



“CalChamber does an amazing job at bringing together many constituencies to collaborate on making the state a better place to live and work for our diverse, hard-working residents.”

Grace Evans Cherashore
Executive Chairwoman
Evans Hotels
2019 CalChamber Chair

CAPITOL WATCHDOG

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

MAJOR VICTORIES

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

ABOUT US

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Advocacy Return on Investment

2019 Sample Return on Investment for CalChamber Members

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| Repeal of tax exemptions stopped with amendments (SB 468) | \$20 billion |
| More than doubling of corporate taxes stalled (SB 37) | \$19.5 billion |
| Housing construction cost increase vetoed (AB 520) | \$6.72 billion |
| Housing mandate relief signed (AB 178) | \$516.5 million |
| Unfair excise tax on drug manufacturers stalled (AB 1468) | \$100 million |
| Targeted tax on new tire purchases stopped (AB 755) | \$76.65 million |
| Higher health care premiums prevented (SB 11 stopped; SB 163 vetoed) | \$22.3 million |
| Air board duplicative reporting mandate scaled back (AB 617 regulation) | \$10.5 million |
| Unemployment insurance benefits for striking workers stopped (AB 1066) | \$6 million |
| Total Definable Return | \$46.95 Billion |

Return Per California Employee \$3,081

Other Savings from Legislation Stopped, Amended or Enacted

Litigation Threats

- \$125,000 per lawsuit prevented by amendments to protected employee leave expansion (AB 1224)
- \$70,000 per lawsuit prevented
 - Addition of private right of action to California Consumer Privacy Act stopped (SB 561)
 - Uncapped new leave for employees/family members stopped (AB 628)
 - Criminal/civil liability for wellness programs stopped (AB 648)
 - Expansion of False Claims Act to taxes stopped (AB 1270)
 - State ban on doing business with federal government contractors stopped (AB 1332)
 - Gender discrimination pricing education signed (AB 1607)
 - Employer pay data reporting vetoed (SB 171)
 - Local enforcement of state employment/housing discrimination vetoed (SB 218)

Increased Costs/Administrative Burdens

- Expansion of Healthy Workplace Healthy Family Act sick leave from 3 to 5 days stopped (AB 555)
- Rigid water management approach inviting potential costly litigation vetoed (SB 1)
- New gas fees/carbon tax amended (SB 43)
- Single-use packaging ban stopped (SB 54, AB 1080)
- Expansion of family leave to small businesses with 5 or more employees stopped (SB 135)