

BILLS OF INTEREST – AUGUST 2019**COMMUNITY SERVICES****AB 344 (Calderon) New Beginnings California Program.**

Establishes the New Beginnings California Program which will provide annual matching funds to up to 50 cities, counties, or local continuum of care programs to expand or continue employment programs for homeless individuals.

Position: Support

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee – Suspense File

SB 258 (Hertzberg) California Emergency Solutions and Housing Program: grants. Homeless shelters. Pets and veterinary services.

Requires the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to create and administer a program that would award grants to homeless shelters that allow for pets. These grants would allow for shelter to provide food, shelter, and veterinary services for pets that are owned homeless individuals.

Position: Support

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

SB 736 (Umberg) Creative Economy Incentive Program.

Establishes the Creative Economy Incentive Program to be administered by GO-Biz through January 1, 2031. This program will provide financial support to cities, counties, districts, joint powers authorities, and nonprofits to conduct creative economy events. Creative economy events include cultural activities such as musical performances, fine art showcases, and sporting events. GO-Biz can award financial reimbursements to these entities based on a post-event evaluations of local tax receipts in designated market areas.

Position: Pending Support

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**SB 45 (Allen) Wildfire, Drought, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020.**

Proposes placing a \$4.3 billion bond for Wildfire, Drought, and Flood Protection on the 2020 ballot. Includes grant funds for local and state agencies. Major funding categories are: restoration funds for areas effected by wildfire, drought, and flooding; reduction of risk to in high wildfire threat areas; protecting, restoring, and improving forest quality and habitat; reduction of the impacts of climate change on urban areas; and protecting water supply and water quality.

Position: Pending

Status: Held in Senate Appropriations at the request of the author

SB 54 (Allen) and AB 1080 (Gonzalez) California Circular Economy and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act.

Directs CalRecycle to adopt regulations by 2024 that require covered entities, which include people or companies that manufacture single-use packaging and products, to achieve a 75 percent reduction of waste generated from single-use packaging and priority single-use plastic products in the California market by 2030. SB 54 requires these covered entities to source reduce these single-use plastics through a combination of source reduction, recycling, or composting by 2030. This bill also requires all of these single-use plastic products be recyclable or compostable by 2030.

Position: Support

Status: Both in their respective Appropriations Committees

SB 209 (Dodd) Wildfire. California Wildfire Warning Center. Weather Monitoring.

Establishes the California Wildfire Warning Center to oversee the development and deployment of a statewide network of automated weather and environmental stations to monitor weather conditions that contribute to high wildfire risk.

Position: Support

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

SB 667 (Hueso) Greenhouse Gases. Recycling Infrastructure and Facilities.

Requires CalRecycle to develop, on or before January 1, 2021, a five-year investment strategy to drive innovation, support technological development and infrastructure, in order to meet the state's 2025 organic waste reduction target. The bill also seeks to identify priorities and strategies for financial incentive mechanisms for recycling markets.

Position: Support

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

GOVERNANCE, TRANSPARENCY, & LABOR RELATIONS

AB 314 (Bonta) Public Employment. Labor Relations. Release Time.

Creates a uniform and expanded standard of time off without loss of compensation for public employees to engage in specified activities related to employer-employee relations, also known as "release time."

Position: Oppose

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee - Suspense File

AB 418 (Kalra) Evidentiary Privileges. Union Agent-Represented Worker Privilege.

Expands the current evidentiary privilege against disclosure of communications to also include union agent-represented worker communications. Would impose a broader level of evidentiary privilege for a union agent that is currently permitted under attorney client, doctor-patient and other recognized privileges.

Position: Oppose

Status: Senate Floor

AB 931 (Boerner Horvath) State and Local Boards and Commissions. Representation. Appointments.

Requires a city with a population of 50,000 or greater to not appoint members of nonelected and non-salaried boards or commissions consisting of five or more members such that individuals of the same gender identity comprise more than 60 percent of the board or commission's membership. Additionally, any board or commission of the city with four or fewer members shall not be comprised exclusively of people of the same gender identity.

Position: Oppose

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

AB 1184 (Gloria) Public Records. Writing Transmitted By Electronic Mail. Retention.

Requires all public agencies to maintain all transmitted emails for at least two years.

Position: Oppose

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

AB 1320 (Nazarian) Divestment Measure. The Republic of Turkey.

Requires the CalPERS and CalSTRS fund to divest its holdings from the Republic of Turkey until such time as the U.S. Government acknowledges the Armenian genocide between the years 1914-1923.

Position: Oppose

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

HOT [SB 266](#) (Leyva) Public Employees' Retirement System. Disallowed Compensation. Benefit Adjustments.

Requires a public agency to pay directly from its General Fund any shortfall of a benefit should CalPERS determine that a retiree or their beneficiary has received disallowed compensation. Additionally, the measure would permit the **retiree** to determine if they would like to receive one lump sum of the projected amortized amount of the benefit or force the agency to pay a monthly annuity from its general fund.

Position: Oppose

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

[SB 416](#) (Hueso) Employment. Workers' Compensation. Expansion to All Peace Officers.

Expands all presumptions in the workers' compensation system currently approved for firefighters, sheriffs, police officers, California Highway Patrol officers, and arson investigation units to **all** employees designated as peace officers as defined in Chapter 4.5 of Title 3 of Part 2 of the Penal Code, except for those peace officers described in subdivision (b) of Section 830.1, subdivision (b) or (d) of Section 830.2, or Section 830.39, 830.4, or 830.5 of the Penal Code.

Position: Oppose

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

HOT [SB 542](#) (Stern) Workers' Compensation. PTSD Presumption.

Creates a new presumption for post-traumatic stress disorder within the workers' compensation system for police and fire personnel.

Position: Oppose

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

HOUSING, COMMUNITY, & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

[AB 10](#) (Chiu) Low-Income Tax Credit

Increase the state's Low Income Housing Tax Credit by \$500 million to build and rehabilitate much needed affordable housing.

Position: Support

Status: Senate Gov. & Finance Committee

[AB 68](#) (Ting) Accessory Dwelling Units.

Significantly amends the statewide standards that apply to locally-adopted ordinances concerning accessory dwelling units (ADUs). Changes include: prohibits minimum lot size requirements, requires at least 800 sq.ft. per ADU, requires approval within 60 days, and prohibits owner occupancy requirements.

Position: Oppose Unless Amended

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

[AB 881](#) (Bloom) Accessory Dwelling Units.

Prohibits a local jurisdiction from requiring a property owner to live in the main house or one of the accessory structures. Requires local agencies to ministerially approve ADUs on lots with multi-family residences and within existing garages. Adds a definition of "public transit" to mean a bus stop, bus line, light rail, street car, car share drop off or pick up, or heavy rail stop.

Position: Oppose Unless Amended

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

[AB 1110](#) (Friedman) Rent Increases. Noticing.

Expands existing notice requirements to 120 days if the rent increase is more than 15%.

Position: Support

Status: Senate Floor

[AB 1483](#) (Grayson) Annual Progress Report (APR).

Requires local agencies to compile and submit project-level information within the APR, which represents a new level of detail and reporting complexity not currently required in state law.

Position: Oppose Unless Amended

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

[AB 1484](#) (Grayson) Mitigation Fee Act. Housing Developments.

Requires, for certain types of housing development projects, each city and county to post each fee that is applicable to that project, on the city or county's website.

This measure is also intended to implement the recommendations contained in the Mitigation Fee Act study that is scheduled for release on July 1, 2019.

Position: Pending

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

[HOT AB 1763](#) (Chiu) Density Bonus. Affordable Housing.

Greatly expands existing Density Bonus Law by requiring, at the request of a developer, for 100 percent affordable housing projects, a city or county must award an 80 percent density bonus and four incentives and concessions. For 100 percent affordable housing projects within one-half mile of a major transit stop or high quality bus corridor, a city or county would be required to allow unlimited density, four incentives and concessions, and up to three additional stories.

Position: Oppose Unless Amended

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

[HOT SB 5](#) (Beall/McGuire) Affordable Housing and Community Development Investment Program.

Creates a local-state partnership to provide up to \$2 billion annually to fund state-approved affordable housing, infrastructure, and economic development projects that also support state policies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, expand transit oriented development (TOD), address poverty, and revitalize neighborhoods. This measure restores RDA-type ongoing financing for these important projects.

Position: Support

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

[HOT SB 13](#) (Wieckowski) Accessory Dwelling Units.

Prohibits local jurisdictions from imposing any impact fees on ADUs less than 750 square feet, and limits the charge on ADUs over 750 square feet to 25 percent of the fees otherwise charged for a new single-family dwelling unit on the same lot. Prohibits replacement parking when a garage, carport, or covered parking structure is demolished or converted into an ADU. This measure also prohibits owner-occupancy requirements.

Position: Oppose Unless Amended

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

[SB 182](#) (Jackson) Planning and Zoning. Wildfires.

Imposes additional planning responsibilities on local governments, requires cities and counties to make specified findings prior to permitting development in very high fire hazard severity zones (VHFHSZ) and other areas designated as the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI).

Position: Pending

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

[SB 329](#) (Mitchell) Discrimination. Housing. Source of Income.

Expands "source of income" definition to include state, federal, or local funds, and housing vouchers.

Position: Support

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee – Suspense File

HOT [SB 330](#) (Skinner) Housing Crisis Act of 2019.

Declares a statewide housing crisis and for a five-year period, freezing nearly all development related fees once a developer submits a “preliminary” application, including essential project specific fees. Developers would have up to 2 1/2 years to begin construction and not be subject to any new fee.

Position: Oppose

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

HOT [SB 592](#) (Wiener) Housing Accountability Act.

Expands the Housing Accountability Act (HAA) to include ministerial projects and ministerial permits, and Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs).

Position: Oppose Unless Amended

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

PUBLIC SAFETY

[AB 1215](#) (Ting) Facial Recognition and Other Biometric Surveillance.

Prohibits a law enforcement official from using any biometric surveillance system in connection with an officer camera or data collected by an officer camera. Authorizes a person to bring an action for equitable or declaratory relief against a law enforcement agency or official who violates that prohibition.

Position: Oppose

Status: Senate Floor

[AB 1288](#) (Cooley) Cannabis. Track and Trace.

Requires the track and trace program for cannabis supply chain tracking to include both the date of retail sale to a customer and whether the sale is on the retail premises or by delivery. No later than July 1, 2020, requires that the California Department of Food and Agriculture, in consultation with the Bureau of Cannabis Control, ensures that the track and trace program is fully integrated with DOJ’s California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS).

Position: Support

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

[AB 1297](#) (McCarty) Firearms. Concealed Carry Licenses.

Requires, rather than authorizes, a local licensing authority to charge a fee that is equal to the reasonable costs associated with processing a concealed carry weapon (CCW) license application, issuing a CCW license, and enforcing the license. The bill would also remove the current prohibition on charging more than \$100 for the fee.

Position: Oppose Unless Amended

Status: Senate Floor

[AB 1417](#) (Rubio) Cannabis Advertisement and Marketing. Unfair Business Practice. Public Nuisance.

Provides that advertisement of cannabis goods that do not contain an active state license number is an unfair business practice, subject to a civil action by any person; creates a civil penalty enforceable by a public attorney or through a private right of action for violations of existing requirements regarding advertisements of cannabis products; requires digital advertising platforms specializing in cannabis to publish a notice regarding the risks of purchasing cannabis products from unlicensed entities; and states that advertisements not containing an active state license number constitute a public nuisance.

Position: Support

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

AB 1544 (Gipson) Community Paramedicine.

Authorizes local emergency medical services agencies to develop programs to provide community paramedic or triage to alternate destination services in various specialties.

Position: Support

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

AB 1600 (Kalra) Discovery of Personnel Records for Peace officers and Custodial Officers.

Shortens the notice requirement in criminal cases when a defendant files a motion to discover police officer misconduct from 16-days to 10-days. Creates a limited exception to the prohibition on the release of supervisorial officer records.

Position: Oppose

Status: Senate Floor

SB 23 (Wiener) Unlawful Entry of a Vehicle.

Clarifies that the unlawful entry of a vehicle with the intent to commit theft establishes the crime of auto burglary.

Position: Support

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

SB 438 (Hertzberg) Emergency Medical Services. Dispatch.

Prohibits a public agency from delegating, assigning, or contracting for "911" emergency call processing or notification duties regarding the dispatch of emergency response resources unless the delegation or assignment is to, or the contract is with, another public agency or made pursuant to a joint powers agreement or cooperative agreement.

Position: Oppose Unless Amended

Status: Assembly Floor

REVENUE & TAXATION

HOT AB 213 (Reyes) Annexation Financing.

Restores funding to 140 cities that lost funds following the annexation of inhabited territory; reestablishes previous fiscal incentives for cities that annex inhabited territory.

Position: Support

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

AB 485 (Medina) Warehouses. Economic Development Subsidies.

Imposes an extensive and onerous list of conditions that would overly restrict a local agency from offering economic incentives (with their own funds) to locate a warehouse.

Position: Oppose

Status: Senate Floor

AB 1583 (Eggman) The California Recycling Market Development Act.

Establishes incentive programs to encourage recycling of paper and organic waste. Includes provisions to extend the existing California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority's (CAEATFA) Sales and Use Tax Exclusion Program at \$100 million annually for an additional 10 years, resulting in the loss of up to \$500 million in local agency revenue.

Position: Oppose Unless Amended

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

[AB 1637](#) (Smith) Unclaimed Property Law.

Authorizes the State Controller to automatically allocate to a state or local agency, without the requirement for an agency to file a claim, any unclaimed property in that agency's name received as part of the Controller's unclaimed property database.

Position: Support

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee - Suspense File

[HOT ACA 1](#) (Aguiar-Curry) Local Government Financing: Affordable Housing and Public Infrastructure. Voter Approval.

Reduces the local vote threshold for local bonds and taxes to invest in infrastructure and affordable housing from 2/3rds to 55 percent.

Position: Support

Status: Assembly Floor

[HOT SB 344](#) (McGuire) UUT Prepaid Mobile Telephony Collection.

Grants a one-year extension of a sunset date to the Local Prepaid Mobile Telephony Services Collection Act (Local Prepaid MTS) until January 1, 2021. 104 cities and counties benefit from this program, which has generated approximately \$24 million since its inception.

Position: Support

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

[SB 531](#) (Glazer) Sales Tax Agreements

Prohibits future sales tax agreements between local agencies and retailers with a warehouse, sales office, or fulfillment center that results in a shift of sales taxes from other jurisdictions.

Position: Support

Status: Assembly Floor

TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION, & PUBLIC WORKS

[AB 41](#) (Gallagher) Disaster Relief. Camp Fire.

Requires the state to cover the local portion of the cleanup and repair costs associated with the Camp Fire.

Position: Support

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

[HOT AB 429](#) (Nazarian) Seismically Vulnerable Buildings. Inventory.

Requires the Alfred E. Alquist Seismic Safety Commission (SSC) to identify funding and develop a bidding process for hiring a third-party contractor to create an inventory of potentially vulnerable buildings.

Position: Support

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee – Suspense File

[HOT AB 516](#) (Chiu) Authority to Remove Vehicles.

Eliminates the ability for cities and law enforcement to adequately enforce state and local vehicle violations. Specifically, the bill would eliminate the ability for cities and law enforcement to 1) "immobilize," or place a boot on a vehicle, for motorists who ignore paying five or more parking tickets, 2) remove vehicles with expired registration that are operating illegally; and 3) remove vehicles in violation of parking time restrictions.

Position: Oppose

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

[AB 1366](#) (Gonzalez) Voice over Internet Protocol and Internet Protocol enabled communications services.

Extends the prohibition on the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) from exercising regulatory jurisdiction or control over Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) and Internet Protocol (IP) enable services except as expressly directed to do so by statute, until January 1, 2030. Amendments are pending.

Position: Oppose

Status: *Senate Appropriations Committee*

[SB 211](#) (Beall) State Highways. Leases.

Would authorize Caltrans to enter into lease agreements with a local agency for emergency shelters or feeding programs

Position: *Support*

Status: *Assembly Appropriations Committee*

[SB 670](#) (McGuire) Telecommunications. Outages Affecting Public Safety.

Requires telecommunications providers to notify the California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) of 911 service of emergency warning outages and also notify local first responder agencies.

Position: *Support*

Status: *Assembly Appropriations Committee*