

Policy Platform

Sister Warriors Freedom Coalition (SWFC) and the Young Women's Freedom Center (YWFC) work to end the criminalization of women, girls, and trans people. Together we are moving forward **Freedom 2030**, a 10-year campaign to end incarceration and criminalization, and replace them with community-based alternatives.



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The priority policy focus areas were determined with our base and include deep investment in our people, families and communities; keeping families together; ending the prison system's ability to profit off of us; and ending extreme sentencing.



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AB 464

Sexual Assaults in Prison

This bill would require the California Department of Corrections (CDCR) to closely monitor an incarcerated person who reports sexual assault, protecting them from potential staff retaliation and preventing transfers to another facility without their consent unless their safety is at risk; essentially aiming to enhance protections for incarcerated individuals reporting sexual assault within the prison system.

Assemblymember
Aguilar-Curry

SB 337

Sexual Assault Prevention in Prisons



This bill works to ensure all incarcerated individuals within the California Department of Corrections are serving their time in a safe environment conducive to rehabilitation. It seeks to expand the protections for incarcerated people by providing more oversight of body searches, closing loopholes in body-worn camera policy, extending the window for individuals to file grievances, and requiring staff with personal conflicts to recuse themselves from investigations of staff abuse. It also requires higher standards for prison staff hiring and firing.

Senator
Menjivar



AB 2014

The Gender Justice Act

This bill creates a stricter "gatekeeping" process for evidence that relies on gender stereotypes by requiring judges to presume such evidence has minimal value.

It mandates a separate hearing where the court must weigh the evidence against the risk of "undue prejudice," explicitly allowing for scientific research on gender bias to inform the decision this bill also expands habeas corpus rights, giving incarcerated people a new path to challenge their convictions if they can prove that the use of gender-biased evidence or arguments by the prosecution likely changed the outcome of their trial.

Assemblymember
Elhawary
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AB 1886

Ending Endless Probation for All Youth

This bill is a follow-up bill to AB 1376, which passed and was signed into law in 2025. Thanks to AB 1376, non-custodial youth probation terms are limited to 12 months unless the court determined that extending probation is in the best interest of the youth and the public. Youth probation conditions must also be individually tailored, developmentally appropriate, proportional, and not excessive.

AB 1886 reverses the current exclusion of youth in out-of-home placements (foster youth on probation) and youth transitioning from Secure Youth Treatment Facilities (SYTFs) from the safeguards established by AB 1376 (2025).

Assemblymember
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Our policy team also stands firmly against harmful policy presented in the legislature and fights back against bad bills that could harm our progress and set our communities back.



For questions about the SWFC Policy Platform, please contact our Political Director, April Grayson (april@sisterwarriors.org).

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