

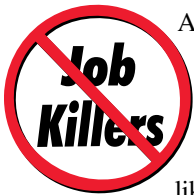
# ALERT

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## Barrier to New Housing Blocked by Opposition

### 9 Job Killer Bills Remain Alive



A California Chamber of Commerce-opposed job killer that would have created another barrier to construction of new, affordable housing is likely dead for the year

following the recent legislative deadline for policy committees to meet and send bills to the next stage of the process.

**SB 1318 (Wolk; D-Davis)** inappropriately leveraged necessary affordable housing in order to solve infrastructure issues with the consequence that the housing won't be built by imposing requirements on water or wastewater districts to serve certain communities first.

The bill prohibited the expansion of water or wastewater service to new development until all disadvantaged communi-

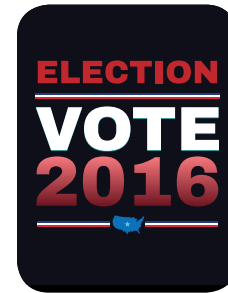
ties in and around the existing providers had been served.

California needs to build 250,000 new housing units a year just to keep up with growth. The housing market was slow to recover from the economic downturn of the early 2000's, putting the state even further behind in meeting its housing needs. SB 1318 would have exacerbated the problem by putting up more road-blocks to building new homes and commercial centers.

CalChamber tagged SB 1318 as a job killer because prohibiting local governments from allowing any new development until all near or adjacent existing communities are served with water and wastewater systems imposes a de facto building moratorium.

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## November Ballot to Include 17 Statewide Measures



The Secretary of State has assigned proposition numbers to the legislative, initiative and referendum measures set to appear on the November ballot.

Following is the list of 17 ballot measures with the California Chamber of Commerce position noted when there is one. The CalChamber Board of Directors will be considering positions on other measures in September.

### • Proposition 51: CalChamber Supports

*School Bonds. Funding for K-12 School and Community College Facilities. Initiative Statutory Amendment.* Authorizes \$9 billion in general obligation bonds: \$3 billion for new construction and \$3 billion for modernization of K-12 public school facilities; \$1 billion for charter schools and vocational education facilities; and \$2 billion for California Community Colleges facilities.

### • Proposition 52: CalChamber Supports

*State Fees on Hospitals. Federal Medi-Cal Matching Funds. Initiative Statutory and Constitutional Amendment.* Increases required vote to two-thirds for the Legislature to amend a certain existing law that imposes fees on hospitals

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## Video Highlights Paid Sick Leave Questions



The latest CalChamber Capitol News Report video features Erika Frank, CalChamber vice president, legal affairs, and general counsel, calling attention to how the state's paid sick leave policy is implemented, accrual methods, record keeping and penalties. Watch the video at [www.calchamber.com](http://www.calchamber.com).

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## Labor Law Corner

# Recording Conversation Requires Permission of All Parties



**Dana Leisinger**  
HR Adviser

*My employee wants to use her cell phone to privately record a conversation with another employee (without her knowledge). Can she do this?*

The answer is definitely no. California is a “two party consent” state—in other words, it is a crime to record or eavesdrop on any confidential communication, including a private conversation or telephone call, without the consent of all

parties to the conversation. See California Penal Code, Section 632. It applies to telephone conversations, but to casual conversations in person as well.

The definition of “person” (recording the conversation) includes an individual, business association, partnership, corporation, limited liability company, or other legal entity. Therefore, an employer can’t record conversations without permission either.

This law applies to all situations in which individuals are having a confidential communication. These are conversations in which the party being recorded has a reasonable expectation that no one else is listening or overhearing the conversation.

Even in conversations in offices where people are nearby, the party being

recorded still might have the reasonable expectation that no one was listening in.

Although in today’s world it is very easy to record conversations using “smart phones,” employees should be cautioned that in California, recording the conversation without permission is forbidden. Violation of this code section can result in a fine of up to \$2,500 or imprisonment in the county jail, or even time in a state prison.

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TradeX-Trade Connect. Port of Los Angeles and Orange County Small Business Development Center. August 9, Mission Viejo. (310) 732-7765.

California Pavilion Hong Kong Food Expo. Hong Kong Trade Development Council. August 11–13, Hong Kong. (916) 563-3222.

Global Cultural and Business Practices. Port of Los Angeles. September 14, Santa Clarita. (310) 732-7765.

SBA Export Lender Roundtable. U.S. Small Business Administration. September 20, San Jose.

G-20Y Summit. G-20Y Association.

September 21–25, St. Moritz, Switzerland.

2016 Public Forum on “Inclusive Trade.” World Trade Organization. September 27–29, Geneva, Switzerland.

2016 Sima-Sipsa International Ag Expo. U.S.-Algeria Business Council. October 4–7, Algiers, Algeria. (703) 418-4150.

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# California Grows Educational Approach Linking Student Goals to Workforce Needs



Education

Simon Tran is on the fast track.

A junior at the **Kearny High School of Digital Media and Design** in San Diego, Simon makes the most of learning in a school with a

digital media arts industry theme. While mastering the use of cutting-edge digital design equipment, he's building his leadership skills by collaborating with peers, working under the guidance of mentors, gaining experience working with clients, and earning college credits by taking community college classes through Kearny's "Fast Track" program.

"Our projects are linked to the school's learning outcomes," Simon explains, "so we are always working on critical thinking, innovation, and civic engagement. Our clients won't settle for good enough work; they want great finished products that they can really use."

Up north in Sacramento, Gabriela (Gaby) Vargas will graduate this year from the **School of Engineering and Sciences (SES)**. Starting in 7th grade, SES students take all their middle and high school courses in a science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) industry-themed pathway, where they work on projects and gain experiences that help them refine their college and career plans.

"For the past six years," reports Gaby, "I've learned the ins and outs of design and manufacturing processes through my school's integrated curriculum, participating in internships, and after-school robotics."

## Linked Learning

Simon and Gaby are just two of thousands of California students who are enrolled in a Linked Learning program of

study. Linked Learning schools, or pathways, have an industry theme and integrate rigorous college-preparatory academics, sequenced career technical training that meets industry standards, and meaningful professional experiences alongside employer partners. Their connections to community and business partners expand learning beyond the walls of high school, and help them become college and career ready, with the skills and mindsets needed for lifelong achievement.



Gabriela Vargas will leverage her internship at Aerojet Rocketdyne to study engineering in college and start a career in engineering and teaching.

With equity as a central focus, students also receive personalized supports to ensure that they remain on track for postsecondary and professional success.

One of California's competitive advantages has been a skilled workforce for many growing industries. In a sea of high costs, our well-trained college graduates have stoked the growth of companies in both long-established and cutting-edge industries.

We can maintain that advantage only by ensuring a steady pipeline of well-trained and highly motivated young workers.

Youth employment is at a historic low and the projected workforce skills gap is growing in many industry sectors. California's unemployment rate for youth ages 16–19 is 19.6%, and for ages 20–24 is 9.9%, compared with an overall unemployment rate of 5.3%.

## Partnership

Addressing youth employment will require a focused response from educators, business leaders, and government officials. To that end, the California Chamber of Commerce and the **Linked Learning Alliance** have partnered with the **U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation** to expand opportunities for teenagers and young adults to have work experiences that lead to college and career advancement.

Work-based learning includes a range of hands-on learning and out-of-classroom opportunities that expose students to professionals and real world work environments. These opportunities, which include guest speeches from industry representatives, participation in job shadows, worksite tours, and engagement in informational interviews, build on each other and culminate in a formal internship experience.

Through these opportunities, students learn about career opportunities and what it takes to thrive in the professional world.

## LaunchPath

California has been at the forefront of using technology platforms to make it easier for employers to develop or expand work-based learning opportunities for teens and young adults. One tool being tested is **LaunchPath**, an online platform that matches employers who want to offer work-based learning opportunities and students who have preparation to be productive in the workplace.

Gaby obtained her internship at Aerojet Rocketdyne through LaunchPath.

This service includes **online badging**, which provides information about students' prior experience that employers need to make a smart hire. Badges are a visual way that students can showcase the industry sector skills they have gained,

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(for purpose of obtaining federal Medi-Cal matching funds) and that directs those fees and federal matching funds to hospital-provided Medi-Cal health care services, to uncompensated care provided by hospitals to uninsured patients, and to children's health coverage.

• **Proposition 53: CalChamber**

**Opposes**

*Revenue Bonds. Statewide Voter Approval. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.* Requires statewide voter approval before any revenue bonds can be issued or sold by the state for projects that are financed, owned, operated, or managed by the state or any joint agency created by or including the state, if the bond amount exceeds \$2 billion.

• **Proposition 54: CalChamber**

**Supports**

*Legislature. Legislation and Proceedings. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.* Prohibits Legislature from passing any bill unless it has been in print and published on the Internet for at least 72 hours before the vote, except in public emergency. Requires Legislature to make audiovisual recordings of all proceedings, except closed sessions, and post them on the Internet.

• **Proposition 55: CalChamber**

**Opposes**

*Tax Extension to Fund Education and Healthcare. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.* Extends by 12 years the temporary personal income tax increases enacted in 2012 on earnings over \$250,000 (for single filers; over \$500,000 for joint filers; over \$340,000 for heads of household).

• **Proposition 56**

*Cigarette Tax to Fund Healthcare, Tobacco Use Prevention, Research, and Law Enforcement. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.* Increases cigarette tax by \$2 per pack, with equivalent increase on other tobacco products and electronic cigarettes containing nicotine. Allocates revenues primarily to increase funding for existing health care programs; also for tobacco use prevention/control programs, tobacco-related disease research and law enforcement, University of California physician training, dental disease prevention programs, and administration. Excludes these revenues from Proposition 98 funding requirements.

• **Proposition 57**

*Criminal Sentences. Juvenile Criminal Proceedings and Sentencing. Initiative*

*Constitutional Amendment and Statute.*

Allows parole consideration for persons convicted of nonviolent felonies upon completion of full prison term for primary offense, as defined. Authorizes Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to award sentence credits for rehabilitation, good behavior, or educational achievements.

• **Proposition 58**

*English language education. SB 1174 (Lara; D-Bell Gardens; Chapter 753, Statutes of 2014).* Amends and repeals various provisions of Proposition 227, approved by voters in June 1998 and requiring among other things, that all children in California public schools be taught English by being taught in English. Proposition 58, among other things, deletes the sheltered English immersion requirement and waiver provisions, and instead provides that school districts and county offices of education shall, at a minimum, provide English learners with a structured English immersion program, as specified. The proposition also authorizes parents or legal guardians of pupils enrolled in the school to choose a language acquisition program that best suits their child, as provided.

• **Proposition 59**

*Campaign finance: voter instruction. SB 254 (B. Allen; D-Santa Monica; Chapter 20, Statutes of 2016).* Asks whether California's elected officials should use all their constitutional authority, including proposing and ratifying one or more amendments to the U.S. Constitution, to overturn *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* (2010) 558 U.S. 310, and other applicable judicial precedents, as specified.

• **Proposition 60**

*Adult Films. Condoms. Health Requirements. Initiative Statute.* Requires performers in adult films to use condoms during filming of sexual intercourse. Requires producers of adult films to pay for performer vaccinations, testing, and medical examinations related to sexually transmitted infections.

• **Proposition 61: CalChamber Opposes**

*State Prescription Drug Purchases. Pricing Standards. Initiative Statute.* Prohibits state agencies from paying more for a prescription drug than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

• **Proposition 62**

*Death Penalty. Initiative Statute.*

Repeals death penalty as maximum punishment for persons found guilty of murder and replaces it with life imprisonment without possibility of parole. Applies retroactively to persons already sentenced to death.

• **Proposition 63**

*Firearms. Ammunition Sales. Initiative Statute.* Prohibits possession of large-capacity ammunition magazines, and requires their disposal by sale to dealer, destruction, or removal from state. Requires most individuals to pass background check and obtain Department of Justice authorization to purchase ammunition.

• **Proposition 64**

*Marijuana Legalization. Initiative Statute.* Legalizes marijuana and hemp under state law. Designates state agencies to license and regulate marijuana industry. Imposes state excise tax on retail sales of marijuana equal to 15% of sales price, and state cultivation taxes on marijuana of \$9.25 per ounce of flowers and \$2.75 per ounce of leaves. Exempts medical marijuana from some taxation. Establishes packaging, labeling, advertising, and marketing standards and restrictions for marijuana products. Allows local regulation and taxation of marijuana.

• **Proposition 65**

*Carry-Out Bags. Charges. Initiative Statute.* Redirects money collected by grocery and certain other retail stores through sale of carry-out bags, whenever any state law bans free distribution of a particular kind of carry-out bag and mandates the sale of any other kind of carry-out bag. Requires stores to deposit bag sale proceeds into a special fund administered by the Wildlife Conservation Board to support specified categories of environmental projects.

• **Proposition 66**

*Death Penalty. Procedures. Initiative Statute.* Changes procedures governing state court appeals and petitions challenging death penalty convictions and sentences.

• **Proposition 67**

*Referendum to Overturn Ban on Single-Use Plastic Bags.* The challenged law must be approved by a majority of voters to go into effect. The law prohibits grocery and certain other retail stores from providing single-use bags but permits sale of recycled paper bags and reusable bags.

More information on the ballot measures is available at [www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov).

# California Wins Nationwide Competition for Smart Manufacturing Innovation Site



A Los Angeles-based coalition will

lead the newest institute to spur innovation in manufacturing in partnership with the U.S. Department of Energy.

The **Smart Manufacturing Leadership Coalition (SMLC)** made the winning bid for the Smart Manufacturing Innovation Institute to be headquartered in Los Angeles. The California Chamber of Commerce joined with the coalition bid for the institute.

“The Clean Energy Smart Manufacturing Innovation Institute will enable transformational improvements in energy efficiency and U.S. manufacturing productivity, while also creating high-skilled jobs, supporting the current and future workforce, and increasing the quality of life,” wrote Allan Zarembek, CalChamber president and CEO, in his letter of support.

The institute pools more than \$140 million in public-private investment from leading universities and manufacturers to develop smart sensors for use in advanced manufacturing (\$70 million in federal grants from the Department of Energy, along with \$70 million more from private companies and state entities).

President Barack Obama **announced** the bid winner on June 20 during the third annual SelectUSA Summit in Washington, D.C.

The Smart Manufacturing Innovation Institute is the ninth manufacturing hub awarded by the Obama administration. A key goal of the Institute is accelerating the development of sensors, components and data analysis systems that will help lower the energy consumption associated with manufacturing while also boosting workforce development opportunities.

The institute will use an open-source digital platform to make its findings and advances readily available to all American businesses.

## Regional Centers

The institute will launch five regional

manufacturing centers across the United States, each focused on local technology transfer and workforce development and housed in a dynamic and innovative area of the country:

- UCLA, in partnership with the city of Los Angeles, will lead the California regional center, harnessing the ability to tap the largest manufacturing base in the United States.
- Texas A&M University will lead the Gulf Coast center—a region anchored in the chemical, oil and gas sectors.



- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) will lead the Northeast center, where glass, ceramic and microelectronic manufacturing has a strong presence.
- Pacific Northwest National Laboratory will lead a hub in the Northwest.
- North Carolina State will spearhead a regional hub for the Southeast.

## Coalition

The SMLC brings together nearly 200 partners from across academia, industry, and nonprofits, and hailing from more than 30 states to spur advances in smart sensors and digital process controls that can radically improve the efficiency of U.S. advanced manufacturing.

LA n Sync, an initiative of the Annenberg Foundation, provided technical assistance for the bid application in the form of strategic planning, partnership development, and the procurement of many notable letters of support, in addition to co-hosting a convening with the

Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce in order to educate local civic leaders and key manufacturers about the possibility and potential of the innovation institute.

## New Competitions

President Obama also **announced** the launch of five new manufacturing hub competitions, which will invest nearly \$800 million in combined federal and nonfederal resources to support transformative manufacturing technologies from collaborative robotics to biofabrication of cells and tissues, to revolutionizing the ways materials can be reused and recycled.

With the new competitions underway, the administration is on track to meet the President’s goal of a National Network for Manufacturing Innovation of 15 institutes underway across the country before the end of his administration.

The newly announced manufacturing innovation institute topics now under competition include:

### • Robotics in Manufacturing Environments Manufacturing Innovation Institute:

Will focus on building U.S. leadership in smart collaborative robotics, where advanced robots work alongside humans seamlessly, safely and intuitively to do the heavy lifting on an assembly line or handle with precision, intricate or dangerous tasks.

### • Advanced Tissue Biofabrication Manufacturing Innovation Institute:

Will pioneer next-generation manufacturing techniques for repairing and replacing cells and tissues, which may one day lead to the ability to manufacture new skin for soldiers scarred from combat or to produce life-saving organs for the too many Americans stuck on transplant waiting lists today.

• **Modular Chemical Process Intensification (MCPI) Institute:** Will fundamentally redesign the process used for manufacturing chemicals, refining fuels, and producing other high-value products by combining many complex processing

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## Five CalChamber Members Creating Jobs with Help from Tax Credit



Five California Chamber of Commerce member companies have been selected by the Governor's Office of Business and Economic

Development (GO-Biz) as recipients for the California Competes Tax Credit.

The tax credit committee recently approved \$46.7 million in tax credits for 67 companies expanding and creating jobs in California.

The awards will help these companies create a projected 4,235 jobs and generate more than \$1.3 billion in investment across California.

CalChamber members being awarded credits in this round include:

- Pabst Brewing Company, LLC; breweries.

- Denso International America, Inc.; automotive parts manufacturing.
- King Shock Technology, Inc.; automotive parts manufacturing.
- Air Spray U.S.A. Inc., aircraft refurbishment.
- Airgas Specialty Products, Inc.; industrial gas manufacturer.

The complete list of approved companies and award amounts is posted at [business.ca.gov](http://business.ca.gov).

### Next Application Round

The next application round for the tax credit opens on July 25 with \$75 million in tax credits available. The application will be available at [www.calcompetes.ca.gov](http://www.calcompetes.ca.gov).

GO-Biz is hosting workshops throughout the state to help businesses apply. The workshop schedule, plus an application guide, frequently asked questions, program regulations, and a video

explaining how to create an account are available at [business.ca.gov](http://business.ca.gov).

### About California Competes

The California Competes Tax Credit, focused on helping businesses grow and stay in California, is part of the Governor's Economic Development Initiative, which Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. signed legislation to enact in 2013 (AB 93 and SB 90). GO-Biz evaluates the most competitive applications based on the factors required by statute, including total jobs created, total investment, average wage, economic impact, strategic importance and more. Companies are exempted from paying state income taxes in the amount awarded.

Since 2014, GO-Biz has awarded \$340 million to 500 companies projected to create more than 55,000 jobs and make \$12.9 billion in investments.

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highlight their career readiness, and promote successful internships they have completed—accomplishments that grades and resumes can't communicate.

"Employers are essential partners in Linked Learning," said Christopher Cabaldon, president of the Linked Learning Alliance. "Because Linked Learning students get technical and academic training in industry-themed pathways, they are prepared to contribute in the workplace during their internships. The interaction with employers is key for students to gain skills needed to succeed in both college and career."

Nobody knows this better than Gaby and Simon. Simon is making plans to study computer science in college. Come September, Gaby will be commencing the mechanical engineering program at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. After college, she plans to work in industry for a few years before returning to a school like SES where she can inspire future engineers and scientists.

**Contact: Loren Kaye**

*Note: Loren Kaye, president of the California Foundation for Commerce and Education (CFCE), co-authored this article with Rebecca Sterling, program manager at the*

*Linked Learning Alliance, responsible for managing the organization's enterprise solutions, including LaunchPath, the online work-based learning platform, and the data and certification systems. CFCE is a non-profit, nonpartisan think tank affiliated with the California Chamber of Commerce. Linked Learning Alliance is a statewide coalition of education, industry, and community organizations dedicated to improving California's high schools and preparing students for success in college, career and life. The article originally appeared at [Forbes.com](http://Forbes.com).*

*For more information about pathways to employment for young people, go to the Grads of Life website at [gradsoflife.org](http://gradsoflife.org).*

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stages into one simple and streamlined step. In the chemical industry alone, the administration estimates these technologies could save more than \$9 billion annually in process costs.

• **Reducing Embodied Energy and Decreasing Emissions (REMADE) in Materials Manufacturing Institute:** Will focus on reducing the total lifetime use of energy in manufactured materials by developing new cradle-to-cradle technolo-

gies for the reuse, recycling, and remanufacturing of man-made materials. New technologies to better repurpose these materials could save U.S. manufacturers and the nation up to 1.6 quadrillion BTU (British thermal units) of energy annually, equivalent to 280 million barrels of oil, or a month's worth of the nation's oil imports, according to the administration.

• **Industry-Proposed Institutes Competition.** This competition is open to any topic proposed by industry not already

addressed by a manufacturing innovation institute. At least one institute will be awarded using fiscal year 2016 funds, and one or more will be awarded subject to the availability of additional funds.

### Announcement

The full announcement made by President Obama at the SelectUSA Summit can be viewed on the [White House's YouTube channel](#).



# Report: 2015 Difficult Year for Ex-Im Bank



A recent report to Congress shows that 2015 was an especially challenging year for the U.S. Export-Import

(Ex-Im) Bank.

Since June 30, 2015, the Export-Import Bank has been closed for transactions greater than \$10 million. Although an overwhelming majority in Congress voted to fully reauthorize the bank in December 2015, the chairman of the Senate Banking Committee (Senator Richard Shelby, R-Alabama) has stymied the bank's full restoration by blocking action on a nominee required to achieve a quorum for the Ex-Im Bank Board. In the absence of a quorum, the bank cannot approve transactions of more than \$10 million.

In late 2015, U.S. President Barack Obama signed the California Chamber of Commerce-supported bipartisan legislation to resurrect the Export-Import Bank. This action will extend the bank's charter by five years until 2019.

According to *The Competitiveness Report of EXIM*, the lapse in authority from June 30, 2015 to December 4, 2015 reduced the competitiveness of Ex-Im and the exporters and workers who depend on its financial services.

The 50% drop in authorizations represents numerous lost opportunities for U.S. businesses and their workers. The bank's inability to approve transactions exceeding \$10 million extends the profound impact of the lapse on larger exporters, the thousands of smaller companies that supply them, and the hundreds of thousands of workers whose jobs depend on exports.

Despite this lapse, Ex-Im has continued to support American job growth to the best of its ability, equipping U.S. businesses to create or maintain 109,000 jobs while generating a surplus of more than \$430 million for U.S. taxpayers over the last year. Still, these successes compare unfavorably with 2014, when a fully functioning Ex-Im was able to support

164,000 jobs and transfer \$675 million to the Treasury Department.

## Global Export Marketplace

The report found that effects on U.S. businesses and workers from a lack of domestic political support for Ex-Im are exacerbated by the extraordinary steps other countries are taking to support their own exporters and national interests. Export credit agencies (ECAs) abroad expanded product offerings allowing exporters to compete more aggressively, and more countries opened new ECAs of their own.



The Ex-Im Bank Advisory Committee worries that U.S. exporters will be left behind, as Ex-Im remains constrained in an environment where new export credit products are being developed at an alarming rate in other parts of the world.

## U.S. Businesses Being Squeezed

The impact of decreased Ex-Im competitiveness on the small businesses that power communities and jobs across the United States is especially worrisome, according to the advisory committee. For small and medium-sized enterprises, Ex-Im's uncertainty over the past year has been particularly damaging, the report found.

Specifically, these smaller exporters are now fighting competitors backed by strong ECAs, and many had to reduce or eliminate their export business without Ex-Im financing. There are medium- and long-run scarring effects because it is not just a single transaction at stake, but the business relationship, as well as mainte-

nance contracts, which are major employment generators. Larger investment banks do not offer the kinds of financing tools that small business exporters need to compete.

According to the report, small and medium-sized exporters experienced some of the most severe impacts of the lapse due to the sudden expiration of the Ex-Im products upon which those exporters rely. More than 800 multi-buyer export credit insurance policies—the vast majority of which were held by U.S. small businesses—expired during the lapse. To associate a dollar value with this impact, in the prior fiscal year (2014), Ex-Im equipped these same businesses with more than \$580 million of insurance.

## Observations/ Recommendations

Looking to the future, the Ex-Im Advisory Committee recommends that Ex-Im track the supply chains of exporters across the country in pursuit of a fuller picture of the impact of Ex-Im financing on small and medium-sized suppliers.

With the domestic and global supply chains ever-expanding and changing, it is critical to the Ex-Im competitiveness and evaluation that the agency and its stakeholders understand the impact and role of its financing beyond its direct customers, the report states.

The Ex-Im Advisory Committee applauds the Ex-Im's work this year to increase transparency by developing an online platform to facilitate more efficient and complete communications with stakeholders. The committee further encourages Ex-Im to continue its effort to have regular meetings with environmental advocates in the interest of expanded dialogue, partnership, and action.

The Ex-Im Advisory Committee also applauds the Ex-Im's work to implement electronic filing and a broader embrace of technology to better serve its customers.

## More Information

For more information on Ex-Im, visit [www.calchamber.com/international](http://www.calchamber.com/international).  
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## Three Job Creator Bills Still Alive for Final Month of Session



Three California Chamber of Commerce-supported job creator bills remained alive

as the Legislature began its summer break.

One bill is scheduled to be considered by the Senate Appropriations Committee when legislators return on August 1. Two others await action by the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

- **AB 2664 (Irwin; D-Thousand Oaks) Increased Innovation and Entrepreneurship:** Makes it easier to establish a business by requiring the University of California (UC) and Berkeley National Laboratory to expand their capacity and

increase access to their innovation and entrepreneurship centers, which provide incubator space, legal services, entrepreneur training and more for researchers and other individuals looking to develop innovative solutions. *Senate Appropriations hearing set for August 1.*

- **SB 1069 (Wieckowski; D-Fremont) Increases Housing Supply:** Creates and expedites additional housing supply by streamlining the permitting process for Accessory Dwelling Units through reduced parking requirements, expedited procedural processes, and allowing ADUs to be constructed within existing structures. *In Assembly Appropriations.*

- **SB 936 (Hertzberg; D-Van Nuys) Loan Access:** Encourages creation of

small businesses by expanding their access to loans, which helps them grow. *In Assembly Appropriations.*

### Already Law

Already signed into law is **SB 269 (Roth; D-Riverside) Incentivizing Disability Access and Education.** The bill seeks to limit frivolous litigation and claims regarding construction-related accessibility violations by providing businesses that have proactively sought to become Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant with an opportunity to resolve any identified violations.

SB 269 was an urgency measure and went into effect immediately upon being signed on May 10.

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Meanwhile, the lack of housing has pushed the price of homeownership through the roof, as well as putting tremendous pressure on the rental market. The high cost of housing threatens jobs because employers don't have affordable housing for employees in certain communities.

The problem of existing communities without adequate water or wastewater systems certainly needs to be addressed. However, the remedy should not be at the expense of new homes and jobs, Cal-Chamber wrote in its opposition letter.

### Job Killers Alive

When legislators return from their summer recess on August 1, the following nine job killer bills remain eligible for consideration:

- **SB 1150 (Leno; D-San Francisco) Erodes Housing Availability.** Increases liability risk and the cost of residential loans by allowing a party not on the mortgage loan to interfere with appropriate foreclosures and creates a private right of action for violations of overly complex and burdensome requirements. *Assembly Floor.*

- **SB 32 (Pavley; D-Agoura Hills) Slows Economic Growth.** Increases costs for California businesses, makes them less competitive and discourages economic growth by adopting further greenhouse gas emission reductions for 2030 without regard to the impact on individuals, jobs and the economy. *In Assembly Appropriations Committee.*

- **AB 1611 (Committee on Budget) Increased Permit Processing Costs.** *Assembly Concurrence.*

- **SB 839 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review) Increased Permit Processing Costs.** *Senate Concurrence.*

Both AB 1611 and SB 839 significantly increase the costs of permitting aerospace, recycling, oil and gas, and other critical waste facilities by eliminating permit applicants' option to be charged a predictable flat permitting fee and instead giving the Department of Toxic Substances Control carte blanche to charge whatever fee it determines, notwithstanding well-recognized and self-acknowledged deficiencies in DTSC's current permitting program that have resulted in excessive delays in permit processing.

- **SB 654 (de León; D-Los Angeles) Creates Unworkable Hazardous Waste Permitting Process.** Discourages investment in upgrading and improving hazardous waste facilities by shutting down hazardous waste facilities if the DTSC fails to take final action on the permit renewal application within a specified timeframe, even if the permit applicant acted diligently and in good faith throughout the permit application process. *Assembly Inactive File.*

- **AB 1759 (Bonta; D-Alameda) Gas Price Increase.** Jeopardizes the production of California-based fuel by banning the use of hydrogen fluoride and hydrofluoric acid at facilities that use more than 250 gallons and are located within

two miles of a residence, notwithstanding the fact that there are significant safety regulations in place at the local, state and federal levels. *In Assembly Natural Resources Committee.*

- **ACA 8 (Bloom; D-Santa Monica) Lowers Vote Requirement for Tax Increases.** Adds complexity and uncertainty to the current tax structure and pressure to increase taxes on commercial, industrial and residential property owners by giving local governments new authority to enact special taxes for storm and wastewater infrastructure, including parcel taxes, by lowering the vote threshold from two-thirds to 55%. *In Assembly Local Government Committee.*

- **AB 2782 (Bloom; D-Santa Monica) Targeted Tax.** Threatens jobs in beverage, retail and restaurant industries by arbitrarily and unfairly targeting certain beverages for a new tax in order to fund health programs. *In Assembly Health Committee.*

- **SCA 5 (Hancock; D-Berkeley) Split Roll.** Undermines the protections of Proposition 13 by unfairly targeting commercial property owners and increasing their property taxes by assessing their property based upon current fair market value instead of acquired value. Such costs will ultimately be passed on to consumers and tenants through higher prices and will result in job loss as businesses struggle to absorb such a dramatic tax increase. *In Senate Governance and Finance Committee.*



# CalChamber Status Update Report on Major Legislation for Business

The following list summarizes top priority bills for the California Chamber of Commerce and their status as of July 1, when the Legislature began its summer recess.

Within each subject area, the list presents bills in order of priority with the highest priorities at the top.

The CalChamber will publish a second status report in September, showing the status of priority legislation when

the Legislature begins its final recess on August 31.

September 30 is the last day for the Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature on or before September 1.

The CalChamber will publish its final status report, showing the ultimate fate of bills sent to the Governor this year, in October.

Bills signed by the Governor will become law on January 1, 2017. Urgency

and budget-related measures go into effect immediately upon being signed.

Each fall, the CalChamber also publishes a record of legislators' votes on key bills affecting the California business climate. Generally, the bills selected for the vote record have appeared in one of the status reports. This year's vote record is scheduled to be published on October 21.

Federal bills are marked with an \*.

Status of bills as of July 1, 2016. Dates listed are the date the bill was assigned to a committee, the latest date of committee action, the next hearing date or when the bill reached the floor, unless action is stated.

Subject—CalChamber Position	Status
<b>Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources</b>	
<b>Bans Ex Parte.</b> SB 1190 (Jackson; D-Santa Barbara) Interferes with appropriate communication between commissioners and the public and excessive influence by staff by prohibiting communication with commissioners outside of a public meeting. Oppose.	Assembly Appropriations 6/28/16
<b>Lobbyist Employers.</b> AB 2002 (M. Stone; D-Scotts Valley) Increases the costs and complexity of construction projects in the coastal zone by inappropriately requiring project applicants who hire consultants to help with complicated permits to register as lobbyist employers and the consultants to register as lobbyists, subjecting both to Fair Political Practices Commission rules, paperwork and fines for violations. Oppose.	Senate Appropriations Hearing 8/1/16
<b>State-Only Labeling.</b> AB 2725 (Chiu; D-San Francisco) Drives up the cost of food for consumers. Increases the costs to produce food by requiring state-only “Best used by” or “Expires on” labeling and forcing food manufacturers to use coding—bar codes or skews for instance—for internal stock rotation. Oppose.	Failed Passage in Assembly Health 4/12/16; Reconsideration Granted
<b>Product Ban.</b> AB 2596 (Bloom; D-Santa Monica) Increases costs to business and agriculture to exterminate pests by banning rat poisons containing anticoagulants. Oppose.	Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials 3/10/16; Failed Deadline
<b>Restricts Use of Pesticides.</b> SB 1282 (Leno; D-San Francisco) Potentially destroys the state’s \$3 billion citrus industry by prematurely restricting use of the one chemical effective against the Asian citrus psyllid pests that decimated Florida’s citrus industry. Oppose.	Senate Inactive File 6/2/16; Failed Deadline
<b>Healthy Forests.</b> AB 2029 (Dahle; R-Bieber) Reduces the risk of catastrophic forest fires damaging businesses and homes in rural areas by expediting removal of drought-stricken and disease-ridden trees. Support.	Senate Appropriations 6/28/16
<b>Redundant Ag Program.</b> SB 1247 (Jackson; D-Santa Barbara) Duplicates an existing program that is underway and funded by establishing a new environmental farming zone. Oppose.	Senate Agriculture 4/13/16; Failed Deadline

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<b>Banking/Finance</b>	
<b>Erodes Housing Availability.</b> SB 1150 (Leno; D-San Francisco) Increases liability risk and the cost of residential loans by allowing a party not on the mortgage loan to interfere with appropriate foreclosures and creates a private right of action for violations of overly complex and burdensome requirements. Oppose/ <b>Job Killer</b> .	Assembly Floor 6/30/16
<b>Loan Access.</b> SB 936 (Hertzberg; D-Van Nuys) Encourages creation of small businesses by expanding their access to loans, which helps them grow. Support/ <b>Job Creator</b> .	Assembly Appropriations 6/29/16
<b>Budget</b>	
<b>Increased Permit Processing Costs.</b> AB 1611 (Committee on Budget) Significantly increases the costs of permitting aerospace, recycling, oil and gas, and other critical waste facilities by eliminating permit applicants' option to be charged a predictable flat permitting fee and instead giving the Department of Toxic Substances Control carte blanche to charge whatever fee it determines, notwithstanding well-recognized and self-acknowledged deficiencies in DTSC's current permitting program that have resulted in excessive delays in permit processing. Oppose/ <b>Job Killer</b> .	Assembly Concurrence 6/28/16
<b>Increased Permit Processing Costs.</b> SB 839 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review) Significantly increases the costs of permitting aerospace, recycling, oil and gas, and other critical waste facilities by eliminating permit applicants' option to be charged a predictable flat permitting fee and instead giving the Department of Toxic Substances Control carte blanche to charge whatever fee it determines, notwithstanding well-recognized and self-acknowledged deficiencies in DTSC's current permitting program that have resulted in excessive delays in permit processing. Oppose/ <b>Job Killer</b> .	Senate Concurrence 6/16/16
<b>California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)</b>	
<b>Water Supply Assessment Overhaul.</b> SB 1262 (Pavley; D-Agoura Hills) Before amendments, imposed new requirements on the preparation of Water Supply Assessments and incorporates such requirements into the CEQA process. Opposition removed due to June 15, 2016 amendments. No Position.	Assembly Appropriations 6/30/16
<b>Expedites CEQA Review for "Leadership Projects."</b> SB 734 (Galgiani; D-Stockton) Streamlines development by creating an expedited CEQA review process for "leadership projects," which are selected by the Governor and which meet certain criteria, including a minimum financial threshold and net zero greenhouse gas emissions. Support.	Assembly Concurrence 6/23/16
<b>Increases Transparency in CEQA Process.</b> AB 2026 (Hadley; R-Torrance) Reduces prevalence of nonenvironmental litigation abuse under the California Environmental Quality Act by requiring those filing CEQA lawsuits to disclose their identity and interests in a lawsuit. Support.	Failed Passage in Assembly Natural Resources 4/18/16; Reconsideration Granted
<b>Increases Transparency in CEQA Process.</b> SB 1248 (Moorlach; R-Costa Mesa) Reduces prevalence of nonenvironmental litigation abuse under the California Environmental Quality Act by requiring those filing CEQA lawsuits to disclose their identity and interests in a lawsuit. Support.	Failed Passage in Senate Environmental Quality 4/20/16; Reconsideration Granted
<b>Consumer Legal Remedies Act.</b> SB 1306 (J. Stone; R-Temecula) Creates fairness in the application of this law as applied to the California Environmental Quality Act by amending it to allow a "prevailing party" to recover attorney's fees instead of allowing only a defendant to recover attorney's fees when the action was filed in bad faith. Support/ <b>Job Creator</b> .	Failed Passage in Senate Judiciary 4/26/16; Reconsideration Granted
<b>Expedites and Reduces Cost for Auxiliary Lane or Bikeway Projects.</b> AB 1569 (Steinorth; R-Rancho Cucamonga) Streamlines and reduces regulatory burdens for specified auxiliary lane or bikeway projects by exempting such projects under the California Environmental Quality Act. Support.	Failed Passage in Assembly Natural Resources 4/4/16; Reconsideration Granted

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<p><b>Expedites and Reduces Cost for Temperance Flat Reservoir Project.</b> AB 1586 (Mathis; R-Visalia) Streamlines and reduces regulatory burdens for the construction of the Temperance Flat Reservoir Project by exempting the project under the California Environmental Quality Act. Support.</p>	<p>Failed Passage in Assembly Natural Resources 4/4/16; Reconsideration Granted</p>
<p><b>Expedites and Reduces Cost for Recycled Water Pipelines.</b> AB 1749 (Mathis; R-Visalia) Streamlines and reduces regulatory burdens for specified water storage facility projects by extending the current exemption for such projects under the California Environmental Quality Act by five years. Support.</p>	<p>Assembly Environmental Quality 6/29/16; Failed Deadline</p>
<p><b>Expedites and Reduces Cost for Recycled Water Pipelines.</b> AB 2438 (Waldron; R-Escondido) Streamlines and reduces regulatory burdens for specified recycled water pipeline projects by exempting such projects under the California Environmental Quality Act. Support.</p>	<p>Assembly Environmental Quality 6/29/16; Failed Deadline</p>
<p><b>Expedites and Reduces Cost for Drought Mitigation Projects.</b> AB 1589 (Mathis; R-Visalia) Streamlines and reduces regulatory burdens for specified drought mitigation projects by exempting such projects under the California Environmental Quality Act. Support.</p>	<p>Failed Passage in Assembly Natural Resources 4/4/16; Reconsideration Granted</p>
<p><b>Expedites and Reduces Cost for Water Storage Facilities.</b> AB 1647 (Waldron; R-Escondido) Streamlines and reduces regulatory burdens for specified water storage facility projects by exempting such projects under the California Environmental Quality Act. Support.</p>	<p>Assembly Natural Resources 2/4/16; Failed Deadline</p>
<p><b>Increased CEQA Review for Coal Shipments.</b> SB 1278 (Hancock; D-Berkeley) Restricts commerce and complicates the CEQA process by requiring every public agency with discretionary approval authority of any portion of a project relating to the shipment of coal through the Port of Oakland to prepare an environmental impact report. Oppose.</p>	<p>Senate Transportation and Housing 3/30/16; Failed Deadline</p>
<p><b>Increased CEQA Review for Coal Shipments.</b> SB 1280 (Hancock; D-Berkeley) Restricts commerce and complicates the CEQA process by prohibiting a lead agency from approving a project affecting the shipment of commodity through a port facility that is receiving state funds from the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund unless the lead agency either prohibits coal shipment through the port facility or requires full and complete mitigation of the emissions of greenhouse gases resulting from the combustion of coal shipped through the port facility. Oppose.</p>	<p>Senate Transportation and Housing 3/30/16; Failed Deadline</p>
<p><b>Expedites and Reduces Cost for Drought Mitigation Projects.</b> SB 1415 (Bates; R-Laguna Niguel) Before amendments, streamlined and reduced regulatory burdens for specified drought mitigation projects by exempting such projects under the California Environmental Quality Act. Support position removed due to April 18, 2016 amendments. No Position.</p>	<p>Senate Appropriations 4/21/16; Failed Deadline</p>
<p><b>Expedites and Reduces Cost for the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System.</b> SB 1008 (Lara; D-Bell Gardens) Streamlines and reduces regulatory burdens for the construction and operation of certain structures and equipment of the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System by extending the existing exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act by an additional three years. Support.</p>	<p>Assembly Appropriations 6/30/16</p>
<p><b>Climate Change</b></p>	
<p><b>Slows Economic Growth.</b> SB 32 (Pavley; D-Agoura Hills) Increases costs for California businesses, makes them less competitive and discourages economic growth by adopting further greenhouse gas emission reductions for 2030 without regard to the impact on individuals, jobs and the economy. Oppose/<b>2015 Job Killer.</b></p>	<p>Assembly Appropriations 6/30/16</p>
<p><b>Increased Regulatory Burdens.</b> SB 1383 (Lara; D-Bell Gardens) Increases regulatory burdens and costs for businesses by requiring the California Air Resources Board to adopt and implement a new program to reduce short-lived climate pollutants. Oppose.</p>	<p>Assembly Appropriations 6/28/16</p>
<p><b>Litigation Exposure.</b> SB 1161 (B. Allen; D-Santa Monica) Creates uncertainty for businesses and exposes them to litigation by imposing a four-year revival for time-barred claims alleging unfair competition with respect to climate science. Oppose.</p>	<p>Senate Inactive File 6/2/16; Failed Deadline</p>



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<b>AB 32 Auction Revenues.</b> AB 1550 (Gomez; D-Los Angeles) Prematurely allocates AB 32 auction revenues for various projects in disadvantaged communities. Oppose.	Senate Appropriations 6/29/16
<b>Premature AB 32 Auction Revenue Expenditure.</b> AB 1555 (Gomez; D-Los Angeles) Prematurely authorizes AB 32 auction revenues to fund various state agencies. Oppose.	Assembly Budget 5/4/16; Failed Deadline
<b>Premature Auction Revenue Expenditures.</b> AB 1780 (Medina; D-Riverside) Prematurely authorizes AB 32 auction revenues for the Sustainable Trades Corridor Program. Oppose.	Held in Assembly Appropriations Suspense File 5/27/16; Failed Deadline
<b>Premature AB 32 Auction Revenue Expenditure.</b> AB 2293 (C. Garcia; D-Bell Gardens) Prematurely authorizes AB 32 auction revenues to fund the Green Assistance Program. Oppose.	Held in Assembly Appropriations Suspense File 5/27/16; Failed Deadline
<b>Premature AB 32 Auction Revenue Expenditure.</b> SB 1213 (Wieckowski; D-Fremont) Prematurely authorizes AB 32 auction revenues to fund biosolid grant programs. Oppose.	Held in Senate Appropriations Suspense File 5/27/16; Failed Deadline
<b>AB 32 Auction Revenues.</b> AB 2094 (Oberholte; R-Big Bear Lake) Prematurely allocates AB 32 auction revenues for the Retail Sales Tax Fund. Oppose.	Failed Passage in Assembly Transportation 4/11/16
<b>AB 32 Auction Revenues.</b> AB 1698 (Hadley; R-Torrance) Prematurely allocates AB 32 auction revenues for the Green and Renewable Energy Enlisting New Technologies Fund. Oppose.	Assembly Natural Resources 2/18/16; Failed Deadline
<b>AB 32 Auction Revenues.</b> AB 2722 (Burke; D-Inglewood) Before amendments, would have prematurely allocated AB 32 auction revenues for the Transformative Climate Communities Program. Opposition removed due to April 20, 2016 amendments. No Position.	Senate Appropriations 6/29/16
<b>Premature AB 32 Auction Revenue Expenditure.</b> AB 2222 (Holden; D-Pasadena) Before amendments, prematurely authorized AB 32 auction revenues to be used for transit passes. Opposition removed due to May 31, 2016 amendments. No Position.	Senate Appropriations 6/29/16
<b>Premature AB 32 Auction Revenue Expenditure.</b> AB 2223 (Gray; D-Merced) Before amendments, prematurely authorized AB 32 auction revenues to be used for manure digester market development. Opposition removed due to April 11, 2016 amendments. No Position.	Senate Budget and Fiscal Review 6/9/16
<b>Premature AB 32 Auction Revenue Expenditure.</b> AB 2146 (Patterson; R-Fresno) Before amendments, prematurely authorized AB 32 auction revenues to be used for the Department of Forestry and Fire Prevention. Opposition removed due to April 11, 2016 amendments. No Position.	Held in Assembly Appropriations Suspense File 5/27/16; Failed Deadline
<b>AB 32 Auction Revenues.</b> SB 951 (McGuire; D-Healdsburg) Before amendments, would have prematurely allocated AB 32 auction revenues for transportation passes. Opposition removed due to April 27, 2016 amendments. No Position.	Held in Senate Appropriations Suspense File 5/27/16; Failed Deadline
<b>AB 32 Auction Revenues.</b> AB 2576 (Gray; D-Merced) Before amendments, prematurely allocated AB 32 auction revenues to the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery for market development. Opposition removed due to April 11, 2016 amendments. No Position.	Held in Assembly Appropriations Suspense File 5/27/16; Failed Deadline
<b>Corporate Governance</b>	
<b>Improves Small Business Climate.</b> AB 2610 (Holden; D-Pasadena) Makes it easier for small businesses to grow and expand by providing greater accessibility to the Small Corporate Offering Registration (SCOR) program. Support.	Assembly Banking and Finance 3/28/16; Failed Deadline

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<b>Education</b>	
<b>Increased Innovation and Entrepreneurship.</b> AB 2664 (Irwin; D-Thousand Oaks) Makes it easier to establish a business by requiring the University of California (UC) and Berkeley National Laboratory to expand their capacity and increase access to their innovation and entrepreneurship centers, which provide incubator space, legal services, entrepreneur training and more for researchers and other individuals looking to develop innovative solutions. Support/ <b>Job Creator</b> .	Senate Appropriations Hearing 8/1/16
<b>Improved School Accountability.</b> AB 2548 (Weber; D-San Diego) Will help employers, parents, educators, lawmakers, and other stakeholders hold schools accountable for student performance and improvement, and ensure students are being adequately prepared to enter the workforce or college, by requiring that the state’s new accountability system tracks sufficient information to allow for meaningful comparisons of schools and districts. Support.	Senate Appropriations 6/29/16
<b>Jeopardizes State Workforce Goals.</b> SB 959 (Lara; D-Bell Gardens) Unnecessarily restricts the University of California’s (UC) ability to use its restricted state funding in the most efficient manner possible to continue expanding enrollment without compromising on the quality of the education it provides or substantially increasing the state’s General Fund contribution. Oppose.	Assembly Appropriations 6/29/16
<b>Jeopardizes State Workforce Goals.</b> AB 2183 (Gatto; D-Glendale) Makes it harder for the California State University (CSU) system to manage its budget and serve more students at a lower cost to the state by placing unreasonable restrictions on when the CSU may contract for services. Oppose.	Senate Education 6/9/16; Failed Deadline
<b>Increases Access to Computer Science.</b> AB 2329 (Bonilla; D-Concord) Ensures that future generations of California students will be better prepared to compete for high-paying, high-skilled jobs in manufacturing, health care, retail, the arts, financial services, agriculture and other sectors that increasingly require computer science skills by requiring the California Department of Education and State Board of Education to develop a coordinated strategy to make computer science curriculum available in every school. Support.	Senate Appropriations Hearing 8/1/16
<b>Increases Access to Computer Science.</b> AB 2275 (Dababneh; D-Encino) Ensures that future generations of California students will be better prepared to compete for high-paying, high-skilled jobs in manufacturing, health care, retail, the arts, financial services, agriculture and other sectors that increasingly require computer science skills by expanding the pool of teachers authorized to teach computer science. Support.	Assembly Education 4/12/16; Failed Deadline
<b>School District Funding.</b> SB 799 (Hill; D-San Mateo) Modifies the existing school district reserve funds cap law to give districts greater flexibility and restore local control. The current district reserve cap prevents California’s 1,000 school districts from maintaining adequate budget reserves to save for a rainy day or major purchases. Support.	Assembly Education 6/16/16
<b>Teacher Recruitment and Quality.</b> AB 1756 (Bonilla; D-Concord) Helps draw new teachers to the profession, put fully trained teachers into our classrooms more quickly, and reduce the amount of debt new teachers have to take on, increasing the value of teacher salaries, by providing one-time funding for postsecondary teacher preparation institutions to develop integrated baccalaureate degree and teaching credential programs. Support.	Held in Senate Education 6/9/16; Failed Deadline
<b>Undermines Teacher Quality.</b> AB 575 (O’Donnell; D-Long Beach) Before amendments, made it harder for school districts to prioritize student achievement and provide support to developing teachers by replacing the state’s existing teacher evaluation framework with one that, among other things, would be entirely subject to collective bargaining and take away management’s existing authority to unilaterally establish criteria for measuring student progress and teacher effectiveness. Opposition removed due to June 20, 2016 amendments. No Position.	Senate Appropriations 6/29/16

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<b>Increases Education Attainment.</b> AB 1721 (Medina; D-Riverside) Makes community college more affordable and accessible for students by expanding the Cal Grant Program, thereby broadening access to financial aid for students enrolled in community college career technical education programs. Support.	Senate Appropriations 6/29/16
<b>Increases College Access.</b> AB 2787 (Chávez; R-Oceanside) Makes it possible for more students to afford to attend college by expanding eligibility for the Middle Class Scholarship Program to students who choose to attend in-state private colleges and universities. Support.	Failed Passage in Assembly Higher Education 4/19/16; Reconsideration Granted
<b>Teacher Recruitment and Quality.</b> SB 933 (B. Allen; D-Santa Monica) Helps school districts establish and maintain teacher residency programs to recruit, prepare, and retain new teachers by providing matching grants of up to \$30,000 per candidate, per year for three years, helping ensure that all students will have highly qualified teachers in their classrooms. Support.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File 6/29/16
<b>Increases College Access.</b> AB 1961 (Baker; R-San Ramon) Ensures there is adequate state support for low-income students who choose to attend private colleges and universities by permanently repealing the 11.3% cut planned for Cal Grant awards available to them, and by increasing the maximum award amount for these Cal Grants. Support.	Held in Assembly Appropriations Suspense File 5/27/16; Failed Deadline
<b>Increases Educational Attainment.</b> AB 1892 (Medina; D-Riverside) Helps address the looming shortage of workers with some college experience by fixing the Cal Grant C award amount at \$3,000 rather than leaving it subject to the annual budget act, expanding the ways students can use their Cal Grant C awards, and instructing the California Student Aid Commission to give priority in granting Cal Grant C awards to students pursuing occupational and technical training in industry sectors identified by the California Community College Economic and Workforce Development program to be a high priority. Support.	Held in Assembly Appropriations Suspense File 5/27/16; Failed Deadline
<b>Improves Career Technical Education.</b> SB 66 (Leyva; D-Chino) Helps improve the relevance of Career Technical Education (CTE) courses offered by the state's community colleges by giving the colleges more information about former students to help guide future workforce development policies, and eases administrative burdens for the community colleges by streamlining their reporting and accountability metrics related to workforce and economic development. Support.	Assembly Appropriations 6/28/16
<b>Space Day.</b> SB 1138 (Hueso; D-San Diego) Before amendments, this bill would have had a significant negative impact on both employees and businesses as well as health and public safety by requiring all business, residents and governmental facilities to turn all lights off during a designated hour to commemorate Space Day. Opposition removed due to April 18, 2016 amendments. No Position.	Assembly Consent Calendar 6/30/16
<b>Elections and Fair Political Practices</b>	
<b>Campaign Finance.</b> SB 1349 (Hertzberg; D-Van Nuys) Improves transparency of campaign financing by directing the Secretary of State to modernize Cal-Access, California's online system for campaign finance filing and disclosure. Support.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File 6/29/16
<b>Energy</b>	
<b>Increases Energy Costs.</b> SB 886 (Pavley; D-Agoura Hills) Increases energy costs and potentially threatens reliability by mandating new energy storage targets and prioritizing energy storage over fossil-based generation. Oppose.	Assembly Appropriations 6/30/16
<b>Jeopardizes Energy Reliability.</b> SB 380 (Pavley; D-Agoura Hills) Jeopardizes energy resources and reliability by placing a moratorium on natural gas storage until all wells in the Aliso Canyon facility have been inspected. Oppose Unless Amended.	Signed 5/10/16—Chapter 14 (Urgency)



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<p><b>Attorney-Client Privilege.</b> SB 1049 (Hill; D-San Mateo) Before amendments, would have diminished attorney-client privilege by requiring electrical or gas corporations to allow the California Public Utilities Commission access to privileged documents whether or not they are subject to attorney-client privilege, the attorney work product doctrine. Oppose position removed due to May 27, 2016 amendments. No Position.</p>	<p>Assembly Appropriations 6/30/16</p>
<p><b>Provides Transparency.</b> AB 2066 (Lackey; R-Palmdale) Provides transparency to drivers by including a label on fuel pumps showing the additional cost per gallon for fuels under the cap-and-trade program. Support.</p>	<p>Held in Assembly Appropriations Suspense File 5/27/16; Failed Deadline</p>
<h2 style="color: red;">Environmental Justice</h2>	
<p><b>Barrier to Development.</b> SB 1000 (Leyva; D-Chino) Potentially creates barriers to development by requiring an environmental justice element be included in general plans. Oppose.</p>	<p>Assembly Appropriations 6/30/16</p>
<h2 style="color: red;">Environmental Regulation</h2>	
<p><b>Gas Price Increase.</b> AB 1759 (Bonta; D-Oakland) Jeopardizes the production of California-based fuel by banning the use of hydrogen fluoride and hydrofluoric acid at facilities that use more than 250 gallons and are located within two miles of a residence, notwithstanding the fact that there are significant safety regulations in place at the local, state and federal levels. Oppose/<b>Job Killer</b>.</p>	<p>Assembly Natural Resources 2/18/16</p>
<p><b>Gas Price Increase.</b> AB 1882 (Williams; D-Carpinteria) Jeopardizes the production of California-based fuel by substantially complicating the existing permitting process for the Underground Injection Control program by imposing duplicative requirements and requiring the Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources to cede aspects of its permitting authority to the regional water quality control board. Oppose/<b>Job Killer</b>.</p>	<p>Held in Assembly Appropriations Suspense File 5/27/16; Failed Deadline</p>
<p><b>Creates Unworkable Hazardous Waste Permitting Process.</b> SB 654 (de León; D-Los Angeles) Discourages investment in upgrading and improving hazardous waste facilities by shutting down hazardous waste facilities if the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) fails to take final action on the permit renewal application within a specified timeframe, even if the permit applicant acted diligently and in good faith throughout the permit application process. Oppose/<b>2015 Job Killer</b>.</p>	<p>Assembly Inactive File 9/11/15; Failed Deadline</p>
<p><b>Gas Price Increase.</b> AB 2729 (Williams; D-Carpinteria) Before amendments, jeopardized the production of California-based fuel supply and increased costs to the industry by revising the definition of an idle well and requiring permanent closure of 25% of California’s long-term idle wells each year. Opposition and job killer tag removed due to June 1, 2016 amendments. Neutral/<b>Former Job Killer</b>.</p>	<p>Senate Appropriations 6/30/16</p>
<p><b>Increases Environmental Litigation.</b> AB 2748 (Gatto; D-Glendale) Eliminates incentives to settle lawsuits and instead exposes businesses to multiple rounds of litigation at great expense to the parties and the courts by creating statutory prohibitions on “release” clauses in settlements pertaining to “environmental disasters.” Job killer tag removed due to June 2, 2016 amendments, but CalChamber remains opposed. Oppose/<b>Former Job Killer</b>.</p>	<p>Senate Environmental Quality 6/29/16</p>
<p><b>Proposition 26 Violation.</b> AB 1400 (Santiago; D-Los Angeles) Violates Proposition 26 and imposes limitless costs on hazardous waste permit applicants by requiring hazardous waste permit applicants to pay for uncapped “technical assistance grants” for local communities to participate in the hazardous waste permitting process. Oppose.</p>	<p>Senate Environmental Quality 6/22/16; Failed Deadline</p>
<p><b>Increased Costs to Hazardous Waste Permit Operators.</b> AB 1102 (Santiago; D-Los Angeles) Prematurely and unnecessarily imposes substantial new costs on hazardous waste permit applicants by imposing new facility inspection requirements, which must be paid for by the permit applicant, notwithstanding the fact that the Department of Toxic Substances Control is currently reforming its enforcement program on the regulatory level, including promulgating a more robust inspection process. Oppose.</p>	<p>Senate Environmental Quality 6/23/16</p>

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<p><b>Increased Costs to Hazardous Waste Permit Operators.</b> AB 1205 (Gomez; D-Los Angeles) Imposes unnecessary and substantial new costs on hazardous waste permit applicants by requiring hazardous waste permit applicants to pay for a public hearing within 90 days of the submittal of a hazardous waste renewal application, notwithstanding the fact that current regulations and the California Environmental Quality Act already provide for multiple opportunities for public hearings. Oppose.</p>	<p>Senate Environmental Quality 6/21/16</p>
<p><b>Creates Business Uncertainty.</b> SB 1387 (de León; D-Los Angeles) Creates uncertainty for businesses in the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) by allowing the California Air Resources Board to modify local market-based incentive programs and shifts local control to state control by adding three additional state-appointed positions to the SCAQMD. Oppose.</p>	<p>Assembly Appropriations 6/28/16</p>
<p><b>Increased Civil Violations on Oil and Gas Operators.</b> AB 2756 (Thurmond; D-Richmond) Before amendments, allowed the Oil and Gas Supervisor to impose civil penalties for violations by oil and gas operators well in excess of the current \$25,000 statutory limit for each violation. Opposition removed due to June 1, 2016 amendments. No Position.</p>	<p>Senate Appropriations 6/29/16</p>
<p><b>Unnecessary Recycling Program.</b> AB 2153 (C. Garcia; D-Bell Gardens) Before amendments, disrupted the nearly 100 percent success rate of a well-established and proven lead acid battery recycling program in California by overhauling the current system and creating a new and unnecessary recycling program governed by a nonprofit agency. Opposition removed due to June 1, 2016 amendments. No Position.</p>	<p>Senate Environmental Quality 6/9/16</p>
<p><b>Increased Permit Processing Costs.</b> AB 2794 (Santiago; D-Los Angeles) Before amendments, significantly increased the costs of recycling, landfills, and other critical waste facilities by eliminating permit applicants' option to be charged a flat permitting fee and instead giving the Department of Toxics Substances Control carte blanche to charge whatever fee it determines, notwithstanding well-recognized and self-acknowledged deficiencies in DTSC's current permitting program that have resulted in excessive delays in permit processing. (See related item under Budget.) Opposition removed due to April 5, 2016 amendments. No Position.</p>	<p>Held in Assembly Appropriations Suspense File 5/27/16; Failed Deadline</p>
<p><b>Compromises Oil Spill Response Program.</b> SB 1083 (B. Allen; D-Santa Monica) Before amendments, prevented operators from complying with their statutory duties to meet best management practices for oil spill prevention by prohibiting personnel from a responsible party from participating in various activities required of the Unified Command in the event of an oil spill. Opposition removed due to April 28, 2016 amendments. Neutral.</p>	<p>Held in Senate Appropriations Suspense File 5/27/16; Failed Deadline</p>
<p><b>Creates Infeasible Motor Oil Mandate.</b> SB 778 (B. Allen; D-Santa Monica) Creates an upheaval in the California motor oil marketplace, limiting consumer choice and forcing California motorists to spend more of their disposable income on motor oil by greatly constraining the range of motor oil products currently available for gasoline and diesel engines used in passenger cars and light duty trucks. Oppose.</p>	<p>Assembly Appropriations 6/28/16</p>
<p><b>Health</b></p>	
<p><b>Well-Crafted Managed Care Organization (MCO) Proposal.</b> SBX2 2 (E. Hernandez; D-West Covina) Preserves critical funding for the state's Medi-Cal program, which is critical for the health care delivery system, without undermining the affordability of commercial health care purchased by employers, families, and individuals. Support.</p>	<p>Signed 3/1/16—Chapter 2, Second Extraordinary Session</p>
<p><b>Publicly Shames Employers.</b> AB 2467 (Gomez; D-Los Angeles) Seeks to blame hospital executive compensation for rising health care costs and shame hospitals by requiring them to post a hospital executive compensation report online covering each executive making over \$300,000 a year, and exposes hospitals to unjustified and time-consuming audits, investigations, and wage discrimination claims that will drive up health care costs. Oppose.</p>	<p>Failed Passage in Assembly 6/2/16</p>

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<b>Arbitration Discrimination.</b> SB 932 (E. Hernandez; D-West Covina) Unfairly discriminates against arbitration agreements and therefore is preempted by the Federal Arbitration Act, which will lead to confusion and litigation, by prohibiting arbitration between a health care plan and a contracting hospital. Oppose.	Held in Senate Appropriations Suspense File 5/27/16; Failed Deadline
<b>Drives Up Health Insurance Premiums.</b> AB 2209 (Bonilla; D-Concord) Increases health care costs by interfering with the ability of health plans to develop voluntary, evidence-based clinical pathways that treat patients in accordance with current medical evidence and best practices without exposing patients and purchasers to unnecessary costs. Oppose.	Assembly Appropriations 4/27/16; Failed Deadline
<b>Increased Health Care Costs.</b> AB 2400 (Nazarian; D-Sherman Oaks) Drives up health care premiums without providing a substantial benefit for enrollees by substantially limiting the amount of time health care issuers have to process prior authorization requests for medications included on their formularies, as well as the timeline for secondary reviews of any denied or modified requests. Oppose.	Held in Assembly Appropriations Suspense File 5/27/16; Failed Deadline
<b>Increases Health Care Premiums.</b> SB 1034 (Mitchell; D-Los Angeles) Increases costs and undermines the ability of health care issuers to promote and manage applied behavioral analysis for children with autism by making a number of changes to how the autism services are provided. Oppose.	Assembly Appropriations 6/30/16
<b>Unworkable Drug Pricing Disclosure.</b> AB 2436 (R. Hernández; D-West Covina) Provides useless information to consumers by requiring issuers to notify enrollees of the contracted price paid for a drug. Oppose.	Assembly Unfinished Business 5/19/16; Failed Deadline
<b>Drives Up Health Insurance Premiums.</b> AB 1763 (Gipson; D-Carson) Increases health care costs by prohibiting cost-sharing, co-payments or coinsurance for non-preventative screening and treatment for colorectal cancer. Oppose.	Senate Appropriations 6/27/16
<b>New Health Care Costs.</b> AB 2507 (Gordon; D-Menlo Park) Increases the cost of health care for employers and enrollees by mandating coverage for phone and email communications between doctors and patients. Oppose.	Held in Assembly Appropriations Suspense File 5/27/16; Failed Deadline
<b>Health Care Mandate.</b> AB 2004 (Bloom; D-Santa Monica) Drives up costs by mandating health care issuers to cover hearing aids for enrollees under 18 years of age. Oppose.	Senate Appropriations 6/30/16
<b>Health Care Mandate.</b> AB 2764 (Bonilla; D-Concord) Increases health care premiums by mandating coverage beyond the essential health benefits requirement under the Affordable Care Act for mammography performed concurrently with breast tomosynthesis for screening and diagnostic purposes. Oppose.	Held in Assembly Appropriations Suspense File 5/27/16; Failed Deadline
<b>Reduces Employer Costs.</b> SB 482 (Lara; D-Bell Gardens) Helps lower workers' compensation costs and general health care costs for employers, and helps injured employees get back to work faster by mandating that physicians and other prescribers check the state's Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System (CURES) database before prescribing a Schedule II or Schedule III controlled substance to a patient for the first time, and at least annually thereafter if the patient remains on the medication. Support.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File 6/29/16
<b>Lower Costs for Hospitals.</b> AB 1300 (Ridley-Thomas; D-Los Angeles) Reduces costs for health care purchasers by helping expedite the release and transfer of patients who are brought to hospital emergency rooms on 5150 psychiatric holds once their medical conditions have been stabilized. Support.	Senate Rules 6/30/16
<b>Unclear Reporting Obligation.</b> AB 2425 (Brown; D-San Bernardino) Before amendments, exposed employers to potential lawsuits by requiring private employees and contractors with emergency response training to complete and file detailed reports with the local county health department anytime an unintentional injury occurs, even though they do not have the authority to collect most of the information required. Opposition removed due to May 31, 2016 amendments. No Position.	Held in Senate Health 6/9/16; Failed Deadline



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<p><b>Increases Prescription Drug Spending.</b> AB 1977 (Wood; D-Healdsburg) Before amendments, would have driven up health care spending by mandating that health care plans and insurers cover expensive new forms of opioid pain medications despite the lack of evidence that these new formulations will lower the incidence of opioid abuse or related hospitalizations and deaths. Opposition removed due to April 13, 2016 amendments. No Position.</p>	<p>Senate Health 5/19/16</p>
<p><b>Extended Producer Responsibility.</b> AB 2039 (Ting; D-San Francisco) Creates an onerous take-back program that significantly adds to the cost of producing home-health sharps and the medicines delivered by them. Oppose.</p>	<p>Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials 4/6/16; Failed Deadline</p>
<p><b>Well-Crafted MCO Proposal.</b> ABX2 20 (Bonta; D-Oakland) Along with SBX2 15, this measure preserves critical funding for the state’s Medi-Cal program without undermining the affordability of commercial health care purchased by employers, families, and individuals. Support.</p>	<p>Assembly Public Health and Development Services 2/10/16</p>
<p><b>Well-Crafted MCO Proposal.</b> SBX2 15 (E. Hernandez; D-West Covina) Along with ABX2 20, this measure preserves critical funding for the state’s Medi-Cal program without undermining the affordability of commercial health care purchased by employers, families, and individuals. Support.</p>	<p>Assembly Public Health and Development Services 2/8/16</p>
<h2 style="color: red;">Housing and Land Use</h2>	
<p><b>Erodes Housing Affordability.</b> AB 2162 (Chu; D-San Jose) Increases the cost of and delays housing and other development projects by eliminating existing mitigation options for impacts to oak woodlands under the California Environmental Quality Act and instead imposes an entirely new and separate permitting process for the removal of even one valley oak tree. Oppose/<b>Job Killer</b>.</p>	<p>Assembly Natural Resources 2/29/16; Failed Deadline</p>
<p><b>Erodes Housing Affordability.</b> AB 2502 (Mullin; D-South San Francisco) Before amendments, increased the cost and reduced the supply of housing by authorizing local governments as condition of development to impose a costly and inflexible price-controlled inclusionary housing requirement and, in doing so, legislatively repealed an established court decision upholding developers’ ability to set initial rental rates for new dwelling units. Job killer tag removed due to June 2, 2016 amendments. CalChamber remains opposed. Oppose/<b>Former Job Killer</b>.</p>	<p>Assembly Local Government 6/6/16; Failed Deadline</p>
<p><b>Increases Housing Supply.</b> SB 1069 (Wieckowski; D-Fremont) Creates and expedites additional housing supply by streamlining the permitting process for Accessory Dwelling Units through reduced parking requirements, expedited procedural processes, and allowing ADUs to be constructed within existing structures. Support/<b>Job Creator</b>.</p>	<p>Assembly Appropriations 6/30/16</p>
<p><b>Costly Rental Mandate.</b> SB 1053 (Leno; D-San Francisco) Imposes additional and unnecessary costs on rental property owners by prohibiting rental property owners from refusing to accept tenants because they have a Section 8 voucher. Oppose.</p>	<p>Held in Senate Appropriations Suspense File 5/27/16; Failed Deadline</p>
<p><b>Improves Housing Climate.</b> AB 1934 (Santiago; D-Los Angeles) Makes housing more affordable by allowing local governments to grant a density bonus to commercial developers who partner with affordable housing developers to construct mixed-use projects. Support.</p>	<p>Senate Appropriations 6/30/16</p>
<p><b>Expedites Housing Construction.</b> AB 2180 (Ting; D-San Francisco) Expedites the permit approval process for housing projects by reducing the time for local agencies to approve a proposed project from 180 days to 120 days. Support.</p>	<p>Senate Appropriations 6/22/16</p>
<p><b>Creates Affordable Housing Opportunities.</b> AB 2817 (Chiu; D-San Francisco) Promotes affordable housing by expanding the existing low-income housing tax credit program, making the state better able to leverage an estimated \$100 million more in federal tax credits. Support.</p>	<p>Senate Appropriations 6/29/16</p>
<p><b>Increases Housing Supply.</b> AB 2557 (Santiago; D-Los Angeles) Improves the housing supply crisis by limiting the ability of local government to impose moratoria to delay or halt the approval of multifamily housing. Support.</p>	<p>Assembly Local Government 4/19/16; Failed Deadline</p>

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<b>Industrial Safety and Health</b>	
<p><b>New Employer Mandate.</b> AB 2895 (R. Hernández; D-West Covina) Creates an unprecedented departure from exclusive Cal/OSHA enforcement of safety regulations, open-ended liability to employers for a new crime, plus exposure to injunctive action for a new paperwork violation that presents no risk of injury or harm to employees by requiring employers to inform employees of their right to access the illness and injury prevention program, to maintain a written copy at all worksites, and to provide a written copy to employees or their representative upon request. Oppose.</p>	Senate Appropriations 6/22/16
<p><b>Indoor Heat Illness Regulation.</b> SB 1167 (Leyva; D-Chino) Unnecessarily duplicates current regulations by directing Cal/OSHA to adopt a regulation for indoor workers to prevent heat illness. Oppose.</p>	Assembly Appropriations 6/23/16
<p><b>New Tax for Redundant Purpose.</b> SB 1100 (Monning; D-Carmel) Imposes a new tax for work that most appropriately falls within the scope of existing and funded agencies, to provide training to prevent occupational injuries and illnesses. Oppose.</p>	Senate Inactive File 6/2/16
<p><b>Cal/OSHA Elevator Safety Variances.</b> AB 1050 (Low; D-Campbell) Creates uncertainty and potential delays for employers seeking variances from conveyance safety standards by creating expansive new notification requirements from employers to individuals who are not employees of the employer and who may not be known to the employer, in order to solve a narrow concern with variance applications for elevators. Oppose Unless Amended.</p>	Senate Appropriations 6/8/16
<b>International Relations/Trade</b>	
<p><b>*Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement.</b> Promotes California and U.S. trade and investment by eliminating 18,000 foreign taxes on U.S. products, boosting exports, protecting intellectual property rights, and strengthening labor rights and human rights abroad. Support</p>	Pending Congressional Approval
<p><b>Calxico Port of Entry Funding.</b> SJR 22 (Hueso; D-San Diego) Seeks to facilitate the ongoing movement of goods and people between the United States and Mexico by urging Congress to appropriate \$248 million in funding as proposed by the President’s Fiscal Year 2017 Budget to complete Phase II of the Calxico West Land Port of Entry Reconfiguration and Expansion project. Support.</p>	Assembly Floor 6/29/16
<b>Labor and Employment</b>	
<p><b>Imposes New Maternity and Paternity Leave Mandate.</b> SB 1166 (Jackson; D-Santa Barbara) Unduly burdens and increases costs of small employers with as few as 10 employees, as well as large employers with 50 or more employees, by requiring 12 weeks of protected employee leave for maternity or paternity leave, and exposes all employers to the threat of costly litigation. Oppose/<b>Job Killer.</b></p>	Held in Assembly Labor and Employment 6/9/16; Failed Deadline
<p><b>Increased Costs on Agricultural Employers.</b> AB 1066 (Gonzalez; D-San Diego) Drives up costs of commodities to consumers by removing the existing overtime exemption allowed for agricultural employers. Oppose.</p>	Senate Appropriations 6/29/16
<p><b>Double Pay on a “Family Holiday.”</b> AB 67 (Gonzalez; D-San Diego) Increases California employers’ cost of doing business and places brick-and-mortar stores at a competitive disadvantage to online retailers by mandating almost all employers to pay double the regular rate of pay on Thanksgiving, designated as a “Family Holiday,” as opposed to any other significant holiday. Oppose.</p>	Senate Appropriations 6/14/16
<p><b>Frivolous Litigation.</b> AB 1676 (Campos; D-San Jose) Before amendments, threatened employers with civil litigation for seeking an applicant’s prior salary and benefit information even though the applicant suffered no harm in compensation from the inquiry. Opposition removed due to June 15, 2016 amendments. No Position.</p>	Senate Appropriations 6/29/16

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<b>Underground Economy.</b> AB 1978 (Gonzalez; D-San Diego) Imposes overly broad and punitive requirements on the janitorial industry to address concerns of wage theft and illegal behavior, which will negatively impact those employers who are actually compliant. Oppose Unless Amended.	Senate Appropriations 6/29/16
<b>Retaliation Investigations.</b> AB 2261 (R. Hernández; D-West Covina) Disrupts the workplace and creates the potential for harassment and abuse against employers by subjecting employers to random investigations for alleged employee retaliation even when there are no employee complaints of retaliation. Oppose.	Senate Appropriations 6/29/16
<b>Employment Arbitration Agreement Discrimination.</b> AB 2879 (M. Stone; D-Scotts Valley) Unfairly discriminates against arbitration agreements and is likely preempted by the Federal Arbitration Act, which will lead to confusion and litigation, by prohibiting an employer from requiring an individual who is a member of the military to sign a mandatory arbitration agreement as a condition of employment. Oppose/ <b>Job Killer.</b>	Assembly Inactive File 6/13/16
<b>Automatic Minimum Wage Increase.</b> SB 3 (Leno; D-San Francisco) Unfairly imposes a potential 50% increase in the minimum wage by 2022 (actually an 87% increase over an 8-year period when combined with the last increase just implemented in January 2016), and automatically adjusts minimum wage beyond 2018 according to national inflation, with no “offramps” to suspend the indexing if employers are struggling with other economic factors or costs. Oppose/ <b>2015 Job Killer.</b>	Signed 4/4/16—Chapter 4
<b>Itemized Wage Statements.</b> AB 2535 (Ridley-Thomas; D-Los Angeles) Clarifies existing law that only nonexempt employees and others who are paid according to hours worked are required to have their hours tracked and logged on an itemized wage statement to preclude frivolous and costly litigation with regard to hours worked by exempt employees. Support.	To Governor
<b>Expansion and Equal Pay.</b> SB 1063 (Hall; D-Los Angeles) Increases concern and confusion amongst employers with regard to the newly amended equal pay law by seeking to expand the equal pay law that was just amended and implemented this year, by adding two new classifications. Oppose.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File 6/29/16
<b>Mandated Scheduling Requirement.</b> SB 878 (Leyva; D-Chino) Eliminates worker flexibility and exposes employers to costly penalties, litigation, and government enforcement, by mandating employers in the retail, grocery, or restaurant industry, including employers who have hybrid operations that include a retail or restaurant section, to provide a 21-day work schedule and then face penalties and litigation if the employer changes the schedule with less than 7 days notice, even when the change is at the request of the employee. Oppose/ <b>Job Killer.</b>	Held in Senate Appropriations Suspense File 5/27/16; Failed Deadline
<b>Increased Costs on Agricultural Employers.</b> AB 2757 (Gonzalez; D-San Diego) Drives up costs of commodities to consumers by removing the existing overtime exemption allowed for agricultural employers. Oppose.	Failed Passage in Assembly 6/2/16
<b>Price-Setting by Independent Contractors.</b> AB 1727 (Gonzalez; D-San Diego) Harms consumers and the California economy by essentially allowing independent contractors in almost every industry to collaborate and set prices for their services as well as other terms and conditions of their contracts, which will raise prices for consumers as well as subject them to costly litigation with the threat of triple damages if consumers terminate those contracts. Oppose/ <b>Job Killer.</b>	Assembly Judiciary 4/21/16; Failed Deadline
<b>Paid Leave for School Activities.</b> AB 2405 (Gatto; D-Glendale) Imposes a significant burden on employers when considered with the cumulative leaves of absence and costs they are already facing by mandating employers provide 8 hours of paid time off each year for employees to attend school activities. Oppose.	Assembly Floor 6/1/16
<b>Juvenile Criminal Records.</b> AB 1843 (M. Stone; D-Scotts Valley) Limits an employer’s ability to maintain a safe work environment for employees and consumers by precluding employers from inquiring into an applicant’s juvenile convictions. Oppose.	Senate Appropriations 6/22/16
<b>Meal and Rest Period Penalty.</b> AB 1948 (Wagner; R-Irvine) Reduces unnecessary litigation and stacking of remedies by specifying that the one-hour premium pay penalty for a missed meal or rest period is the sole remedy for the violation. Support/ <b>Job Creator.</b>	Failed Passage in Assembly Labor and Employment 4/20/16

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<p><b>Flexible Workweek.</b> SB 985 (Berryhill; R-Twain Harte) Provides employers with the opportunity to accommodate employees’ needs as well as business demands by allowing employees to request a voluntary, flexible workweek agreement that can be repealed by the employee at any time with proper notice. Support/<b>Job Creator</b>.</p>	<p>Failed Passage in Senate Labor and Industrial Relations 6/22/16: Reconsideration Granted</p>
<p><b>Private Attorneys General Act (PAGA) Reform.</b> AB 2461 (Grove; R-Bakersfield) Protects against meritless litigation by focusing a representative action under PAGA to four Labor Code sections instead of the entire Labor Code. Support/<b>Job Creator</b>.</p>	<p>Assembly Labor and Employment 4/28/16; Failed Deadline</p>
<p><b>Private Attorneys General Act (PAGA) Reform.</b> AB 2462 (Grove; R-Bakersfield) Reduces meritless litigation costs by allowing an employer 33 days to cure any alleged Labor Code violation before a civil action may be filed. Support/<b>Job Creator</b>.</p>	<p>Assembly Labor and Employment 4/28/16; Failed Deadline</p>
<p><b>Private Attorneys General Act (PAGA) Reform.</b> AB 2463 (Grove; R-Bakersfield) Reduces meritless litigation costs by capping the penalties an employee may receive under PAGA at \$1,000 per aggrieved employee. Support/<b>Job Creator</b>.</p>	<p>Assembly Labor and Employment 4/28/16; Failed Deadline</p>
<p><b>Private Attorneys General Act (PAGA) Reform.</b> AB 2464 (Grove; R-Bakersfield) Reduces meritless litigation costs by providing the court with discretion to dismiss a PAGA case if the court determines the employee did not suffer any physical or economic harm. Support/<b>Job Creator</b>.</p>	<p>Assembly Labor and Employment 4/28/16; Failed Deadline</p>
<p><b>Private Attorneys General Act (PAGA) Reform.</b> AB 2465 (Grove; R-Bakersfield) Reduces meritless litigation costs by requiring the Labor and Workforce Development Agency to investigate and review all notices filed pursuant to PAGA and issue a determination as to whether there is a reasonable basis for a civil action within 120 days of receiving the notice. Support/<b>Job Creator</b>.</p>	<p>Failed Passage in Assembly Labor and Employment 4/20/16</p>
<p><b>Human Trafficking Training.</b> AB 1595 (Campos; D-San Jose) Requires an employer of “mass transportation,” which excludes taxis and airlines, to train its employees on signs of human trafficking, but fails to provide any details of this mandated training, including the length of time or what the commonly accepted signs of human trafficking include. Oppose.</p>	<p>Held in Assembly Appropriations Suspense File 5/27/16; Failed Deadline</p>
<p><b>Human Trafficking.</b> AB 1942 (C. Garcia; D-Bell Gardens) Before amendments, required a hotel or motel to train its employees on signs of human trafficking, but failed to provide any details of this mandated training, including the length of time or what the commonly accepted signs of human trafficking include. Opposition removed due to April 13, 2016 amendments. No Position.</p>	<p>Held in Assembly Appropriations Suspense File 5/27/16; Failed Deadline</p>
<h2 style="color: red;">Legal Reform and Protection</h2>	
<p><b>Consumer Arbitration Agreement Discrimination.</b> AB 2667 (Thurmond; D-Richmond) Unfairly discriminates against arbitration agreements and therefore is likely preempted by the Federal Arbitration Act, which will lead to confusion and litigation, by prohibiting arbitration of Unruh Civil Rights violations made as a condition of a consumer contract for goods or services. Oppose/<b>Job Killer</b>.</p>	<p>Failed Passage in Assembly 5/31/16</p>
<p><b>Incentivizing Disability Access and Education.</b> SB 269 (Roth; D-Riverside) Seeks to limit frivolous litigation and claims regarding construction-related accessibility violations by providing businesses that have proactively sought to become Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant with an opportunity to resolve any identified violations. Support/<b>Job Creator</b>.</p>	<p>Signed 5/10/16—Chapter 13 (Urgency)</p>
<p><b>Increased Frivolous Litigation.</b> SB 899 (Hueso; D-San Diego) Drives up consumer costs and increases frivolous litigation similar to the disability access lawsuits in California, by prohibiting a retailer or grocery store from discriminating against a person on the basis of gender with the price of goods and subjecting them to a minimum \$4,000 of damages for each violation. Oppose/<b>Job Killer</b>.</p>	<p>Held in Assembly Judiciary 6/21/16; Failed Deadline</p>
<p><b>Interference with Enforcement of Contracts.</b> SB 1241 (Wieckowski; D-Fremont) Undermines judicial discretion and the intent of the parties who negotiated the contract by rendering any contract that contains a choice of forum or choice of law provision that designates another state other than California as voidable. Oppose.</p>	<p>Assembly Floor 6/30/16</p>



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<p><b>Limits Private Business’s Ability to Accommodate Customers.</b> SB 876 (Liu; D-La Cañada Flintridge) Limits the ability of business owners to request individuals who are homeless to move from entryways to the business as well as exposes business to the threat of costly litigation with mandatory statutory damages of no less than \$1,000 per violation by proposing to create a protected classification for individuals who are homeless. Oppose.</p>	<p>Failed Passage in Senate Transportation and Housing 3/29/16; Reconsideration Granted; Failed Deadline</p>
<p><b>Small Business Relief.</b> SB 1228 (Runner; R-Antelope Valley) Provides small businesses with the opportunity to comply with regulations without facing devastating administrative enforcement actions and penalties, by requiring state agencies to assist small business with newly adopted regulations, create policies to reduce or eliminate penalties against small businesses who have tried to comply in good faith, and allow courts the necessary discretion to grant small employers equitable relief from overwhelming administrative orders. Support/<b>Job Creator</b>.</p>	<p>Held in Senate Appropriations Suspense File 5/27/16; Failed Deadline</p>
<p><b>ADA Reform.</b> SB 1142 (Moorlach; R-Costa Mesa) Reduces meritless litigation costs while protecting disability access by providing a business with 120 days to cure any alleged violation in a demand letter before a civil action may be filed. Support/<b>Job Creator</b>.</p>	<p>Failed Passage in Senate Judiciary 4/27/16; Reconsideration Granted</p>
<p><b>Judicial Positions.</b> SB 1023 (Committee on Judiciary) Helps to reduce the overburdened court system and allow quicker resolution of disputes by proposing to financially support the funding of additional judicial positions. Support.</p>	<p>Held in Senate Appropriations Suspense File 5/27/16; Failed Deadline</p>
<p><b>ADA Reform.</b> AB 2093 (Steinorth; R-Rancho Cucamonga) Makes sure owners and tenants are aware of any construction-related access violations and therefore have the opportunity to resolve any violation before a lawsuit is filed by requiring clarity in commercial property leases regarding whether the property has been inspected by a Certified Access Specialist (CASp) and any CASp reports. Support.</p>	<p>Senate Floor 6/16/16</p>
<p><b>Reduction of Frivolous Litigation.</b> AB 2827 (Levine; D-San Rafael) Before amendments, limited frivolous litigation against businesses that include “Made in the U.S.A.” or “Made in California” on labels by providing such businesses with a limited right to cure any alleged minor violation. Support removed due to May 4, 2016 amendments. No Position/<b>Former Job Creator</b>.</p>	<p>Held in Senate Rules 6/16/16; Failed Deadline</p>
<p><b>Medical Marijuana</b></p>	
<p><b>Amnesty for Unemployment Insurance Taxes.</b> AB 567 (Gipson; D-Carson) Facilitates more businesses paying their fair share of unemployment insurance taxes, thereby increasing the level of revenue into the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund by creating a one-time unemployment insurance amnesty program for medical cannabis-related businesses. Opposition to 2015 bill dealing with another subject changed when bill was gutted and amended in 2016. Support.</p>	<p>Senate Appropriations 6/22/16</p>
<p><b>Other/Miscellaneous</b></p>	
<p><b>Tobacco Licenses.</b> SB 1400 (Wieckowski; D-Fremont) Causes loss of jobs and revenue by severely restricting where tobacco may be sold. Oppose.</p>	<p>Held in Assembly Governmental Organization 6/21/16; Failed Deadline</p>
<p><b>Privacy and Confidentiality</b></p>	
<p><b>Duplicative Privacy Policy Requirements.</b> AB 2623 (Gordon; D-Menlo Park) Before amendments, created duplicative and unnecessary requirements for privacy policies, thereby exposing businesses to increased litigation without providing additional information or protections to consumers. Opposition removed due to April 28, 2016 amendments. No Position.</p>	<p>Senate Appropriations 6/28/16</p>
<p><b>Proprietary Information Sharing Mandate.</b> SB 949 (Jackson; D-Santa Barbara) Potentially exposes confidential and proprietary information by granting the Governor broad authority to demand that companies operating critical infrastructure turn over information. Oppose.</p>	<p>Senate Governmental Organization 2/18/16; Failed Deadline</p>

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<b>Creates Unnecessary and Burdensome Mandates on Business.</b> AB 1993 (Irwin; D-Thousand Oaks) Unnecessarily interferes with current processes designed to efficiently respond to information requests by mandating that each business designate a single individual to respond to every law enforcement information request and provide status updates. Oppose.	Senate Appropriations 6/28/16
<b>Decreases Mobile Phone Security.</b> AB 1681 (Cooper; D-Elk Grove) Exposes millions of consumers to increased data breach risks and companies to data breach liability by mandating all mobile phones sold in California allow for a “backdoor” entry to any encryption or security protections. Oppose.	Held in Assembly Privacy and Consumer Protection 4/13/16; Failed Deadline
<b>Stymies Drone Innovation.</b> SB 868 (Jackson; D-Santa Barbara) Interferes with drone innovation and utilization by creating overly burdensome rules that severely restrict where drones can operate and may conflict with Federal Aviation Administration regulations. Oppose.	Assembly Privacy and Consumer Protection 6/9/16; Failed Deadline
<b>Stifles Drone Innovation.</b> AB 2724 (Gatto; D-Glendale) Before amendments, interfered with drone innovation and use by creating overly burdensome mandates, including premature insurance requirements and the use of specific technology. Opposition removed due to June 1, 2016 amendments. No Position.	Senate Judiciary 6/22/16
<b>Stymies Business Use of Government Materials.</b> AB 2880 (Committee on Judiciary) Before amendments, interfered with businesses’ ability to reproduce, develop a database or use public documents and materials by granting the state unprecedented authority to assert copyright over anything it creates or acquires. Opposition removed due to June 21, 2016 amendments. No Position.	Senate Appropriations 6/28/16
<b>Creates Overly Prescriptive Mandates.</b> AB 2688 (Gordon; D-Menlo Park) Interferes with the beneficial uses of commercial health monitoring devices and creates a bad precedent for online consent by creating overly prescriptive and unprecedented consumer consent mandates for these devices. Oppose.	Senate Floor 6/30/16
<b>Interferes with Consumer Interaction and Retention.</b> AB 2867 (Gatto; D-Glendale) Stymies certain businesses’ ability to interact with consumers, address service and pricing issues, and explain procedures by mandating that businesses have a technology-specific online cancellation process. Oppose.	Assembly Floor 5/4/16
<b>Drone Flight Guidelines.</b> AB 2148 (Holden; D-Pasadena) Before amendments, required Department of Fish and Wildlife to develop guidelines for drone use over public lands managed by the department. Opposition removed due to May 12, 2016 amendments. No Position.	Senate Appropriations 6/28/16
<b>Interferes with Consumer Interaction and Retention.</b> SB 1428 (E. Hernandez; D-West Covina) Stymies businesses’ ability to interact with consumers, address service and account issues, and explain procedures by mandating that businesses have a technology-specific online cancellation process. Oppose.	Held in Assembly Privacy and Consumer Protection 6/9/16; Failed Deadline
<b>Increases Security of Business Data.</b> AB 2720 (Chau; D-Monterey Park) Increases security of sensitive business data maintained by the state, by creating a security program modeled after private industry that offers monetary rewards to individuals who identify vulnerabilities in the state’s computer network. Support.	Held in Assembly Appropriations Suspense File 5/27/16; Failed Deadline
<b>Increases Government Efficiency.</b> AB 2296 (Low; D-Campbell) Creates more efficient interactions between agencies and businesses by allowing California public agencies to accept digital signatures. Support.	Assembly Concurrence 6/30/16
<b>Increases Litigation on Transportation Network Companies.</b> AB 2777 (Nazarian; D-Sherman Oaks) Creates additional liability for transportation network companies by setting an unnecessary legal standard for companies that fail to “opt in” to the duplicative background check program. Oppose.	Failed Passage in Assembly 6/2/16
<b>Recycling</b>	
<b>Burdensome Reporting Requirement.</b> AB 2530 (Gordon; D-Menlo Park) Burdens beverage manufacturers by requiring specific reporting requirements indicating the percentage of postconsumer recycled content beverage containers. Oppose.	Senate Appropriations 6/30/16

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<p><b>Provides Businesses Certainty.</b> SB 423 (Bates; R-Laguna Niguel) Provides certainty and reduces unnecessary costs for businesses by requiring the Department of Toxic Substances Control to provide consensus recommendations for the management of surplus household consumer products in order to reduce the number of products unnecessarily treated as hazardous waste. Support.</p>	<p>Assembly Appropriations 6/30/16</p>
<h2 style="color: red;">Regulatory Reform</h2>	
<p><b>Major Regulations.</b> AB 1868 (Wagner; R-Irvine) Strengthens the accountability and transparency of the state’s regulatory process, which paves the way to effective and least burdensome regulations. Support.</p>	<p>Failed Passage in Assembly Appropriations 5/11/16</p>
<h2 style="color: red;">Retirement Systems</h2>	
<p><b>State-Run Retirement Program for Private Sector Employees.</b> SB 1234 (de León; D-Los Angeles) Potentially creates liabilities, costs and administrative burdens for employers by creating a mandated state-run retirement savings program for private sector employees without sufficiently addressing liability and costs. Oppose Unless Amended.</p>	<p>Assembly Appropriations 6/23/16</p>
<p><b>Retirement Fund Divestiture.</b> AB 2283 (Calderon; D-Whittier) Unfairly targets one type of business and potentially jeopardizes retirement funds by requiring the California Public Employees’ Retirement System and the State Teachers’ Retirement System boards to divest from securitized home rental properties based on principles unrelated to fiduciary responsibility to the retirees, rather than making investment decisions based on sound economic principles. Oppose.</p>	<p>Failed Passage in Assembly Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security 4/20/16; Reconsideration Granted</p>
<h2 style="color: red;">Surface Mining and Reclamation Act</h2>	
<p><b>Modernizes Operation of Surface Mines.</b> AB 1142 (Gray; D-Merced) Strengthens the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act to promote better communication between government agencies and operators, ensure that mines are inspected by qualified professionals, and clarify due dates for various compliance requirements. Support.</p>	<p>Signed 4/18/16—Chapter 7</p>
<p><b>Modernizes Operation of Surface Mines.</b> SB 209 (Pavley; D-Agoura Hills) Strengthens the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act by, among other things, permitting the use of corporate financial tests to serve as a financial assurance mechanism under the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act. Support.</p>	<p>Signed 4/18/16—Chapter 8</p>
<h2 style="color: red;">Taxation</h2>	
<p><b>Split Roll.</b> SCA 5 (Hancock; D-Berkeley) Undermines the protections of Proposition 13 by unfairly targeting commercial property owners and increasing their property taxes by assessing their property based upon current fair market value instead of acquired value. Such costs will ultimately be passed on to consumers and tenants through higher prices and will result in job loss as businesses struggle to absorb such a dramatic tax increase. Oppose/<b>2015 Job Killer.</b></p>	<p>Senate Governance and Finance 4/12/16</p>
<p><b>Lowers Vote Requirement for Tax Increases.</b> ACA 8 (Bloom; D-Santa Monica) Adds complexity and uncertainty to the current tax structure and pressure to increase taxes on commercial, industrial and residential property owners by giving local governments new authority to enact special taxes for storm and wastewater infrastructure, including parcel taxes, by lowering the vote threshold from two-thirds to 55%. Oppose/<b>Job Killer.</b></p>	<p>Assembly Local Government 6/23/16</p>
<p><b>Expansion of Tax Authority to Local Entities.</b> ABX2 10 (Bloom; D-Santa Monica) Reduces sales of one particular industry and therefore the anticipated revenue those local entities will receive by authorizing cities and counties to impose another targeted tax on such products. Oppose.</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>

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<b>Targeted Tax.</b> AB 2782 (Bloom; D-Santa Monica) Threatens jobs in beverage, retail and restaurant industries by arbitrarily and unfairly targeting certain beverages for a new tax in order to fund health programs. Oppose/ <b>Job Killer</b> .	Assembly Health 3/31/16
<b>Reduces Risk of Double Taxation.</b> AB 2771 (Irwin; D-Thousand Oaks) Decreases the risk of a taxpayer being double taxed, by simplifying apportionment rules for income earned in another state. Support.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File 5/18/16
<b>Extension to File and Pay Taxes to Board of Equalization.</b> AB 1559 (Dodd; D-Napa) Seeks to reduce the burden on a taxpayer who has been a victim of a disaster by providing the Board of Equalization with authority to grant a three-month extension for such a taxpayer to file a return or remit a tax payment. Support.	Senate Appropriations 6/21/16
<b>Reduces Risk of Double Taxation.</b> SB 1449 (Nguyen; R-Garden Grove) Decreases the risk of a taxpayer being double taxed, by simplifying apportionment rules for income earned in another state. Support.	Senate Appropriations Suspense File 5/9/16
<b>Incentivizes Contributions to College Savings Programs.</b> AB 2726 (McCarty; D-Sacramento) Promotes educational opportunities and workforce development by creating a tax incentive for contributions to college savings accounts. Support.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File 5/18/16
<b>Tax Administration.</b> AB 2201 (Brough; R-Dana Point) Proposes to maintain fairness with regard to the computation of interest on a late electronic payment to the Board of Equalization by reinstating the authority of the BOE to compute interest on a daily basis instead of a monthly basis if listed circumstances are satisfied. Support.	Senate Floor 6/28/16
<b>Parcel Tax Notice.</b> AB 2476 (Daly; D-Anaheim) Ensures that a property owner has sufficient time to potentially challenge the parcel tax if necessary by providing notice and information of a local agency or legislative body's vote to place a parcel tax on the ballot to a property owner, who does not reside within the jurisdiction of the agency or legislative body. Support.	Senate Appropriations 6/29/16
<b>Liability for the Collection of Local Taxes.</b> SB 1422 (Glazer; D-Contra Costa) Avoids unnecessary and costly litigation against those entities that hold such a franchise by clarifying existing law that a holder of a state franchise for the provision of a video service that is required to collect a mandated tax cannot be held liable for collecting that tax. Support.	Assembly Consent Calendar 6/30/16
<b>Tax Assessment of Certified Aircraft.</b> SB 1329 (Hertzberg; D-Van Nuys) Before amendments, maintained current assessment method for certified aircraft and allowed a trial <i>de novo</i> review of assessments that are appealed to provide the court with a complete record of evidence. Support position removed due to May 31, 2016 amendments. No Position.	Assembly Appropriations 6/22/16
<b>Tax Conformity.</b> AB 1775 (Oberholte; R-Big Bear Lake) Eases burden of taxpayers by conforming state filing dates for tax returns with federal dates. Support.	Senate Floor 6/28/16
<b>Change of Ownership.</b> SB 259 (Bates; R-Laguna Niguel) Provides clarity regarding change of ownership of commercial property for purposes of reassessment in accordance with Proposition 13. Support.	Held in Senate Appropriations 1/21/16; Dead
<b>Telecommunications</b>	
<b>Transition to Modern Telecommunications.</b> AB 2395 (Low; D-Campbell) Establishes a pathway to transition old phone lines to more modern Internet Protocol networks that are environmentally clean while ensuring that no one is left without phone service by maintaining existing service until another carrier can be found. Support.	Held in Assembly Appropriations Suspense File 5/27/16; Failed Deadline
<b>Internet Regulation.</b> AB 1758 (M. Stone; D-Scotts Valley) Threatens innovation by inappropriately inserting the California Public Utilities Commission into regulating the Internet and conflicts with existing California and federal policies that make clear the CPUC has no jurisdiction over Internet access, services or rate setting. Oppose.	Assembly Utilities and Commerce 3/28/16



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<p><b>Expedites Permits.</b> AB 2788 (Gatto; D-Glendale) Expedites infrastructure expansion for reliability and next generation wireless communications by deeming the use of small cell antennas a permitted use in all local zoning districts. Support.</p>	<p>Held in Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications 6/15/16; Failed Deadline</p>
<p><b>Tourism</b></p>	
<p><b>California Travel and Tourism Month.</b> ACR 166 (Chu; D-San Jose) Proclaims every May as California Travel and Tourism Month to celebrate the industry and its significant contribution to the California economy. Support.</p>	<p>Resolution Chapter 58 6/16/16</p>
<p><b>Transportation and Infrastructure</b></p>	
<p><b>Stifles Ridesharing.</b> SB 1035 (Hueso; D-San Diego) Imposes burdensome and unnecessary rate-setting regulations on transportation network companies under the California Public Utilities Commission, thereby stifling innovation and economic growth. Oppose.</p>	<p>Failed Passage in Senate Transportation and Housing 4/19/16</p>
<p><b>Increases Transportation Network Company Use of Electric Vehicles.</b> AB 2763 (Gatto; D-Glendale) Incentivizes transportation network company use of electric vehicles by allowing drivers to use leased or rented electric vehicles when providing rides. Support.</p>	<p>Senate Floor 6/30/16</p>
<p><b>Discriminates Against Specific Technology.</b> AB 1785 (Quirk; D-Hayward) Creates additional distracted driving laws that unnecessarily target specific technological devices rather than penalizing behavior, thereby discriminating against certain products and industries. Oppose.</p>	<p>Senate Appropriations 6/30/16</p>
<p><b>Water Supply and Quality</b></p>	
<p><b>Erodes Housing Affordability.</b> SB 1318 (Wolk; D-Davis) Inappropriately leverages necessary affordable housing in order to solve infrastructure issues with the consequence that the housing won't be built by imposing requirements on water or wastewater districts to serve certain communities first. Oppose/<b>Job Killer.</b></p>	<p>Held in Assembly Local Government 6/9/16; Failed Deadline</p>
<p><b>Conveyance.</b> AB 1713 (Eggman; D-Stockton) Delays construction of much-needed water conveyance, putting business and citizens in danger of severe water shortages by requiring a statewide initiative vote before proceeding with any Delta conveyance systems. Oppose.</p>	<p>Held in Assembly Appropriations Suspense File 5/27/16; Failed Deadline</p>
<p><b>New Permits.</b> SB 1317 (Wolk; D-Davis) Eliminates local decision making on groundwater sustainability by prohibiting farms from sinking any new wells in certain water basins. Oppose.</p>	<p>Senate Rules 6/20/16</p>
<p><b>Disclosure.</b> AB 1520 (Committee on Judiciary) Removes protections that safeguard production capacity and other sensitive production data from disclosure to competitors by requiring commercial, industrial and institutional water and energy users to publicly disclose usage supposedly to enforce compliance with water and energy conservation goals. Oppose.</p>	<p>Senate Floor 6/28/16</p>
<p><b>Mandated Recycling.</b> SB 163 (Hertzberg; D-Van Nuys) Significantly increases the cost for wastewater treatment per month to business and residents by forcing sanitation agencies with ocean discharge to recycle half their discharge by 2026 and all their discharge by 2036. Oppose.</p>	<p>Held in Senate Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials 6/14/16; Failed Deadline</p>
<p><b>Delays New Housing.</b> SB 1263 (Wieckowski; D-Fremont) Delays new housing by imposing ambiguous standards for permitting new water districts and also allows the State Water Board to deny the permit even if all conditions are met. Oppose.</p>	<p>Assembly Appropriations 6/29/16</p>
<p><b>Water Savings.</b> AB 2525 (Holden; D-Pasadena) Helps conserve water through economic incentives to promote efficient use of water in landscapes and water grass replacements. Support.</p>	<p>Held in Assembly Appropriations Suspense File 5/27/16; Failed Deadline</p>

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<b>Delta Conveyance.</b> AB 2583 (Frazier; D-Oakley) Delays construction of needed Delta conveyance by changing the rules for operation, funding, management and construction, undoing years of state and federal collaboration. Oppose.	Failed Passage in Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife 4/19/16
<b>Water Efficiency.</b> SB 1233 (McGuire; D-Healdsburg) Reduces water usage by providing a funding mechanism for property owners to purchase water-efficient appliances and drought-tolerant landscaping. Support.	Assembly Local Government 6/20/16
<b>Goals.</b> AB 1925 (Chang; R-Diamond Bar) Creates an incentive to continue to pursue desalination projects as a viable means to create additional water. Support.	Assembly Appropriations 4/19/16; Failed Deadline
<b>Irrigation.</b> AB 1704 (Dodd; D-Napa) Expedites the registration process for wineries' small irrigation ponds by consolidating two registration processes into one. Support.	Senate Appropriations Hearing 8/1/16
<b>Stifles New Housing.</b> AB 2616 (Burke; D-Inglewood) Before amendments, authorized the Coastal Commission to impose conflicting housing requirements from local governments in the coastal zone, resulting in barriers to new housing and limitations to the rental market. Opposition removed due to May 31, 2016 amendments. Neutral.	Senate Appropriations 6/28/16
<b>Workers' Compensation</b>	
<b>Increases Workers' Compensation Costs.</b> SB 1160 (Mendoza; D-Artesia) Increases workers' compensation costs on employers by significantly raising reporting penalties, removing statutory treatment caps, adding unnecessary utilization review requirements and undercutting the use of evidence-based medicine. Oppose.	Assembly Appropriations 6/22/16
<b>Increased Workers' Compensation Costs.</b> AB 2230 (Chu; D-San Jose) Before amendments, unnecessarily barred employers from choosing interpreter vendors, thereby eliminating the ability to negotiate lower rates and increasing system costs. Opposition removed due to May 5, 2016 amendments. No Position.	Senate Appropriations 6/29/16
<b>Increased Workers' Compensation Costs.</b> AB 1643 (Gonzalez; D-San Diego) Significantly expands scope of workers' compensation system and increases costs by forcing employers to provide disability benefits for nonindustrial injuries. Oppose.	Senate Appropriations 6/29/16
<b>Increased Workers' Compensation Medical Costs.</b> AB 2407 (Chávez; R-Oceanside) Undercuts and delays evidence-based medical treatments by mandating unnecessary and redundant consultations, assessments, and treatment plans. Oppose.	Assembly Rules 5/24/16; Failed Deadline
<b>Simplifies Workers' Compensation Policy Negotiations.</b> AB 1922 (Daly; D-Anaheim) Reduces unnecessary delays and disruptions in negotiations between large, sophisticated insurance purchasers and insurers by limiting the number of documents related to the workers' compensation policies that must be filed with the Department of Insurance for employers who meet certain thresholds. Support.	Senate Appropriations 6/28/16
<b>Discourages Workers' Compensation Fraud.</b> AB 1244 (Gray; D-Merced) Decreases medical provider fraud in the workers' compensation system by barring physicians who have been convicted of fraud or abuse in the Medicare, Medicaid or Medi-Cal programs from treating injured workers. Support.	Senate Appropriations 6/29/16
<b>Significant Increase in Workers' Compensation Costs.</b> SB 563 (Pan; D-Sacramento) Before amendments, exposed injured workers to potentially inappropriate treatment, undercut the recent workers' compensation reforms and significantly increased workers' compensation costs by eliminating the Utilization Review and Independent Medical Review process for many treatment requests. Job killer tag and opposition removed due to January 4, 2016 amendments. Neutral/ <b>Former 2015 Job Killer.</b>	Assembly Appropriations 6/23/16

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