



“We can make our dreams for tomorrow come true—if we take the right actions today.”

Anne Buettner
Senior Vice President
The Walt Disney Company
2014 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.

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Advocacy Return on Investment

2014 Sample Return on Investment for CalChamber Members

Quadrupling limit on medical malpractice awards: higher costs and lawsuits stopped (Proposition 46)	\$9.9 Billion
Investment in critical water infrastructure (Proposition 1)	\$7.5 Billion
Limit on in-state energy development: tax revenue at risk saved (fracking moratorium: SB 1132, AB 2420)	\$6.7 Billion
Split roll property tax reassessment cost avoided (SB 1021)	\$6 Billion
Oil severance tax stopped (SB 1017)	\$4 Billion
Increased fuel cost (carbon tax) stopped (SB 1156)	\$2 Billion
Corporate tax rate increase stopped (SB 1372)	\$600 Million
Workers' compensation rollback stopped – costs not offset by savings (SB 626)	\$500 Million
Aerospace tax credit signed into law (AB 2389, SB 718)	\$420 Million
Motion picture/television tax credit signed into law (AB 1839)	\$230 Million
Health care mandate/higher premiums stopped (SB 1053)	\$46 Million
Increased health care premiums prevented (AB 1917)	\$28 Million
California Competes Tax Credit restored (AB 1560)	\$25 Million
Health care rate hikes averted (Proposition 45)	\$24 Million
New health care mandate stopped (AB 1771)	\$23.4 Million
Health care coverage cost increase prevented (AB 2533)	\$2.3 Million
Aerospace tax exemption signed into law (AB 777)	\$1.1 Million
Sugar sweetened beverage tax stopped (SB 1000)	\$1 Million
Total Definable Return	\$38 Billion

Return Per California Employee

\$2,923

Other Savings from Legislation Stopped

Expansion of product defect litigation stopped (SB 1188)	\$1 million per class action lawsuit avoided
Workers' compensation presumption expansion stopped (AB 2616)	Up to \$200,000 per claim
Minimum wage indexing stopped (SB 935)	\$6,000 per hourly employee/ \$15,000 per exempt employee
Unproven pre-judgment wage liens stopped (AB 2416)	\$70,000 per lawsuit
Expansion of discrimination litigation, new health care coverage penalties stopped (AB 880)	\$70,000 per lawsuit avoided
Expanded litigation for franchisors vetoed (SB 610)	\$70,000 per lawsuit stopped
California-only food labeling stopped (SB 1040/SB 1381)	\$400/year additional cost per family

Improved Trade/Investment Relations with Mexico

Organized Governor's four-day trade mission to Mexico City, including a 150-member business and government delegation, which puts the state in a better position to continue exporting more than \$25 billion in goods to California's top export destination.