

NCDA Government Relations Committee

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Policy Intelligence Report

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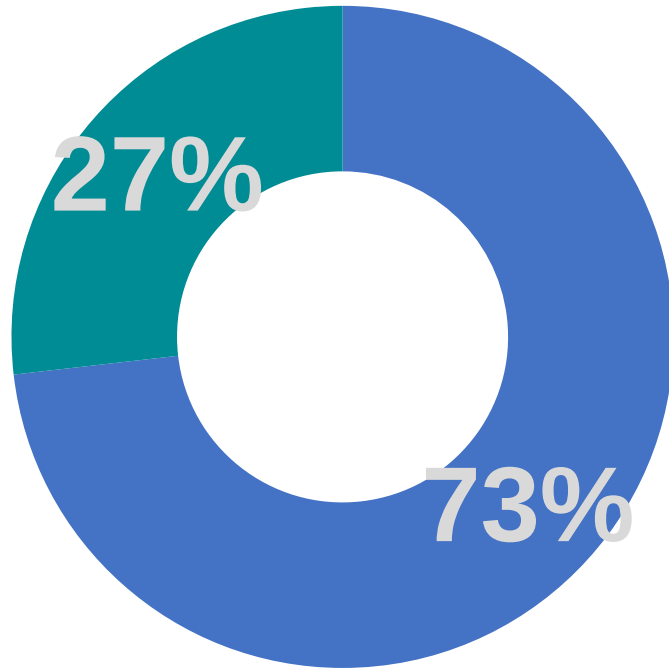
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NCDA GRC Policy-Intelligence Baseline

220 records in the Sept 2026 snapshot



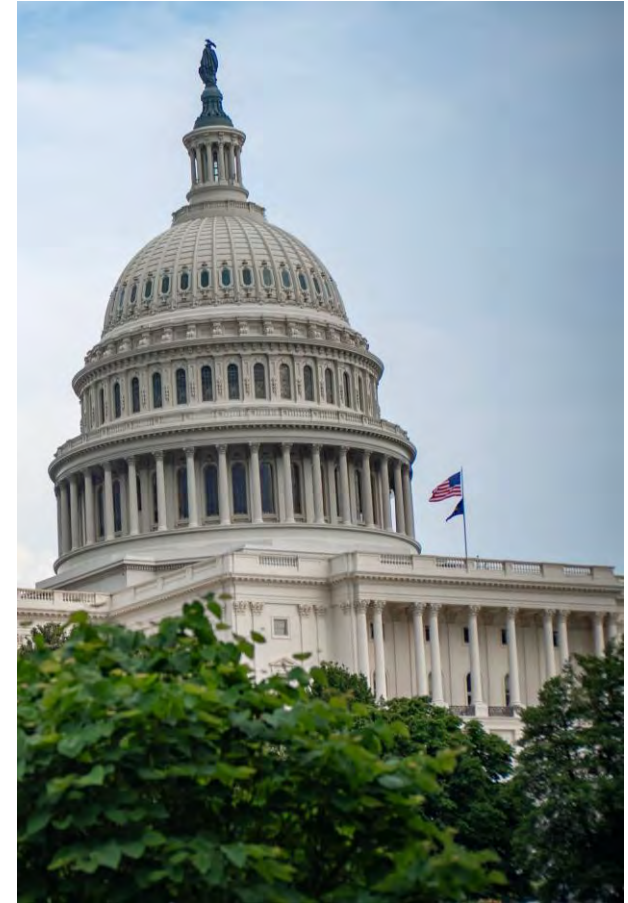
■ Bills ■ Non-bills

161
Bills

59
Non-bills

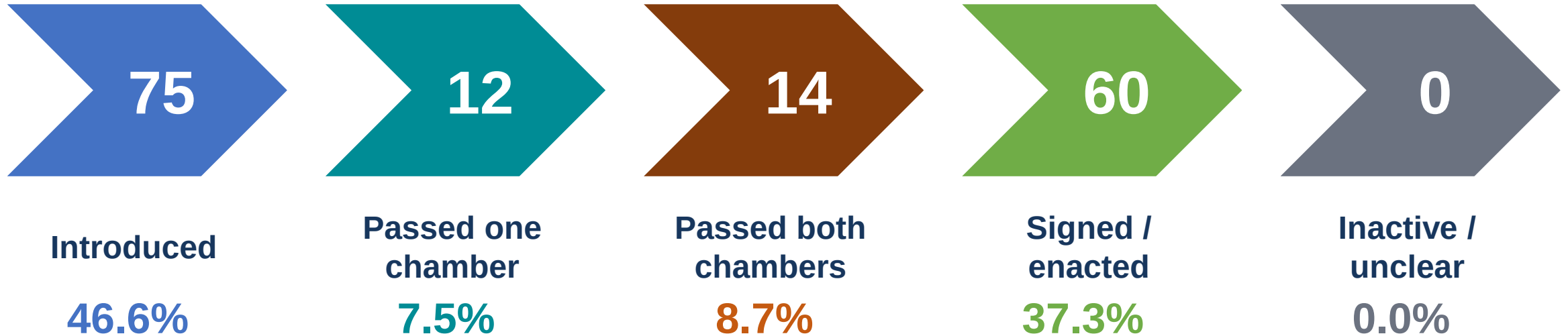
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Policies with
significant
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provisions



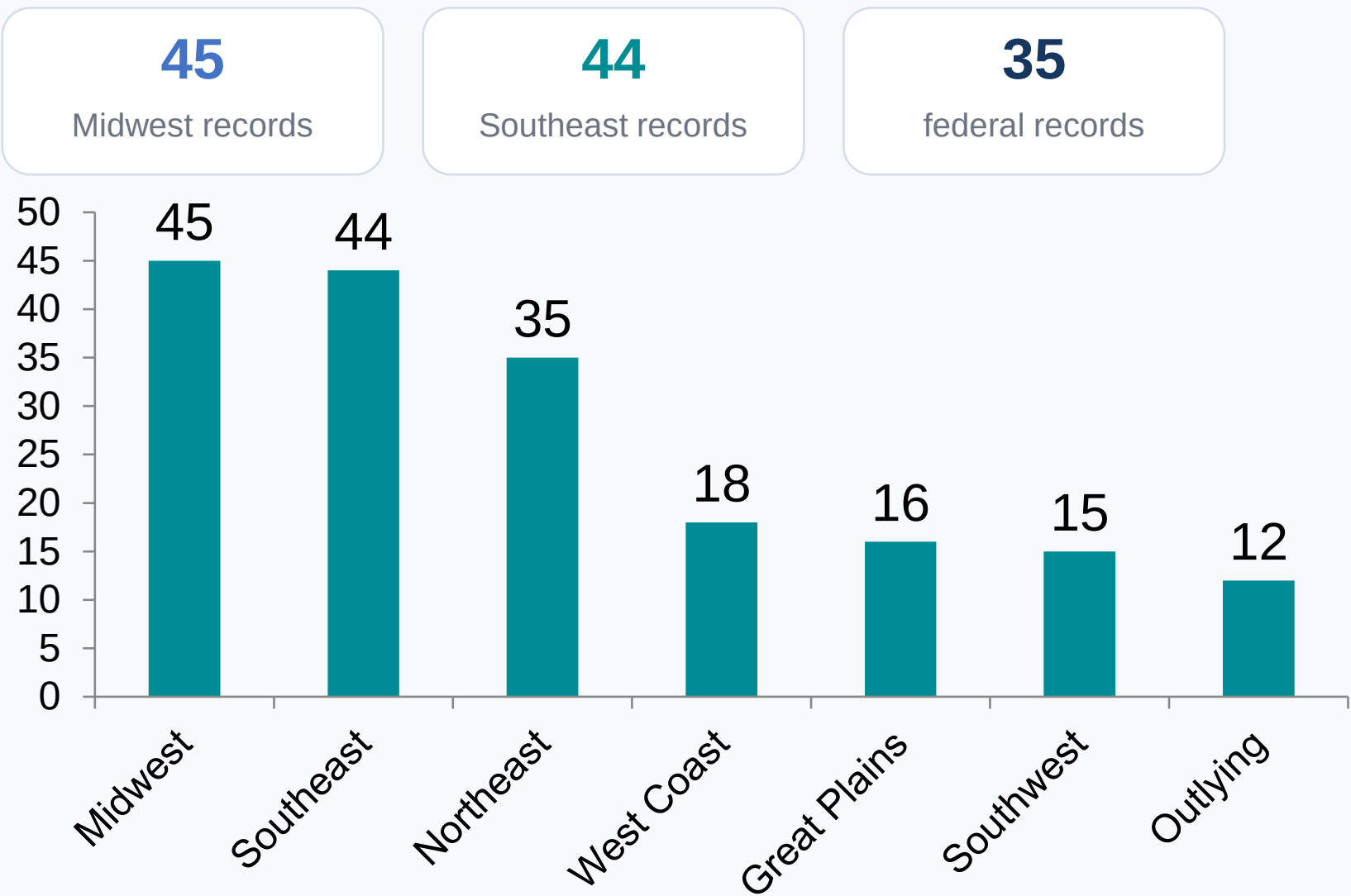
Where the bill portfolio stands

37% are signed; 11% have passed at least one chamber but are not yet signed.



Geographic Scope and Regional Policy Landscape

Regional counts must be read with coverage controls



Regional volume is a workload signal, not evidence that one region is more important or active.

Policy Breakdown by NCDA Consistency Group Interest

School Career Counselors & Specialists

84

K-12 pathways | Work-based learning | School counseling

Higher Education Career Counselors & Specialists

51

Postsecondary success | Licensure & mobility | Institutional capacity

Private Practice, Business/Industry & Agencies

46

Employer practices | Small business | Technology & AI

Graduate Students

24

Graduate research | Postsecondary access | International talent

Counselor Educators & Researchers

15

Practice standards | Equal opportunity | Mental health

Policy Exemplars by NCDA Constituency Group

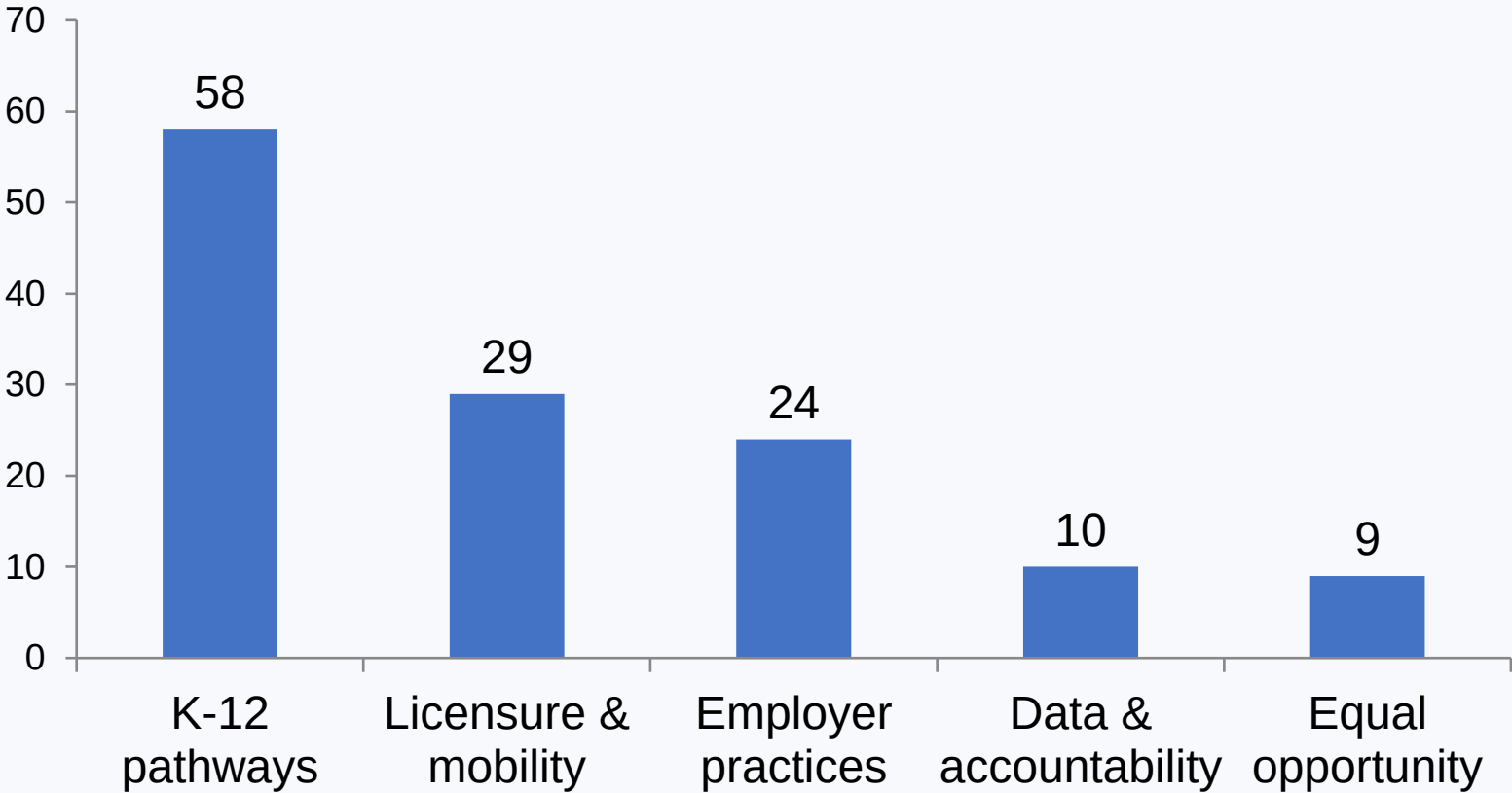
	FEDERAL 119th Congress	STATE JURISDICTION
School Career Counselors & Specialists	S. 1048 Connecting Small Businesses with CTE Graduates Act	California AB 1904 Credentialed educator apprenticeship programs
Higher Education Career Counselors & Specialists	S. 1610 Pell Grant tax-exclusion expansion	New York A. 7613-B Alternative CPA licensure pathways
Private Practice, Business/Industry & Agencies	H.R. 1 / P.L. 119-21 Federal workforce and student-aid provisions	California AB 2013 Generative-AI training-data transparency
Graduate Students	H.Res. 417 NSF 75th anniversary and research-enterprise recognition	New York A. 7613-B Education-to-profession pathway reform
Counselor Educators & Researchers	H.R. 8736 Equal opportunity: workplace choice for adults with disabilities	Michigan HB 4591 Counseling Compact and interstate practice privilege

Bills Analysis

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Total bill records

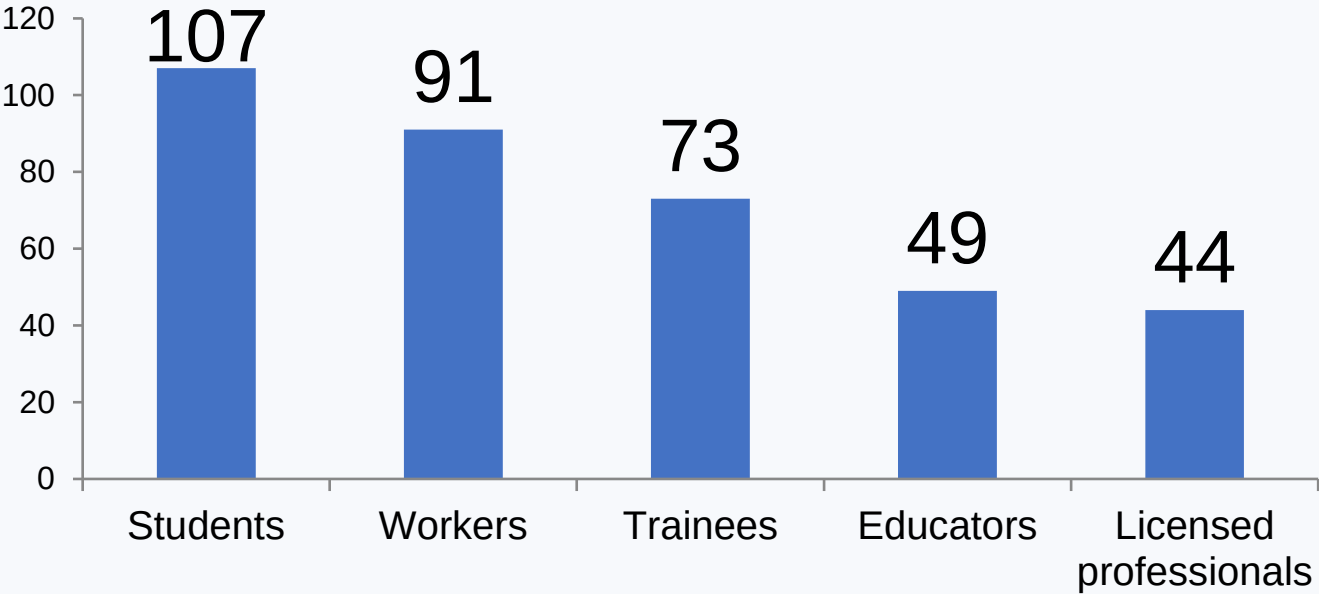
126
state/territorial bills

35
federal bills



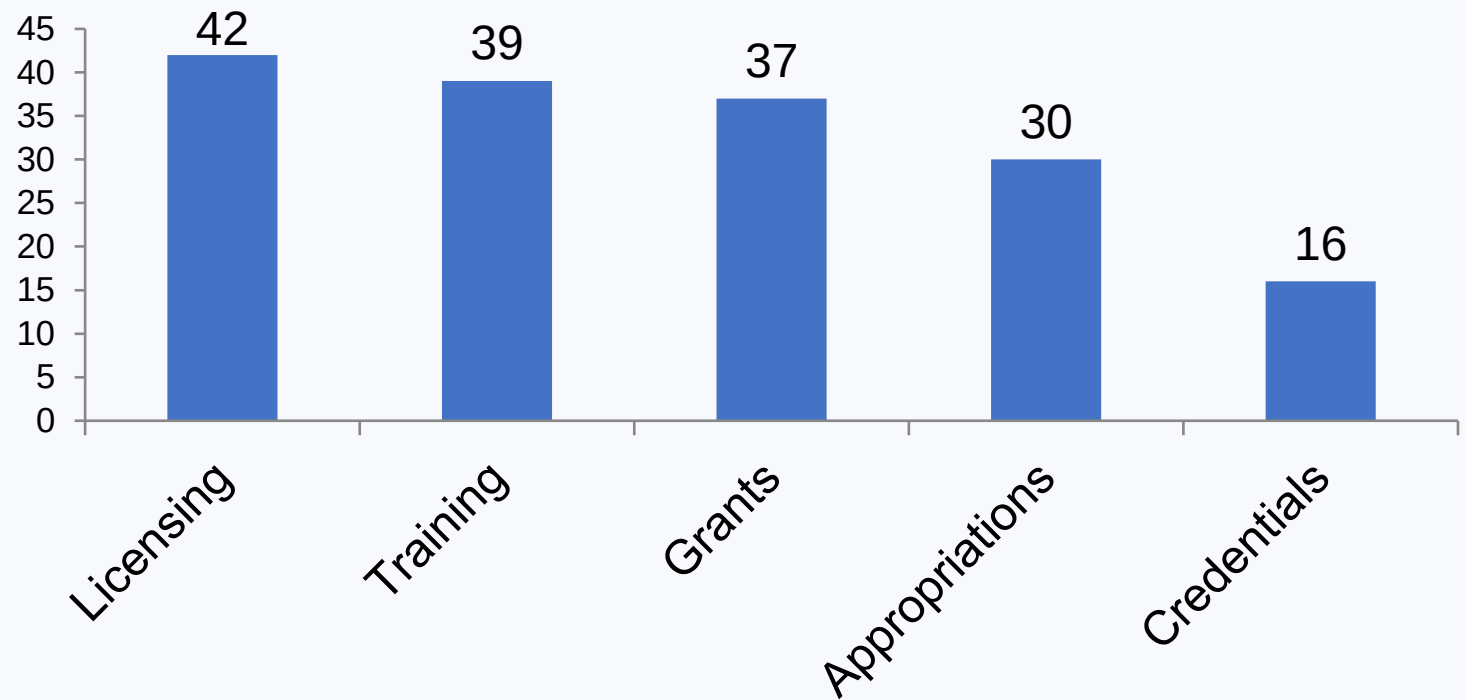
Do not equate legislative volume with relevance, viability, or urgency.

Population and Fiscal Reach



Exposure counts describe how many policy relate to a group, not how many people participate.

Policy Mechanism Analysis



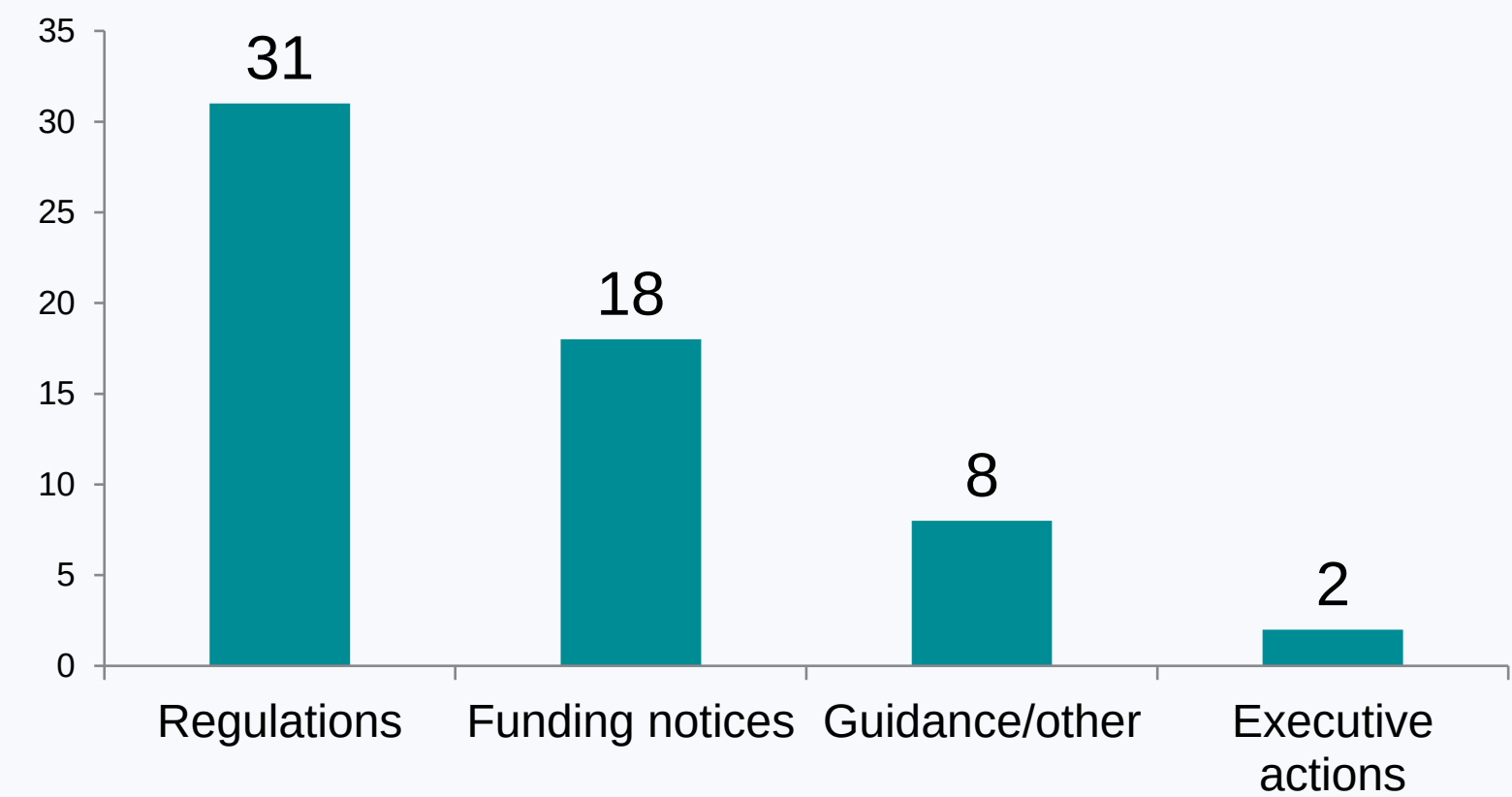
Mechanism-to-action implication

Licensing and credential mechanisms suggest coordination with practitioners and state associations. Grant and appropriation mechanisms require fiscal-status verification before publication.

Policy type answers what the instrument is. Mechanism answers how it operates.

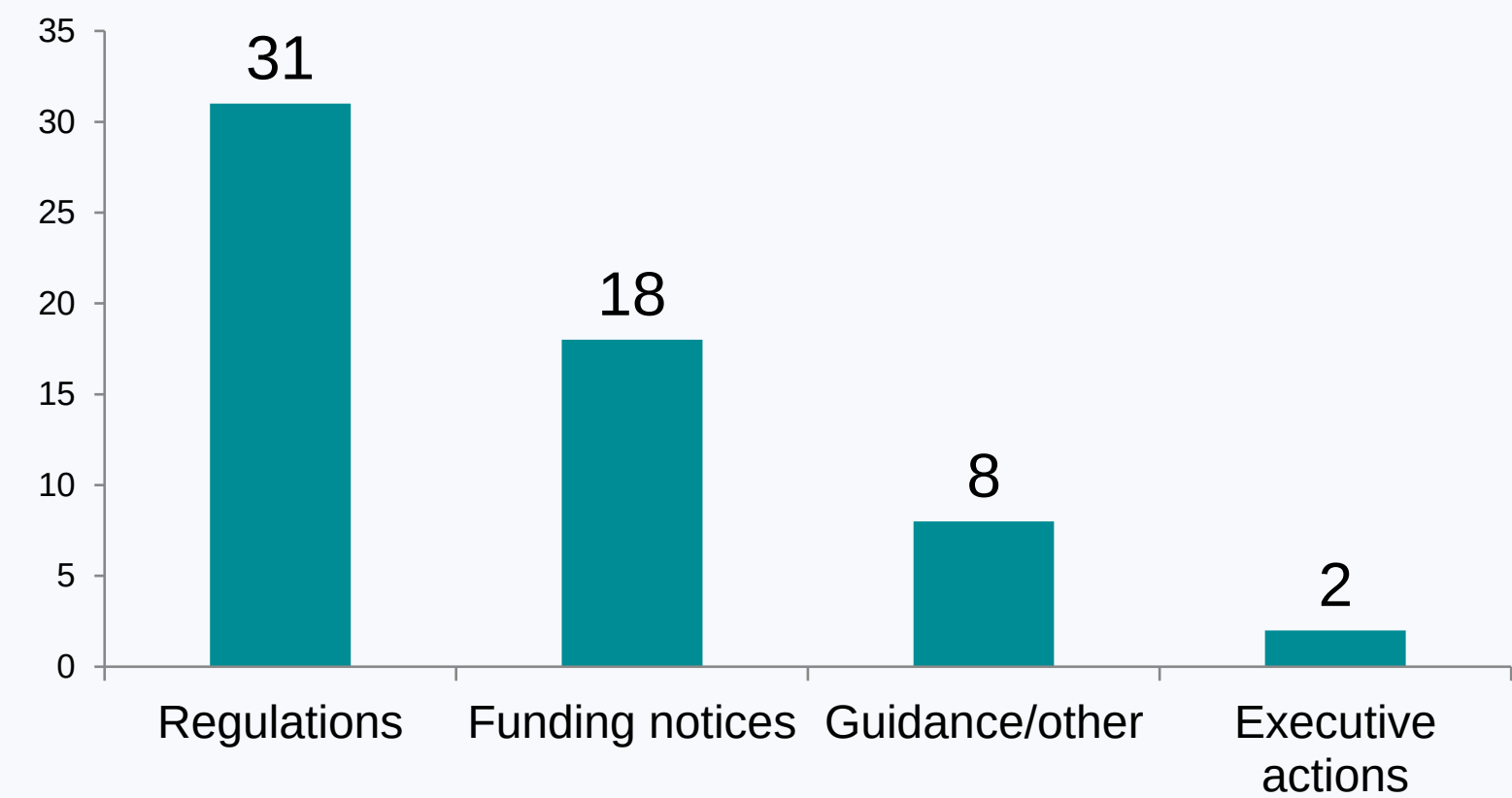
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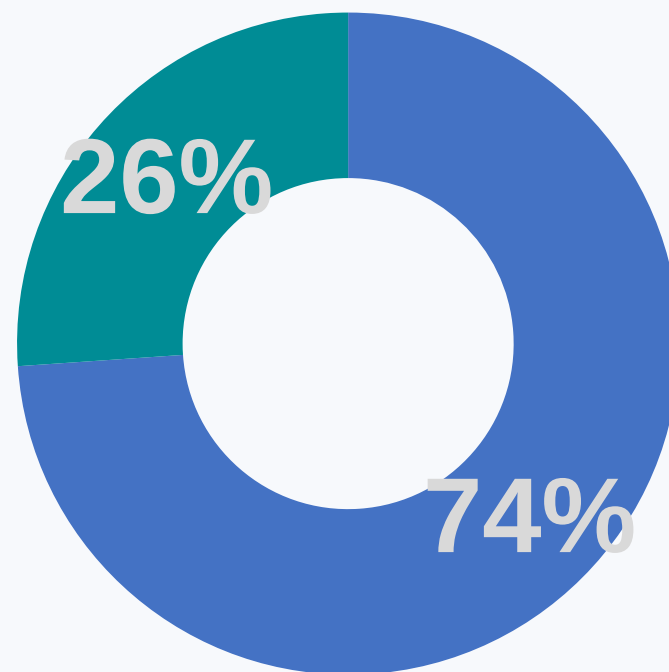


Fiscal Forecast of Policy Baseline

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Policies

2.4 Billion



■ Authorizations ■ Approp/Alloc

