

## "The involvement and voice of employers is more important than ever."

Timothy S. Dubois
President
The Edward Thomas Collection
2012 CalChamber Chair

### **CAPITOL WATCHDOG**

Each year, CalChamber tracks more than 3,000 legislative proposals on behalf of member businesses.

### MAJOR VICTORIES

CalChamber scores major victories for employers through targeted advocacy and political action. See www.calchamber.com/majorvictories

### **ABOUT US**

CalChamber is the largest broad-based business advocate in California, working at the state and federal levels to influence government actions affecting all California business. As a not-for-profit, we leverage our front-line knowledge of laws and regulations to provide affordable and easy-to-use compliance products and services.



# **Advocacy Return on Investment**

### 2012 Sample Return on Investment for CalChamber Members

Targeted Tax on Services Vetoed (AB 1963)	\$10.5 Billion Saved
State Government-Run Health Care Defeated (SB 810)	\$10 Billion Saved
California-Only Food Labeling Mandate Rejected (Proposition 37)	\$6.4 Billion Saved
Repeal of Net Operating Loss (NOL) Carryback Deduction Stopped (AB 2408)	\$4.8 Billion Saved
Ex-Im Bank Reauthorized (HR 2072)	\$4.7 Billion Saved
Polystyrene Food Container Ban Defeated (SB 568)	\$2 Billion Saved
Film Tax Credit Extended (SB 1197/AB 2026)	\$1.9 Billion Saved
Workers' Compensation System Reformed (SB 863)	\$830 Million Saved
Hidden Tax Increase Stopped (AB 832)	\$100 Million Saved
Health Care Mandate Vetoed (AB 1000)	\$3.5 Million Saved
Total Definable Return	\$41.2 Billion

## Return Per California Employee \$3,430

## **Other Savings from Legislation Stopped**

Exposure to Costly Discrimination Litigation Amended/Vetoed (AB 1450)	up to \$10,00	\$70,000 per lawsuit/ 0 penalty per violation
Expansion of Discrimination Litigation Sto	pped (AB 1999)	\$70,000 per lawsuit
California-Only Mandated Benefit Stoppe	ed (AB 2039)	\$70,000 per lawsuit
Uniform Requirement Vetoed (AB 2389)		\$70,000 per lawsuit
Heat Illness Liability Vetoed (AB 2346)		\$70,000 per lawsuit
Increased Cost for Agricultural Employers Defeated (AB 1313)	\$6,500 per agricultural employee	
Automatic Minimum Wage Hike Stopped (AB 1439)	\$360 per min	imum wage employee

### **Passage of Permanent Normal Trade Relations with Russia**

Will translate directly into new export sales and U.S. jobs. U.S. exports to Russia—topping an estimated \$11 billion in 2011—could double or triple, according to the President's Export Council.