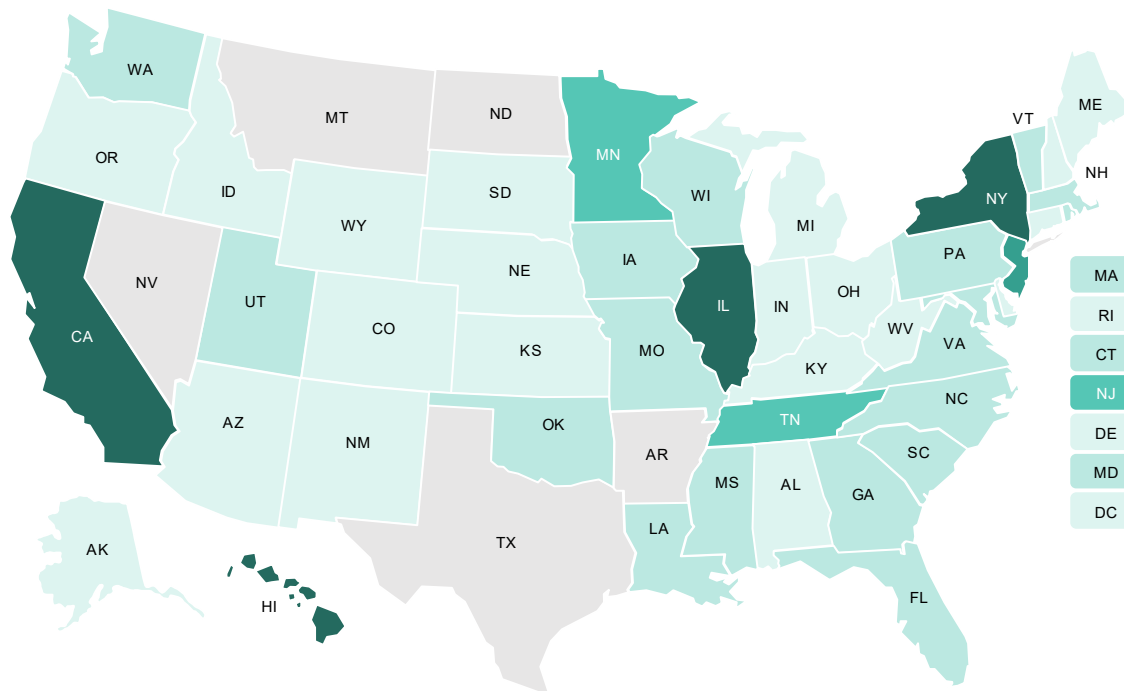


Safety versus innovation debate: State lawmakers argue guardrails are needed to protect consumers and minors, but the administration and industry leaders warn that fragmented state rules risk slowing innovation and undermining US competitiveness

All but five states have introduced AI legislation in 2026, with NY, IL, HI, and CA leading the way

Tracking the number of artificial intelligence bills introduced by state

■ No bills ■ 0-20 ■ 21-40 ■ 41-60 ■ 61-80 ■ 80+



AS OF MARCH 24:

1,330

INTRODUCED

32

SENT TO GOVERNOR

90

ENACTED

162

TABLED, FAILED TO PASS, OR VETOED

Trump's artificial intelligence executive actions emphasize innovation and state deregulation

BACKGROUND



The Trump administration has taken a **strongly pro-innovation** stance on artificial intelligence, signing two major executive orders, one repealing Biden-era AI policies and directing the creation of a **national action plan** to maintain US **global AI dominance**, and another mobilizing the federal government to challenge and **preempt state AI regulations**, a move lauded by the tech industry

EXECUTIVE ACTIONS ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Removing Barriers to American Leadership in Artificial Intelligence (1/23/25)

Revokes prior AI directives deemed barriers to US innovation, directs agencies to review and rescind inconsistent policies, and mandates a national action plan to sustain American AI leadership focused on competitiveness and national security

Status: Trump unveiled an “AI Action Plan” on July 23 encouraging deregulation and infrastructure investment, alongside three executive orders to restrict government use of ideologically biased tools, expedite AI infrastructure, and boost AI exports

Ensuring a National Policy Framework for Artificial Intelligence (12/11/25)

Creates an AI Litigation Task Force to challenge state AI laws deemed harmful to innovation, directs the Commerce Department to withhold BEAD broadband funding from states with conflicting AI regulations, instructs the FTC and FCC to take action against certain state AI output laws, and urges Congress to establish a national framework that would preempt select state measures

Status: On March 20, 2026, President Trump issued a legislative framework for a national AI policy to set uniform guardrails, preempt state laws, address intellectual-property issues, and prevent AI from being used to silence lawful political expression, while urging Congress to codify it in the coming months

Key federal legislation to watch

OVERVIEW



Congress remains active on artificial intelligence but **has not advanced a comprehensive federal framework**. The Trump administration's AI policy blueprint is meant to guide legislation, yet prospects are limited by political divisions, the midterm calendar, and a likely Democratic flip of at least one chamber in November. Republicans' narrow majorities and internal opposition to curbing state authority further complicate progress as the framework lacks Democratic backing.

S. 3952 – Future of Artificial Intelligence Innovation Act of 2026 *(Introduced 02/26/26)*

- This bill would create a federal, largely voluntary AI innovation framework centered on NIST-led standards and testing, public datasets and prize challenges for research, international coordination, and security safeguards, with the goal of speeding US AI development and helping companies of all sizes compete

H.R.5784 - AI-WISE Act *(Passed House 1/20/26)*

- This bill would require the Small Business Administration to publish AI education modules for small businesses on an existing learning platform and create an advisory working group to help cover how AI tools work and how to assess and manage their risks

S.1837 - DEFIANCE Act of 2025 *(Passed Senate 1/13/26)*

- This bill would give victims of nonconsensual intimate deepfakes the right to sue those who create, possess, or distribute such content and recover damages, while strengthening legal protections against image-based sexual abuse

Washington enacts first landmark AI chatbot safety and content disclosure laws



PARTY CONTROL

Senate	DEM
House	DEM
Governor	DEM

SUMMARY

- Gov. Bob Ferguson signed two major AI laws on Mar. 24.
- HB 2225** establishes guardrails for AI companions, including ChatGPT and Claude but excluding narrow-use chatbots like customer service tools:
 - Requires clear, ongoing **disclosure that chatbots are not human** and prohibits impersonation
 - Requires companies to implement protocols to **flag self-harm content** and connect users to mental health services
 - Adds **enhanced protections for minors**, including more frequent disclosures and **bans on sexually explicit content** and manipulative tactics
- HB 1170** increases transparency in AI-generated content:
 - Requires **labeling of AI-generated or modified content** through disclosures, watermarks, or metadata for companies with more than 1 million users

STATUS

HB 2225Introduced
12/31/25Passed House
2/17/26Passed Senate
3/6/26Signed by
Governor

Enacted

HB 1170Introduced
1/6/26Passed House
2/13/26Passed Senate
3/4/26Signed by
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