

**AB 1958 (kalra) will not be moving forward, but  
the fight for racial justice in our courts is far from over.**

Initiate Justice is deeply disappointed by the outcome of AB 1958 by Assemblymember Ash Kalra. This measure intended to increase fairness and racial equity within California's justice system by strengthening the California Racial Justice Act. On Thursday, May 20th, 2026, AB 1958 was held on the Assembly Floor— it will not be moving forward.

While this outcome is not what we hoped and fought for, it does not diminish the importance of the California Racial Justice Act or the urgent need for continued action. There was both strong support for this bill and active opposition efforts as this bill moved through the legislature. **The debate surrounding AB 1958 makes clear that the fight for racial justice in our courts is far from over.**

Meaningful change has never come easily. It requires persistent advocacy, and the collective voices of those directly impacted by injustice. **Moments like this remind us why it is so important to remain engaged, continue telling our stories, and make our voices heard at every level of the policymaking process.**

At a time when efforts to address racial inequities are being challenged across the country, this work is more important than ever. We must stand firm against racial bias and remain courageous in our efforts toward fairness and dignity for all Californians.

We are grateful to the bill's author, Assemblymember Ash Kalra, legislative champions who supported this bill, coalition partners, impacted community members, and all those who worked tirelessly in support of this effort. Although AB 1958 did not advance this year, Initiate Justice remains steadfast in our commitment to end racial bias and discrimination throughout California's legal system.

**This setback is not the end of the conversation. It is a reminder that the work must continue, and we will continue it together.**