

**Office of Assemblywoman Fiona Ma
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This internship consisted of a good mix of administrative duties and research. While I was responsible for answering phones and getting mail, I feel that I also did a lot of tasks that helped me to learn a lot. My supervisor made sure that in all of my tasks, I was learning something that would help me prepare for a future job or experience. Because I interned at the time that the Assembly was in recess, I did a lot of research for future bill ideas. I was given a new topic at least once a week to research and maybe turn it into a possible bill. I was also able to attend committee hearings, lectures, and speakers that Capitol staff was invited to. I attended most of these events with my supervisor. Because his priority issue within the office was education, I went with him to lectures and other speaker engagements about education. He also let me attend some of these events by myself, when he had a prior engagement or meeting that he had to attend. All in all, I thought that this was a great internship. I was surrounded by a great group of people who all wanted to make sure that I was getting something out of this internship too. I especially learned a lot of the process of bill-creating. In fact, my supervisor even let me write my own bill proposal that was sent to legislative counsel to get officially written. Hopefully, in the next legislative session, Assemblywoman Ma will pick one of my bills and introduce it to the Legislature.