



## State Office of Administrative Hearings

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## About SOAH

- Neutral, independent administrative hearings panel for the State
- Mission: Provide fair, efficient hearings process, Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)
- Created in 1991
- Governed by Gov't Code Chapter 2003



## SOAH's Work

- Contested cases under the APA (Gov't Code Chapter 2001) where agency does not employ internal hearings officer
- Additional cases and ADR as required or permitted by law
- Serves 50+ agencies (state and local)
- FY 2017: Disposed of 29,000+ cases

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