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## **Legislative Bills in Committee: April 20-24**

With the Legislature's policy committees now in full swing, the League will begin regularly updating members on upcoming hearings on bills of interest to cities. [A full listing](#) of Senate and Assembly hearings is available online. Hearing times are subject to change.

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## **CalPERS Seeks Comments on Designating the Decision in Compensation Earnings Matter as Precedential**

The California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) Legal Office is requesting public comments from contracting agencies in regards to a proposed decision issued by an Administrative Law Judge that was adopted by the CalPERS' board on Dec. 12, 2012.

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## **California and Other State's Economies Gain through Exports Says Federal Report**

*California Boasted 775,320 Export-Connected Jobs in 2014*

American exports one of the most integral components to the U.S. economy as a whole and that of each of the 50 states. [The United States of Trade](#) provides a comprehensive state-by-state analysis of how exports support domestic job creation. Released on Thursday, April 9 by U.S. Trade Representative Michael Froman and Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker, the report also details the number businesses selling their products overseas. An associated [interactive map](#) breaks down the data for each state along with small and medium business success stories from each state. The California economy, with the largest gross domestic product in the United States, is robust thanks in large part to the significant amount of products California-based businesses send to the global marketplace. *For more, see Page 3.*

Additional information about the important bills the League is tracking is available in [the 2015 Hot and Priority Bill List](#). This list, first released on April 8, will be continually updated as bills are amended and change. Bill language and any available position letters on legislation can be found through the bill search function on the [League's website](#).

### Monday, April 20

Assembly Committee on Revenue and Taxation, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 126

- [AB 771 \(Atkins\) Personal income and corporation taxes: credits: rehabilitation.](#) League position: Support.

Assembly Committee on Transportation, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 4202

- [AB 323 \(Olsen\) California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: roadway improvement.](#) League position: Support.
- [AB 1160 \(Harper\) Vehicles: automated traffic enforcement systems.](#) League position: Oppose Unless Amend.

### Tuesday, April 21

Assembly Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care, 2 p.m., State Capitol, Room 127

- [AB 74 \(Calderon\) Care facilities: regulatory visits.](#) League position: Support.

Assembly Committee on Business and Professions, 9 a.m., State Capitol, Room 447

- **HOT** [AB 266 \(Cooley\) Medical marijuana.](#) League position: Sponsor.

Assembly Committee on Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy, 9 a.m., State Capitol, Room 127

- [AB 184 \(Garcia, Eduardo\) Small Business Technical Assistance Act of 2015.](#) League position: Support.
- **HOT** [AB 185 \(Garcia, Eduardo\) Income taxation: insurance taxation: credits: California New Markets Tax Credit.](#) League position: Support.

Assembly Judiciary Committee, 9 a.m., State Capitol, Room 4202 with special order of business at 11 a.m.

- [AB 552 \(O'Donnell\) Public works contracts: damages.](#) League position: Oppose.

### Wednesday, April 22

Assembly Local Government Committee, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 127

- [AB 36 \(Campos\) Local Government: federal surplus property.](#) League position: Oppose.
- **HOT** [AB 278 \(Hernández, Roger\) District-based municipal elections.](#) League position: Oppose.

Senate Committee on Insurance, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 112

- [SB 604 \(Hall\) California Insurance Guarantee Association: definitions.](#) League position: Support.

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The proposed decision, issued Oct. 4, 2012 after a public hearing in an administrative appeal before the CalPERS' board entitled "[In the Matter of the Calculation of the Final Compensation of RANDY G. ADAMS, Respondent and CITY OF BELL, Respondent](#)," determined that a members' pay rate or base pay must be created by public notice and action of the governing board and with public consent in order to be used in the calculation of compensation earnable. The pay schedules must provide a pay rate or base pay that is stable and predictable among all members of a group or class.

At its meeting on March 18, 2015, the CalPERS' board decided to consider whether the decision in this matter should be designated as precedential and is soliciting public comment.

Agencies interested in commenting on whether the CalPERS' board decision should be precedential should consider the following precedential policy questions:

- Does the decision contain a significant legal or policy determination of general application that is likely to occur?
- Does it include a clear and complete analysis of the issues in sufficient detail so that interested parties can understand why the findings of fact were made, and how the law was applied?

Submit comments to the CalPERS Legal Office no later than 5 p.m. on May 8. Comments may not exceed six pages in length, single spaced. Late comments will not be considered.

Comments that address the questions above, along with any other questions or considerations may be sent by mail, fax or delivery to:

CalPERS Legal Office  
Attn: Wesley E. Kennedy, senior staff counsel  
400 Q Street, Room LPN 3340  
Sacramento, CA 95811  
Fax (916) 795-3659

The CalPERS' board will consider all comments at a future board meeting, to be announced at future date, and make its final decision in the RANDY G. ADAMS matter precedential.

Questions regarding this notice may be directed to Wesley E. Kennedy at (916) 795-0725.

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For [California](#), the interactive map summarizes the state's 2013 key agricultural exports and the 2014 key manufacturing exports. Looking at the numbers it is very clear how critical exports are to the state's robust economy:

- **\$174.1 billion** – value of goods exported in 2014, which is **up 58 percent** since 2004
- **775,320** – number of U.S. jobs in California supported by goods exports in 2014
- **75,175** – number of goods exporting companies in 2014
- **95.8 percent** – percentage of exporters in 2013 that were small- or medium-sized businesses

Made in America exports, which support **11.7 million jobs nationwide**, have been instrumental in the economic recovery. In fact, according to the White House, **exports have increased 48 percent** since 2009 at the bottom of the recession.

The President in his State of the Union in January outlined an economic initiative with the nation's largest trade agenda in history, called the [Trans-Pacific Partnership](#). Many [mayors](#) throughout the country, including from California, are supporting the trade agenda because of the significant benefits that would come to their communities. The President's policy, which comprises 11 countries in the Asia Pacific, renegotiates NAFTA and adds stronger labor and environmental protections. It also takes into account the fact that there is a growing untapped marketplace with **95 percent of potential customers** of U.S. goods not living in the U.S.

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**Wear Jeans on April 29 in Solidarity to Protest Sexual Violence**  
*Event Coincides with the League's Legislative Action Day*

Each year in the Capitol scores of normally suit-clad legislators, staff and lobbyists, leave their formal attire at home and instead wear denim. April 29 is not casual Friday. [Denim Day](#) is a day during Sexual Assault Awareness Month when people all over the world wear jeans as a way to protest what some allege can lead to sexual assault. The League is hosting its annual Legislative

Action Day the same day and city officials traveling to Sacramento are encouraged to wear denim in support of this global effort. The League's officers, board of directors and staff will all be in jeans.

Denim Day started in April 1999, but its origins are in the Italian Legislature. The Italian Supreme Court overturned a rape conviction because the justices believed that the fact that the victim had to remove her tight jeans for the rapist implied consent. The day after the ruling, female members of the Legislature came to work in jeans. The tradition continues to grow.

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