



“In this unique year, the concerted efforts of the CalChamber policy team successfully protected the interests and the livelihood of California’s diverse business community in every corner of the state.”

Mark Jansen
 President and Chief Executive Officer
 Blue Diamond Growers
 2020 CalChamber Chair

CAPITOL WATCHDOG

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

MAJOR VICTORIES

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

ABOUT US

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

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Advocacy Return on Investment

2020 Sample Return on Investment for CalChamber Members

Biggest tax increase in state history, split roll property tax initiative, defeated (Proposition 15)	\$12.5 billion
Costly workers’ compensation precedent presuming COVID-19 contracted at work stopped (AB 196)	\$11.2 billion
Unemployment insurance increases related to COVID-19 stopped (AB 3329)	\$10 billion
Calculations adding to insolvency of unemployment insurance system removed (AB 1731)	\$10 billion
Unrealistic packaging/recycling mandates stopped (SB 54/AB 1080)	\$10 billion
Retroactive personal income tax increase stopped (AB 1253)	\$6.8 billion
Threat to state oil/gas development with arbitrary setback requirements stopped (AB 345)	\$3.5 billion
Wildfire fund energy rate increase stopped (AB 1659)	\$3 billion
Limits on free trials and auto renewal offers stopped (AB 2811)	\$2 billion
Targeted severance tax on oil and gas operators stopped (SB 246)	\$300 million
Added costs for kidney dialysis treatment defeated (Proposition 23)	\$200 million
Expansion of costly workers’ compensation presumption for public/private hospital workers defeated (SB 567/SB 893)	\$200 million
Expanded home weatherization mandate held (SB 1403)	\$100 million
Massive unemployment insurance tax increase sidelined (AB 1107)	\$50 million
Mandate to forgo collection of rent and mortgages stopped (AB 1436)	\$20 million
Costly changes to safe harbor warning for consumer products withdrawn by state agency (Proposition 65)	\$15 million
Total Definable Return	\$69.885 billion

Return Per California Employee:

\$4,980

Other Savings from Legislation Stopped or Amended

Litigation Threats

\$5 million per lawsuit prevented with amendments eliminating private right of action/class action lawsuits/treble damages (SB 855)

\$125,000 per lawsuit prevented

“Right to recall” mandate creating private right of action and liability under Private Attorneys General Act (PAGA) vetoed (AB 3216)

Stopped uncapped new leave for sexual harassment victims and family members (AB 628)

Overbroad prohibitions on contact tracing data, private right of action stopped (AB 660)

Severe limits on contact tracing technologies/innovation held (AB 1782)

New reasons to sue taxpayers for perceived tax errors stopped (AB 2570)

Burdensome new bereavement leave mandate, new avenues for litigation stopped (AB 2999)

Increased exposure to Private Attorneys General Act (PAGA) litigation at warehouse distribution centers defeated (AB 3056)

Expansion of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements giving project opponents new arguments for delaying or blocking projects defeated (SB 950)

New impediment to housing development stopped (SB 986)

Expansion of reasons to file lawsuits under Private Attorneys General Act (PAGA) stopped (SB 1399)

Broad-Based Returns

Statewide rent control expansion defeated (Proposition 21)	20% reduction in property values
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Unrealistic bond requirements for nonunion clothing industry employers stopped (SB 1399)	\$600,000/garment manufacturer
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Modernized trade agreement takes effect (U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement)	Opening of new markets for California products/services
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