

CLCA Tracked Bill Report

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[AB 8](#)

([Smith R](#)) Unemployment benefits: direct deposit.

Current Text: Introduced: 12/7/2020 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Status: 1/11/2021-Referred to Com. on INS.

Location: 1/11/2021-A. INS.

Summary: Current law requires unemployment compensation benefits that are directly deposited to an account of the recipient's choice to be deposited to a qualifying account. Current law defines "qualifying account" for these purposes to mean a demand deposit or savings account at an insured financial institution in the name of the person entitled to receipt of public assistance payments or a prepaid card account that meets certain requirements, including that the prepaid card account may not be attached to any credit or overdraft feature that is automatically repaid from the account after delivery of the payment. This bill would, by July 1, 2021, provide that the recipient of the unemployment compensation benefits has the right to choose whether the benefits payments are directly deposited into a qualifying account or applied to a prepaid debit card.

Position	Priority
Watch	

[AB 12](#)

([Seyarto R](#)) Personal information: social security numbers: the Employment Development Department.

Current Text: Amended: 3/24/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

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Status: 4/29/2021-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 13. Noes 0.) (April 29). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 4/29/2021-A. APPR.

Summary: Would require state agencies, as soon as is feasible, but no later than January 1, 2023, to stop sending any outgoing United States mail to an individual that contains the individual's social security number unless the number is truncated to its last four digits, except in specified circumstances.

Position	Priority
Support	3

[AB 19](#)

([Santiago D](#)) Unemployment insurance compensation: COVID-19 pandemic: temporary benefits.

Current Text: Introduced: 12/7/2020 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Status: 1/11/2021-Referred to Com. on INS.

Location: 1/11/2021-A. INS.

Summary: The federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) temporarily provides for expanded unemployment benefits through the federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) and Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) provisions of the CARES Act. This bill would require the Employment Development Department to provide, until July 1, 2022, following the termination of assistance pursuant to PUA and PEUC or any other federal or state supplemental unemployment compensation payments for unemployment due to the COVID-19 pandemic, in addition to an individual's weekly benefit amount as otherwise provided for by existing unemployment compensation law, unemployment compensation benefits equivalent to the terminated federal or state supplemental unemployment compensation payments for the remainder of the duration of time the individual is unemployed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, notwithstanding the weekly benefit cap. The bill would prohibit any unemployment compensation benefits authorized by the bill from being charged against the reserve account of any employer.

Position	Priority
Watch	

[AB 24](#)

([Waldron R](#)) Unemployment insurance: benefit determination deadlines.

Current Text: Introduced: 12/7/2020 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Status: 4/29/2021-In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

Location: 1/11/2021-A. INS.

Summary: Current law establishes procedures for the filing, determination, and payment of benefit claims, and those benefits are payable from the Unemployment Fund. Current law requires the department to promptly pay benefits if it finds the claimant is eligible and to promptly deny benefits if it finds the claimant is ineligible for benefits. Current law requires the department to consider facts submitted by an employer in making this determination and also provides for the department to audit

claims, as specified. Existing law provides a procedure for a claimant or a base employer to challenge a determination of the computation or recomputation of the benefits. This bill would require the department to provide a claimant with a notification of the computation used to determine their benefits within 30 days of the receipt of the claim and to respond to a challenge by the claimant or the base employer based on the computation or recomputation of benefits within 15 days of the receipt of the protest, except as specified.

Position **Priority**
Watch

[AB 42](#)

(Lackey R) Unemployment insurance: advisory committee on unemployment insurance.

Current Text: Amended: 2/18/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Status: 2/22/2021-Re-referred to Com. on INS.

Location: 2/18/2021-A. INS.

Summary: Would require the Employment Development Department to establish, upon appropriation by the Legislature, an advisory committee to advise the department on matters within the department's jurisdiction, including, but not limited to, unemployment insurance. The bill would require the committee to include members representing a diverse spectrum of private and public employers and employees impacted by programs overseen by the department, as provided. The bill would require the committee to hold open and public meetings in compliance with the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act at least once a quarter. The bill would require, commencing on January 1, 2023, the committee to prepare and publicly publish an annual report describing its activities, including, but not limited to, recommendations made by the advisory committee and the department's response to those recommendations.

Position **Priority**
Watch

[AB 54](#)

(Kiley R) COVID-19 emergency order violation: license revocation.

Current Text: Amended: 4/5/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Status: 4/13/2021-In committee: Set, first hearing. Failed passage.

Location: 1/11/2021-A. B.&P.

Summary: Would prohibit the Department of Consumer Affairs, a board within the Department of Consumer Affairs, except within the healing arts, and the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control from revoking a license for failure to comply with any COVID-19 emergency orders unless the board or department can prove that lack of compliance resulted in transmission of COVID-19.

Position **Priority**
Support 2

[AB 55](#)

(Boerner Horvath D) Employment: telecommuting.

Current Text: Introduced: 12/7/2020 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Status: 12/8/2020-From printer. May be heard in committee January 7.

Location: 12/7/2020-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law promotes and develops the welfare of workers in California to improve working conditions and advance opportunities for profitable employment. Current law regulates the wages, hours, and working conditions of any worker employed in any occupation, trade, or industry. This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact future legislation to ensure certain rights and benefits for telecommuting employees.

Position **Priority**
Watch

[AB 56](#)

(Salas D) Benefits: outgoing mail: claim processing: reporting.

Current Text: Amended: 4/12/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Status: 4/29/2021-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 13. Noes 0.) (April 29). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 4/29/2021-A. APPR.

Summary: Current law prohibits a state agency from sending any outgoing United States mail, as defined, to an individual that contains personal information about that individual, including, but not limited to, the individual's social security number, unless that personal information is contained within sealed correspondence and cannot be viewed from the outside of that sealed correspondence. Current law also prohibits, commencing on or before January 1, 2023, a state agency from sending any outgoing United States mail to an individual that contains the individual's social security number, except as provided. Current law requires state agencies that are unable to comply with this prohibition

to submit an annual corrective action plan to the Legislature until it is in compliance. Existing law makes the corrective action plan and related correspondence confidential and prohibits their public disclosure. This bill would require an annual corrective action plan to contain specified information and to be submitted to the Legislature every December 15.

Position **Priority**
Watch

[AB 59](#) [\(Gabriel D\)](#) **Mitigation Fee Act: fees: notice and timelines.**

Current Text: Introduced: 12/7/2020 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Status: 1/11/2021-Referred to Coms. on L. GOV. and H. & C.D.

Location: 1/11/2021-A. L. GOV.

Summary: Current law authorizes any party to protest the imposition of a fee, dedication, reservation, or other exactions imposed on a development project within 90 or 120 days of the imposition of the fee, as applicable, and specifies procedures for those protests and actions. The Mitigation Fee Act imposes the same requirements on a local agency for a new or increased fee for public facilities. Current law, for specified fees, requires any judicial action or proceeding to attack, review, set aside, void, or annul an ordinance, resolution, or motion adopting a new fee or service charge or modifying an existing fee or service charge to be commenced within 120 days of the effective date of the ordinance, resolution, or motion. Current law also provides that, if an ordinance, resolution, or motion provides for an automatic adjustment in a fee or service charge and the adjustment results in an increase in the fee or service charge, that any action to attack, review, set aside, void, or annul the increase to be commenced within 120 days of the increase. This bill would increase, for fees and service charges and for fees for specified public facilities, the time for mailing the notice of the time and place of the meeting to at least 45 days before the meeting.

Position **Priority**
Watch

[AB 62](#) [\(Gray D\)](#) **Income taxes: credits: costs to comply with COVID-19 regulations.**

Current Text: Introduced: 12/7/2020 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Status: 3/22/2021-In committee: Hearing postponed by committee.

Location: 1/11/2021-A. REV. & TAX

Summary: The Personal Income Tax Law and the Corporation Tax Law allow various credits against the taxes imposed by those laws. This bill would allow a credit against those taxes for each taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2021, to a qualified taxpayer, as defined, in an amount equal to the total amount paid or incurred during the taxable year by the qualified taxpayer to comply with the regulations adopted by the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board on November 19, 2020, relating to COVID-19 prevention and approved by the Office of Administrative Law. The bill also would state the intent of the Legislature to comply with the additional information requirement for any bill authorizing a new income tax credit.

Position **Priority**
Support 2

[AB 69](#) [\(Kiley R\)](#) **State of emergency: termination after 60 days: extension by the Legislature.**

Current Text: Introduced: 12/7/2020 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Status: 1/11/2021-Referred to Com. on E.M.

Location: 1/11/2021-A. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Summary: Would require a state of emergency to terminate 60 days after the Governor's proclamation of the state of emergency unless the Legislature extends it by a concurrent resolution, as specified. The bill would prohibit a concurrent resolution from extending a state of emergency by more than 60 days, as specified.

Position **Priority**
Watch

[AB 74](#) [\(Gonzalez, Lorena D\)](#) **Unemployment and disability benefit payments: direct deposit.**

Current Text: Amended: 2/18/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Status: 4/15/2021-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 13. Noes 0.) (April 15). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 4/15/2021-A. APPR.

Summary: Current law authorizes the Employment Development Department to administer the state unemployment insurance compensation program and the disability insurance compensation program, which includes family temporary disability insurance benefits. Current law requires the department,

among other duties, to make unemployment and disability compensation payments, as prescribed by the Director of Employment Development. Current law requires unemployment insurance compensation benefits that are directly deposited to an account of the recipient's choice to be deposited to a qualifying account, as defined. This bill could require the Employment Development Department, before commencing payment, to provide a person entitled to receive benefits under the state unemployment insurance compensation program or the disability insurance compensation program the option to receive payments either directly deposited by electronic fund transfer into a qualifying account of the recipient's choice, in addition to other alternative disbursement payment methods such as checks.

Position **Priority**
Watch

AB 84 **(Committee on Budget) Employment: rehiring and retention: displaced workers.**

Current Text: Amended: 4/8/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Status: 4/12/2021-From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 13. Noes 3.) (April 12).

Location: 4/7/2021-S. THIRD READING

Summary: Would, until December 31, 2024, require an employer, as defined, to offer its laid-off employees specified information about job positions that become available for which the laid-off employees are qualified, and to offer positions to those laid-off employees based on a preference system, in accordance with specified timelines and procedures. The bill would define the term "laid-off employee" to mean any employee who was employed by the employer for 6 months or more in the 12 months preceding January 1, 2020, and whose most recent separation from active service was due to a reason related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including a public health directive, government shutdown order, lack of business, a reduction in force, or other economic, nondisciplinary reason related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The bill would require an employer to keep records for 3 years, including records of communications regarding the offers.

Position **Priority**
Watch

AB 91 **(Valladares R) Taxation: corporations: minimum franchise tax: limited liability companies: annual tax: small businesses: microbusinesses.**

Current Text: Introduced: 12/7/2020 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Status: 3/22/2021-In committee: Hearing postponed by committee.

Location: 1/11/2021-A. REV. & TAX

Summary: Would, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2021, reduce the minimum franchise tax to \$400 for small businesses, as defined, and to \$200 for microbusinesses, as defined. The bill, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2021, would also reduce the annual tax for the limited liability companies described above that are small businesses to \$400 and that are microbusinesses to \$200. The bill would also state the intent of the Legislature to comply with the additional information requirement for any bill authorizing a new tax expenditure.

Position **Priority**
Watch

AB 95 **(Low D) Employees: bereavement leave.**

Current Text: Amended: 3/22/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Status: 4/21/2021-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to suspense file.

Location: 4/21/2021-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Summary: Would enact the Bereavement Leave Act of 2021. The bill would require an employer with 25 or more employees to grant a request made by any employee to take up to 10 business days of unpaid bereavement leave upon the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, grandparent, grandchild, or domestic partner, in accordance with certain procedures, and subject to certain exclusions. The bill would require an employer with fewer than 25 employees to grant a request by any employee to take up to 3 business days of leave, in accordance with these provisions. The bill would prohibit an employer from interfering with or restraining the exercise or attempt to exercise the employee's right to take this leave.

Position **Priority**
Oppose 2

AB 107 **(Salas D) Licensure: veterans and military spouses.**

Current Text: Amended: 4/20/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 12/16/2020

Status: 4/29/2021-Coauthors revised. From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 11. Noes 0.) (April 28). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 4/28/2021-A. APPR.

Summary: Current law requires a board within the Department of Consumer Affairs to issue, after appropriate investigation, certain types of temporary licenses to an applicant if the applicant meets specified requirements, including that the applicant supplies evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant is married to, or in a domestic partnership or other legal union with, an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is assigned to a duty station in this state under official active duty military orders and the applicant submits an application to the board that includes a signed affidavit attesting to the fact that the applicant meets all of the requirements for a temporary license and that the information submitted in the application is accurate, to the best of the applicant's knowledge. This bill would expand the requirement to issue temporary licenses to practice a profession or vocation to include licenses issued by any board within the department, except as provided. The bill would require a board to issue a temporary license within 30 days of receiving the required documentation if the results of a criminal background check do not show grounds for denial.

Position **Priority**
Watch

AB 225 (Gray D) Department of Consumer Affairs: boards: veterans: military spouses: licenses.

Current Text: Amended: 4/20/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 1/11/2021

Status: 4/29/2021-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 11. Noes 0.) (April 28). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 4/28/2021-A. APPR.

Summary: Current law requires specified boards within the Department of Consumer Affairs to issue, after appropriate investigation, certain types of temporary licenses to an applicant if the applicant meets specified requirements, including that the applicant supplies evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant is married to, or in a domestic partnership or other legal union with, an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is assigned to a duty station in this state under official active duty military orders and the applicant holds a current, active, and unrestricted license that confers upon the applicant the authority to practice, in another state, district, or territory of the United States, the profession or vocation for which the applicant seeks a temporary license from the board. Current law requires these temporary licenses to expire 12 months after issuance. Under existing law, some of the funds within the jurisdiction of a board consist of revenue from fees that are continuously appropriated. This bill would require the temporary licenses described above to expire 30 months after issuance.

Position **Priority**
Watch

AB 230 (Voepel R) Employment: flexible work schedules.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/12/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 1/12/2021

Status: 1/28/2021-Referred to Com. on L. & E.

Location: 1/28/2021-A. L. & E.

Summary: Would enact the Workplace Flexibility Act of 2021. The bill would permit an individual nonexempt employee to request an employee-selected flexible work schedule providing for workdays up to 10 hours per day within a 40-hour workweek, and would allow an employer to implement this schedule without the obligation to pay overtime compensation for those additional hours in a workday, except as specified. The bill would require that the flexible work schedule contain specified information and the employer's and the employee's original signature. The bill would also require the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement in the Department of Industrial Relations to enforce this provision and adopt regulations.

Position **Priority**
Watch

AB 246 (Quirk D) Contractors: disciplinary actions.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/13/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 1/13/2021

Status: 4/26/2021-In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

Location: 4/26/2021-S. RLS.

Summary: Current law provides for the licensure and regulation of contractors by the Contractors' State License Board (board). Under current law, a willful or deliberate disregard by a licensed contractor of various state building, labor, and safety laws constitutes a cause for disciplinary action by the board. This bill would reorganize these provisions and would add illegal dumping to the list of violations that constitute a cause for disciplinary action against a contractor by the board.

Position **Priority**
Watch

AB 247 (Ramos D) COVID-19 emergency: small businesses: nonprofit organizations: immunity from civil

liability.

Current Text: Amended: 3/18/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 1/13/2021

Status: 4/21/2021-In committee: Hearing postponed by committee.

Location: 3/18/2021-A. JUD.

Summary: Would exempt a small business or nonprofit organization with 100 or fewer employees from liability for an injury or illness to a consumer, as defined, due to coronavirus (COVID-19) based on a claim that the consumer contracted COVID-19 while at that small business or nonprofit organization, or due to the actions of that small business or nonprofit organization. The bill would require the small business or nonprofit organization, for this exemption to apply, to have implemented and substantially complied with all applicable state and local health laws, regulations, and protocols.

Position **Priority**
Watch

[AB 252](#) **([Rivas, Robert D](#)) Department of Conservation: Multibenefit Land Repurposing Incentive Program: administration.**

Current Text: Amended: 3/29/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 1/14/2021

Status: 4/28/2021-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to suspense file.

Location: 4/28/2021-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Summary: Would require the Department of Conservation to establish and administer a program named the Multibenefit Land Repurposing Incentive Program for purposes of providing grants to groundwater sustainability agencies or counties, or other specified entities designated by groundwater sustainability agencies or counties, for the development or implementation of local programs supporting or facilitating multibenefit land repurposing at the basin scale. The bill would establish procedures for the department's administration of the program and would require the department to develop guidelines to implement the program and to exercise its expertise and discretion in awarding program funds to eligible applicants.

Position **Priority**
Watch

[AB 274](#) **([Davies R](#)) Unemployment benefits: chip-enabled cards.**

Current Text: Introduced: 1/19/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 1/19/2021

Status: 1/28/2021-Referred to Com. on INS.

Location: 1/28/2021-A. INS.

Summary: Current law requires unemployment compensation benefits that are directly deposited to an account of the recipient's choice to be deposited to a qualifying account, which includes a prepaid card account that meets certain requirements. Current law includes in the definition of prepaid card or prepaid card account a card, code, or other means of access to funds of a recipient that is usable at multiple, unaffiliated merchants for goods or services, or usable at automated teller machines. This bill would revise the definition of prepaid card or prepaid card account by requiring cards to be chip-enabled, as defined.

Position **Priority**
Watch

[AB 318](#) **([Levine D](#)) Hazardous waste: classification: green waste.**

Current Text: Amended: 4/20/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 1/26/2021

Status: 4/21/2021-Re-referred to Com. on E.S. & T.M. Coauthors revised. From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 9. Noes 0.) (April 21). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 4/21/2021-A. APPR.

Summary: Would require, on or before January 1, 2023, the Department of Toxic Substances Control, in consultation with the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery and the Department of Food and Agriculture, to provide guidance to certified unified program agencies on how to characterize green waste, as defined, under the hazardous waste control laws and regulations.

Position **Priority**
Watch

[AB 330](#) **([Kamlager D](#)) Unemployment compensation: excluded services: family members.**

Current Text: Introduced: 1/27/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 1/27/2021

Status: 1/28/2021-From printer. May be heard in committee February 27.

Location: 1/27/2021-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law provides for the payment of unemployment insurance and disability

compensation to certain employees who become unemployed or disabled. For that purpose, current law defines employment, but excludes certain services performed by individuals from that definition. Current law specifies that employment does not include service performed by a child in the employ of their parents or by an individual in the employ of their child or spouse. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to that exclusion.

Position **Priority**
Watch

[AB 332](#) (Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials) Hazardous waste: treated wood waste: management standards.

Current Text: Amended: 3/26/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 1/27/2021

Status: 4/22/2021-From Consent Calendar. Ordered to third reading.

Location: 4/22/2021-A. THIRD READING

Summary: Would require a person managing treated wood waste to comply with the hazardous waste control laws or the management standards established in the bill, including standards for the reuse, storage, treatment, transportation, tracking, identification, and disposal of treated wood waste, as provided. The bill would limit those standards to treated wood waste that is hazardous only because of a preservative present in or on the wood, and that is not subject to the existing exemption for certain wood waste or to regulation as a hazardous waste under federal law.

Position **Priority**
Support 2

[AB 360](#) ([Patterson R](#)) Employment Development Department: Unemployment Insurance Reform Project.

Current Text: Amended: 3/4/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/1/2021

Status: 3/8/2021-Re-referred to Com. on INS.

Location: 3/4/2021-A. INS.

Summary: Would establish the Unemployment Insurance Reform Project to be administered by the Director of Employment Development. Under the bill, the Employment Development Department would be required to comply with various reporting and review processes. In this regard, the bill would require the department to report specified information regarding overpayments at least once every 6 months on its internet website, to immediately perform a risk assessment of its deferred workloads, and to develop a workload plan that prioritizes its deferred workloads based on that risk assessment. The bill would require the department to develop a recession plan so that it is well prepared to provide services during future economic downturns, as specified. The bill would require the department to, by March 1, 2021, revise its public dashboards with regard to the number of backlogged claims, as specified.

Position **Priority**
Watch

[AB 397](#) ([Mayes I](#)) Unemployment insurance: benefits: disqualification: notice.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/3/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/3/2021

Status: 4/15/2021-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 13. Noes 0.) (April 15). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 4/15/2021-A. APPR.

Summary: Current law requires that an individual is disqualified for unemployment compensation benefits if the individual willfully, for the purpose of obtaining unemployment compensation benefits, either made a false statement or representation, including, but not limited to, using a false name, false social security number, or other false identification, with actual knowledge of the falsity of it, or withheld a material fact in order to obtain unemployment compensation benefits. An individual disqualified from unemployment compensation benefits for making a false statement or representation or withholding material facts is ineligible to receive unemployment compensation benefits for certain periods of time, as provided. This bill, among other things, would require the Employment Development Department, prior to disqualifying an individual and subjecting that person to a period of ineligibility, to provide notice to the individual of the proposed determination.

Position **Priority**
Watch

[AB 400](#) ([Petrie-Norris D](#)) Unemployment insurance: Unemployment Insurance Oversight Advisory Board.

Current Text: Amended: 4/21/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/3/2021

Status: 4/29/2021-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To

Consent Calendar. (Ayes 13. Noes 0.) (April 29). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 4/29/2021-A. APPR.

Summary: Would establish the Unemployment Insurance Oversight Advisory Board (board) in the Labor and Workforce Development Agency as an advisory body to review the operations of the Employment Development Department (department) under the state unemployment and disability compensation programs and make recommendations to the department, the Governor, and the Legislature to, among other things, enhance the efficiency of those operations and ensure equitable access to benefits administered by the department.

Position **Priority**
Watch

[AB 402](#) **(Wicks D) Office of the Claimant Advocate: Claimant's Bill of Rights.**

Current Text: Amended: 4/21/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/3/2021

Status: 4/29/2021-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 13. Noes 0.) (April 29). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 4/29/2021-A. APPR.

Summary: Would establish the Office of the Claimant Advocate, within the Employment Development Department, and would make the office responsible for protecting Californian's rights in seeking benefits administered by the department, including unemployment insurance, disability insurance, and paid family leave. The bill would require the office to conduct several activities, including, but not limited to, enforcing the Claimant's Bill of Rights, establishing and implementing a system that allows claimants to learn about and report violations of their rights to the office, and assisting claimants in resolving those violations, as provided.

Position **Priority**
Watch

[AB 404](#) **(Salas D) Workers' compensation: medical-legal expenses: fee schedule.**

Current Text: Amended: 4/22/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/3/2021

Status: 4/29/2021-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 13. Noes 0.) (April 29). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 4/29/2021-A. APPR.

Summary: Under current law, fees for medical-legal evaluations are charged at a rate not to exceed a physician's regular fee, or the fee schedule set by the administrative director of the Division of Workers' Compensation, whichever is lower. Current law requires that the schedule set fees for procedures according to relative values and a conversion factor, allowing for modifiers, as specified. Current law requires the medical-legal fee schedule to be revised at the same time the fee schedule for medical treatment is revised. This bill would require that the medical-legal fee schedule be reviewed every 2 years, and updated if necessary, to increase the conversion factor by the percentage increase in the most recent federal Medicare Economic Index.

Position **Priority**
Watch

[AB 548](#) **(Carrillo D) Unemployment compensation benefits: overpayments.**

Current Text: Amended: 4/22/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/10/2021

Status: 4/29/2021-In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

Location: 4/26/2021-A. INS.

Summary: Under current law, except as specified, any person who receives an overpayment of unemployment compensation benefits is liable for the amount overpaid. Exceptions to liability include if the overpayment was not due to fraud, misrepresentation, or willful nondisclosure on the part of the recipient, the overpayment was received without fault on the part of the recipient, and its recovery would be against equity and good conscience. Under current law, if the Director of Employment Development finds that an individual has been overpaid unemployment compensation benefits because the individual, for the purpose of obtaining those benefits, either made a false statement or representation with actual knowledge of the falsity or withheld a material fact, then the director is required to assess against the individual an amount equal to 30% of the overpayment amount. Current law requires 50% of the overpayment assessment amount to be deposited into the Unemployment Trust Fund and 50% into the Employment Development Department Benefit Audit Fund, both of which are continuously appropriated funds, and requires that all interest collected is deposited into the Employment Development Department Benefit Audit Fund. This bill would modify the 30% penalty assessment to be a one-time penalty, to the extent required by federal law.

Position **Priority**
Watch

[AB 567](#)

(Bauer-Kahan D) Pesticides: neonicotinoids: prohibited use.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/11/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/11/2021

Status: 2/18/2021- Referred to Com. on E.S. & T.M.

Location: 2/18/2021-A. E.S. & T.M.

Summary: Current law generally regulates pesticide use by the Department of Pesticide Regulation, and requires the Director of Pesticide Regulation to endeavor to eliminate from use any pesticide that endangers the agricultural or nonagricultural environment. A violation of those provisions and regulations adopted pursuant to those provisions is generally a misdemeanor. Current law requires the department, on or before July 1, 2018, to issue a determination with respect to its reevaluation of neonicotinoids, and to adopt control measures necessary to protect pollinator health within 2 years, as specified. This bill would prohibit the use of a neonicotinoid on a seed, as specified.

Position **Priority**
Watch

[AB 569](#)

(Grayson D) Contractors: civil penalties: letters of admonishment.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/11/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/11/2021

Status: 4/26/2021-In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

Location: 4/26/2021-S. RLS.

Summary: The Contractors State License Law provides for the licensure and regulation of contractors by the Contractors State License Board in the DCA. Current law provides for related disciplinary proceedings and requires the board to promulgate regulations covering the assessment of civil penalties under those disciplinary provisions, as prescribed. Current law, except as specified, prohibits the assessment of a civil penalty in an amount greater than \$5,000. Current law, notwithstanding the administrative fine maximum, authorizes a civil penalty not to exceed \$15,000 for certain violations relating to unlicensed persons. This bill would increase the civil penalty limit from \$5,000 to \$8,000, notwithstanding the administrative fine maximum, and would increase the enhanced civil penalty limit from \$15,000 to \$30,000. The bill would expand the enhanced civil penalty limit to apply to certain violations relating to workers' compensation insurance coverage.

Position **Priority**

[AB 572](#)

(Kalra D) California Workforce Development Board: employment policies.

Current Text: Amended: 3/18/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/11/2021

Status: 4/26/2021-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 5. Noes 2.) (April 22). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 4/22/2021-A. APPR.

Summary: Current law establishes the California Workforce Development Board as the body responsible for assisting the Governor in the development, oversight, and continuous improvement of California's workforce investment system and the alignment of the education and workforce investment systems to the needs of the 21st century economy and workforce. This bill would require the board, upon appropriation of funds by the Legislature for this purpose, to establish and maintain an outreach, education, and certification program, with specified purposes, including training restaurant employees, managers, and employers to identify and address disparities in their workforce and implementing high-road employment policies that promote equity of income and career pathways for people of color, immigrants, women, and people who are transgender, nonbinary, or intersex.

Position **Priority**
Watch

[AB 646](#)

(Low D) Department of Consumer Affairs: boards: expunged convictions.

Current Text: Amended: 4/14/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/12/2021

Status: 4/21/2021-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to suspense file.

Location: 4/21/2021-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Summary: Would require a board within the Department of Consumer Affairs that has posted on its internet website that a person's license was revoked because the person was convicted of a crime, within 90 days of receiving an expungement order for the underlying offense from the person, if the person reapplies for licensure or is relicensed, to post notification of the expungement order and the date thereof on the board's internet website. The bill would require the board, on receiving an expungement order, if the person is not currently licensed and does not reapply for licensure, to remove within the same period the initial posting on its internet website that the person's license was revoked and information previously posted regarding arrests, charges, and convictions. The bill would authorize the board to charge a fee to the person, not to exceed the cost of administering the bill's provisions.

Position **Priority**
Watch

[AB 650](#) **(Muratsuchi D) Employer-provided benefits: health care workers: COVID-19: hazard pay retention bonuses.**

Current Text: Amended: 4/12/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/12/2021

Status: 4/26/2021-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 5. Noes 2.) (April 22). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 4/22/2021-A. APPR.

Summary: The Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act of 2014 requires employers to provide an employee, who works in California for 30 or more days within a year from the commencement of employment, with paid sick days for prescribed purposes, to be accrued at a rate of no less than one hour for every 30 hours worked. Existing law authorizes an employer to limit an employee's use of paid sick days to 24 hours or 3 days in each year of employment. Current law charges the Labor Commissioner, who is the Chief of the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement, with enforcement of various labor laws. This bill, the Health Care Workers Recognition and Retention Act, would require a covered employer, as defined, to pay hazard pay retention bonuses in the prescribed amounts on January 1, 2022, April 1, 2022, July 1, 2022, and October 1, 2022, to each covered health care worker, as defined, that it employs.

Position **Priority**
Watch

[AB 743](#) **(Ramos D) Insurance: business interruption: coverage for COVID-19.**

Current Text: Introduced: 2/16/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/16/2021

Status: 2/25/2021-Referred to Com. on INS.

Location: 2/25/2021-A. INS.

Summary: The California Emergency Services Act authorizes the Governor to declare a state of emergency during conditions of disaster or extreme peril to persons or property, including epidemics. Pursuant to this authority, on March 4, 2020, the Governor declared a state of emergency relating to the coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. This bill, with respect to a policy of insurance that provides coverage for business interruption, would create specified rebuttable presumptions affecting the burden of proof in a case in which the insured alleges that the business interruption was due to the COVID-19 pandemic and occurred during the period of the state of emergency declared by the Governor due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, the bill would create certain rebuttable presumptions that COVID-19 was present on specified property and caused physical loss or damage to that property which was the direct cause of the business interruption.

Position **Priority**
Watch

[AB 755](#) **(Flora R) Labor Commissioner: unlawful discrimination: report.**

Current Text: Introduced: 2/16/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/16/2021

Status: 2/25/2021-Referred to Com. on L. & E.

Location: 2/25/2021-A. L. & E.

Summary: Current law prohibits an employer from paying any of its employees at wage rates less than the rates paid to employees of the opposite sex for substantially similar work, when viewed as a composite of skill, effort, and responsibility, and performed under similar working conditions, unless the employer demonstrates that one or more specific factors, reasonably applied, account for the entire wage differential. Current law also similarly prohibits an employer from paying any of its employees at wage rates less than the rates paid to employees of another race or ethnicity for substantially similar work. Current law authorizes an employee paid lesser wages in violation of these prohibitions to file a complaint with the division, and authorizes the commencement of a civil action. Existing law requires the Labor Commissioner to submit an annual report to the Legislature by February 15 of each year providing specific information with respect to discrimination complaints under the above provisions for the previous calendar year. This bill would change the deadline for that report to March 15 of each year, commencing with March 15, 2022.

Position **Priority**
Watch

[AB 757](#) **(Davies R) Private employment: COVID-19: positive test or diagnosis: documentation.**

Current Text: Introduced: 2/16/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/16/2021

Status: 2/25/2021-Referred to Com. on L. & E.

Location: 2/25/2021-A. L. & E.

Summary: Would authorize a private employer to request prescribed documentation of a positive COVID-19 test or diagnosis if an employee reports that the employee has been diagnosed or tested positive for COVID-19 and is unable to work and the employer determines that an employee may be subject to a 14-day exclusion from the workplace as required under certain law or regulations. The bill would require an employer, in requesting documentation pursuant to the bill and in receiving information in response to that request, to comply with existing privacy protections.

Position **Priority**
Watch

[AB 772](#) **(Ramos D) Workers' compensation: domestic terrorism.**

Current Text: Amended: 3/25/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/16/2021

Status: 3/26/2021-Re-referred to Com. on INS.

Location: 3/25/2021-A. INS.

Summary: Current law establishes a system of workers' compensation in which an employer is required to provide medical treatment and compensation, among other benefits, in the event an employee is injured as a result of their employment. Current law prescribes the ways in which an employer, except the State, is required to secure compensation for their injured employees. This bill would clarify that an employer is not limited in its ability to insure against an act of domestic terrorism or to provide benefits in excess of those required by existing law following an act of terrorism.

Position **Priority**
Watch

[AB 806](#) **(Chen R) Taxation: corporations: minimum franchise tax: limited liability companies: annual tax: suspension.**

Current Text: Introduced: 2/16/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/16/2021

Status: 3/22/2021-In committee: Hearing postponed by committee.

Location: 2/25/2021-A. REV. & TAX

Summary: Current law imposes an annual minimum franchise tax of \$800, except as provided, on every corporation incorporated in this state, qualified to transact intrastate business in this state, or doing business in this state. Current law also imposes an annual tax in an amount equal to the minimum franchise tax on every limited partnership, limited liability partnership, and limited liability company doing business in this state, as specified. This bill would suspend the minimum franchise tax and the annual tax for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, and before January 1, 2023. This bill would also include additional information required for any bill authorizing a new tax expenditure.

Position **Priority**
Watch

[AB 836](#) **(Gabriel D) California Building Standards Commission: recycled water: nonpotable water systems.**

Current Text: Amended: 3/25/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/17/2021

Status: 4/21/2021-In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

Location: 3/25/2021-A. E.S. & T.M.

Summary: Would require, on or before January 1, 2023, the California Building Standards Commission to adopt mandatory building standards requiring that a newly constructed nonresidential building be constructed with dual plumbing to allow the use of recycled water for all applicable nonpotable water demands, as defined, if that building is located within an existing or planned recycled water service area, as specified. This bill would require, on or before January 1, 2023, the commission to adopt mandatory building standards requiring that a newly constructed nonresidential building with a total gross floor area of 100,000 square feet or more be constructed with dual plumbing to allow the use of nonpotable water sources for all applicable nonpotable water demands and provide for the collection, onsite treatment, and reuse of available onsite rainwater, graywater, and foundation drainage.

Position **Priority**
Watch

[AB 839](#) **(O'Donnell D) Career technical education: California Career Technical Education Incentive Grant Program.**

Current Text: Amended: 3/25/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/17/2021

Status: 4/21/2021-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to suspense file.

Location: 4/21/2021-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Summary: Current law appropriates specified amounts for the California Career Technical Education

Incentive Grant Program from the General Fund for the 2015–16, 2016–17, and 2017–18 fiscal years. Existing law provides, for the 2018–19 fiscal year and every fiscal year thereafter, that \$150,000,000 is made available for the program upon appropriation by the Legislature. Current law specifies minimum eligibility requirements for grant applicants. Existing law also requires the department, on or before January 31, 2024, and on or before January 31 every 5 years thereafter, to submit to the Department of Finance, the Governor, and the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature a report evaluating the progress that local educational agencies have made with respect to specified issues related to the program. This bill would provide that, for the 2021–22 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, 300,000,000 would be made available to the department, upon appropriation by the Legislature in the Budget Act or another statute, for the program.

Position **Priority**
Watch

AB 857 **(Kalra D) Employers: Labor Commissioner: required disclosures.**

Current Text: Introduced: 2/17/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/17/2021

Status: 4/22/2021-Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

Location: 4/22/2021-A. THIRD READING

Summary: Current law requires an employer to provide an employee, at the time of hiring, a written notice including specified information in the language the employer normally uses to communicate employment-related information to the employee. Current law requires the Labor Commissioner to prepare a template that includes the specified information mentioned above and to make the template available to employers in the manner as determined by the commissioner. This bill would require an employer to include in their written notice to all employees, specified information required in the event of a federal or state declared disaster or applicable to the county or counties in which the employee will be employed.

Position **Priority**
Watch

AB 893 **(Davies R) Emergency regulations: Division of Occupational Safety and Health: State Department of Public Health.**

Current Text: Introduced: 2/17/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/17/2021

Status: 2/25/2021-Referred to Com. on A. & A.R.

Location: 2/25/2021-A. A. & A.R.

Summary: Would require the Division of Occupational Safety and Health or the State Department of Public Health, within 14 calendar days of the release of a federal recommendation that conflicts with an emergency regulation related to COVID-19 issued by the division or the department, to review the conflicting emergency regulation and make a determination to either amend the regulation or submit a report to the Legislature on the decision not to amend the regulation, as specified. The bill would require the division or department, before determining whether to amend the emergency regulation, to provide public notice and an opportunity for public comment. The bill would repeal these provisions 90 days after the termination of the state of emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic declared by the Governor.

Position **Priority**
Watch

AB 899 **(Cunningham R) Contractors: unlicensed work: inflation adjustment.**

Current Text: Introduced: 2/17/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/17/2021

Status: 2/25/2021-Referred to Com. on B. & P.

Location: 2/25/2021-A. B.&P.

Summary: Current law authorizes a person who is not licensed as a contractor to advertise for construction work or a work of improvement covered by existing law only if the aggregate contract price for labor, material, and all other items on a project or undertaking is less than \$500, and the person states in the advertisement that they are not a licensed contractor. This bill would require the Contractors State License Board to annually adjust the \$500 amount by regulation to reflect the rate of inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index or other method of measuring the rate of inflation that the board determines is reliable and generally accepted.

Position **Priority**
Watch

AB 930 **(Levine D) Subsurface installations: attorney's fees and costs.**

Current Text: Amended: 3/24/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/17/2021

Status: 4/14/2021-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to suspense file.

Location: 4/14/2021-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Summary: Current law requires an excavator planning to conduct an excavation to delineate the area to be excavated before notifying the appropriate regional notification center of the planned excavation, as provided. Current law requires an operator, before the legal start date and time of the excavation, to locate and field mark, within the area delineated for excavation, its subsurface installations. Current law establishes a process for an excavator to request and obtain a continual excavation ticket for an area of continual excavation, as defined, that is valid for one year from the date of issuance and eligible for renewal. Current law requires this process to include onsite meetings to develop a mutually agreed-upon plan. Current law prescribes liability for failure to comply with these processes. This bill would require a court or arbitrator to award reasonable attorney's costs and fees, including expert witness fees, to a prevailing excavator if the court or arbitrator determines that the excavator is not liable for damages to a subsurface installation for reasons related to inaccurate field marking, as specified, or if the excavator makes an offer to settle the matter that is not accepted and the plaintiff fails to obtain a more favorable judgment or award.

Position **Priority**
Watch

AB 980 **(Dahle, Megan R) Employment Development Department: claim information.**

Current Text: Amended: 4/19/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/18/2021

Status: 4/29/2021-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 13. Noes 0.) (April 29). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 4/29/2021-A. APPR.

Summary: Would require the Employment Development Department, using the online portals provided via the department's internet website, to make available to an employer and update a list, as provided, of claimants approved to receive benefits from that employer.

Position **Priority**
Watch

AB 994 **(Patterson R) Income taxation: exclusion: California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program.**

Current Text: Introduced: 2/18/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/18/2021

Status: 3/4/2021-Referred to Com. on REV. & TAX.

Location: 3/4/2021-A. REV. & TAX

Summary: for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2021, and before January 1, 2026, would exclude, under both the Personal Income Tax Law and the Corporation Tax Law, from gross income the amount of a grant awarded pursuant to the California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program.

Position **Priority**
Watch

AB 995 **(Gonzalez, Lorena D) Paid sick days: accrual and use.**

Current Text: Introduced: 2/18/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/18/2021

Status: 4/26/2021-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 5. Noes 2.) (April 22). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 4/22/2021-A. APPR.

Summary: Current law authorizes an employer to use a different accrual method as long as an employee has no less than 24 hours of accrued sick leave or paid time off by the 120th calendar day of employment or each calendar year, or in each 12-month period. Current law also provides that an employer may satisfy the accrual requirements by providing not less than 24 hours or 3 days of paid sick leave that is available to the employee to use by the completion of the employee's 120th calendar day of employment. This bill would modify the employer's alternate sick leave accrual method to require that an employee have no less than 40 hours of accrued sick leave or paid time off by the 200th calendar day of employment or each calendar year, or in each 12-month period.

Position **Priority**
Oppose 2

AB 1003 **(Gonzalez, Lorena D) Wage theft: grand theft.**

Current Text: Amended: 4/22/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/18/2021

Status: 4/26/2021-Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 4/21/2021-A. APPR.

Summary: Current law defines the crime of grand theft as theft committed when the money, labor, or

real or personal property taken is of a value exceeding \$950. Under existing law, grand theft is punishable either as a misdemeanor by imprisonment in a county jail for up to 1 year or as a felony by imprisonment in county jail for 16 months or 2 or 3 years, by a specified fine, or by a fine and that imprisonment. This bill would make the intentional theft of wages, as defined, in an amount greater than \$950 from any one employee, or \$2,350 in the aggregate from 2 or more employees, by an employer in any consecutive 12-month period punishable as grand theft.

Position	Priority
Oppose	2

AB 1008 (Grayson D) Unemployment insurance: employee status: definition.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/18/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/18/2021

Status: 4/5/2021-Re-referred to Coms. on L. & E. and INS. pursuant to Assembly Rule 96.

Location: 4/5/2021-A. L. & E.

Summary: Current law governing unemployment insurance defines "employment" for those purposes, and exempts from this definition the services performed by certain persons, including various types of brokers or salespersons meeting specified conditions, including that the sale or demonstration of the product takes place in the buyer's home. Current law limits the exemption to sales that take place in other than a retail or wholesale establishment. This bill, among other things, would also exempt from the definition of employment, a seller that sells or demonstrates products in the buyer's business. The bill would also specify that certain types of vehicles used to sell specified tools do not qualify as a retail or wholesale establishment for purposes of these provisions.

Position	Priority
Watch	

AB 1023 (Flora R) Contractors and subcontractors: records: penalties.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/18/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/18/2021

Status: 4/8/2021-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (April 8). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 4/8/2021-A. APPR.

Summary: Current law establishes various requirements applicable to all public works projects including, among other things, that the call for bids and contract documents specify that the project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations, and that each contractor or subcontractor furnish certain payroll records directly to the Labor Commissioner, as specified. This bill would require that a contractor or subcontractor furnish those payroll records to the Labor Commissioner no later than their final day of work performed on the project. The bill would also make a contractor or subcontractor who fails to furnish those records in the manner specified liable for a penalty of \$100 per day, as specified, not to exceed \$5,000 per project, to be deposited into the State Public Works Enforcement Fund.

Position	Priority
Watch	

AB 1026 (Smith R) Business licenses: veterans.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/18/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/18/2021

Status: 4/20/2021-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 19. Noes 0.) (April 20). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 4/20/2021-A. APPR.

Summary: Would require the Department of Consumer Affairs and any board within the department to grant a 50% fee reduction for an initial license to an applicant who provides satisfactory evidence, as defined, the applicant has served as an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces or the California National Guard and was honorably discharged. This bill would authorize a board to adopt regulations necessary to administer these provisions.

Position	Priority
Watch	

AB 1033 (Bauer-Kahan D) California Family Rights Act: parent-in-law: small employer family leave mediation: pilot program.

Current Text: Amended: 4/29/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/18/2021

Status: 4/29/2021-Read second time and amended.

Location: 4/27/2021-A. APPR.

Summary: Current law, the Moore-Brown-Roberti Family Rights Act, commonly known as the California Family Rights Act, which is a part of FEHA, makes it an unlawful employment practice for an employer,

as defined, to refuse to grant a request by an eligible employee to take up to 12 workweeks of unpaid protected leave during any 12-month period for family care and medical leave, as specified. Current law defines family care and medical leave to include, among other things, leave to care for a parent. This bill would additionally include leave to care for a parent-in-law within the definition of family care and medical leave, and would make other conforming changes.

Position **Priority**
Watch

AB 1041 **(Wicks D) Employment: leave.**

Current Text: Amended: 4/22/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/18/2021

Status: 4/29/2021-In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

Location: 4/26/2021-A. APPR.

Summary: Would expand the population that an employee can take leave to care for to include a designated person. The bill would define "designated person" to mean a person identified by the employee at the time the employee requests family care and medical leave. The bill would authorize an employer to limit designation of a person, as prescribed.

Position **Priority**
Oppose 2

AB 1072 **(Reyes D) Small businesses: technical assistance: public contracts.**

Current Text: Amended: 4/20/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/18/2021

Status: 4/27/2021-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 6. Noes 0.) (April 27). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 4/27/2021-A. APPR.

Summary: Would relocate the Small Business Technical Assistance Expansion Program within the Office of Small Business Advocate, under the direction of the Small Business Advocate. The bill would expand underserved business groups to be prioritized to include disadvantaged business enterprises. The bill would additionally require the use of state funds provided pursuant to the program to support a range of programs and services delivered through one or more small business technical assistance centers, as specified. The bill would also authorize the use of state funds provided pursuant to the program for certain purposes relating to small business technical assistance. The bill would extend the repeal date to January 1, 2027.

Position **Priority**
Watch

AB 1074 **(Gonzalez, Lorena D) Employment: displaced workers.**

Current Text: Amended: 4/19/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/18/2021

Status: 4/26/2021-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 5. Noes 2.) (April 22). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 4/22/2021-A. APPR.

Summary: Current law establishes the Displaced Janitor Opportunity Act, which requires contractors and subcontractors, as defined, that are awarded contracts or subcontracts to provide janitorial or building maintenance services at a particular jobsite or sites, to retain, for a period of 60 days, certain employees who were employed at that site by the previous contractor or subcontractor, and offered continued employment if their performance during that 60-day period is satisfactory. Existing law authorizes an employee who was not retained, or the employee's agent, to bring an enforcement action in a court of competent jurisdiction, as specified. Current law charges the Labor Commissioner, as Chief of the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement, with enforcing these provisions. This bill would rename the act the Displaced Janitor and Hotel Worker Opportunity Act and would extend the provisions of the act to hotel workers. The bill would redefine "awarding authority" under the act to include any person that awards or otherwise enters into contracts for hotel services including guest service, food and beverage or cleaning performed within the state, as specified.

Position **Priority**
Watch

AB 1119 **(Wicks D) Employment discrimination.**

Current Text: Amended: 4/21/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/18/2021

Status: 4/22/2021-Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 4/20/2021-A. APPR.

Summary: The California Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA), protects the right to seek, obtain, and hold employment without discrimination because of prescribed characteristics. FEHA makes various

employment practices unlawful and empowers the Department of Fair Employment and Housing to investigate and prosecute complaints alleging unlawful practices. This bill would expand the protected characteristics to include family responsibilities, defined to mean the obligations of an employee to provide direct and ongoing care for a minor child or a care recipient. The bill would define additional terms for this purpose.

Position **Priority**
Oppose 2

AB 1122 **(Garcia, Cristina D) Employment discrimination.**

Current Text: Amended: 3/11/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/18/2021

Status: 3/15/2021-Re-referred to Com. on L. & E.

Location: 3/11/2021-A. L. & E.

Summary: Would provide that, under FEHA, it is not a violation of the rights of any individual who is not chosen for an employer to hire or promote a member of a protected group, if the employer determines that the individual hired or promoted is qualified for the job and the individual hired or promoted is a member of a protected group that is underrepresented in the type of job in question in the relevant general workforce. Under the bill, the violation exemption would not apply if the individual hired or promoted is a member of a protected group that, prior to the selection of the individual, was overrepresented in the type of job in the employer's workforce or an individual challenging the hire or promotion decision is a member of a protected group that is underrepresented in the type of job in the relevant general workforce and there is substantial evidence that the individual's protected status was a substantial factor in the hire or promotion decision. The bill would define terms for its purpose.

Position **Priority**
Watch

AB 1175 **(Aguiar-Curry D) Division of Occupational Safety and Health: inspections and investigations: advance notice.**

Current Text: Amended: 3/11/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/18/2021

Status: 3/15/2021-Re-referred to Com. on L. & E.

Location: 3/11/2021-A. L. & E.

Summary: The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), except as provided, prohibits a person or employer from being given advance warning of an inspection or investigation by any authorized representative of the division. OSHA authorizes the Chief of the Division of Occupational Safety and Health or an authorized representative to permit advance notice of an inspection or investigation as prescribed by the Director of Industrial Relations. OSHA prohibits the authorization of advance notice when the investigation or inspection is to be made as a result of an employee complaint, unless there is imminent danger to the health or safety of an employee or employees. OSHA makes it a crime, punishable as prescribed, for any person to give unauthorized advance notice of any inspection to be conducted. This bill would revise those advance warning provisions to prohibit any representative of the division from giving advance notice of an inspection or investigation to an employer or other person unless authorized under OSHA.

Position **Priority**
Watch

AB 1179 **(Carrillo D) Employer provided benefit: backup childcare.**

Current Text: Introduced: 2/18/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/18/2021

Status: 4/26/2021-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 5. Noes 2.) (April 22). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 4/22/2021-A. APPR.

Summary: Would require an employer to provide an employee, on or after January 1, 2022, who works in California for the same employer for 30 or more days within a year from the commencement of employment, with up to 60 hours of paid backup childcare benefits, to be accrued and used as provided. The bill would define "backup childcare" as childcare provided by a qualified backup childcare provider to the employee's child when the employee's regular childcare provider cannot be utilized, and "paid backup childcare" as an employee benefit consisting of the employer paying for a qualified backup childcare provider to provide backup childcare for an employee's child that is compensated at the state minimum wage or the federal minimum wage, whichever is higher.

Position **Priority**
Watch

AB 1192 **(Kalra D) Employment information: worker metrics.**

Current Text: Amended: 4/5/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/18/2021

Status: 4/26/2021-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 5. Noes 2.) (April 22). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 4/22/2021-A. APPR.

Summary: Current law establishes within the Labor and Workforce Development Agency the Department of Industrial Relations, one of the purposes of which is to foster, promote, and develop the welfare of the wage earners of California, to improve their working conditions, and to advance their opportunities for profitable employment. This bill would establish a program in, and administered by, the agency and would require employers with more than 1,000 employees in California, as provided, to submit various statistics regarding those employees to the agency. The bill would further require the agency to collect the worker-related statistics annually and, after collection, to assign each employer to one of the 24 industries in the Global Industry Classification Standard system.

Position **Priority**
Watch

AB 1199 (Gipson D) Homes for Families and Corporate Monopoly Transparency Excise Tax: qualified property: reporting requirements.

Current Text: Amended: 4/5/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/18/2021

Status: 4/6/2021-Re-referred to Com. on REV. & TAX.

Location: 3/4/2021-A. REV. & TAX

Summary: Current law requires the Secretary of State to perform various duties relating to business entities. This bill would require a qualified entity, as defined, that owns qualified property, as defined, to report annually to the Secretary of State specified information regarding the qualified property owned by the qualified entity. The bill would require the Secretary of State to create a searchable database, updated annually, on the Secretary of State's internet website, with the information provided by the qualified entity.

Position **Priority**
Watch

AB 1253 (Santiago D) Personal income taxes: additional tax.

Current Text: Amended: 3/25/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2021

Status: 3/26/2021-Re-referred to Com. on REV. & TAX.

Location: 3/25/2021-A. REV. & TAX

Summary: The Personal Income Tax Law and California Constitution impose taxes based upon taxable income of individuals, estates, and trusts at specified rates. This bill, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2021, in addition to those taxes, would impose an additional tax of at the rates of 1%, 3%, and 3.5% on that portion of a taxpayer's taxable income over specified thresholds, as provided.

Position **Priority**
Watch

AB 1298 (Bloom D) Pesticides: use of 2nd generation anticoagulant rodenticides.

Current Text: Amended: 3/25/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2021

Status: 4/27/2021-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 15. Noes 0.) (April 26). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 4/27/2021-A. APPR.

Summary: Current law prohibits the use of 2nd generation anticoagulant rodenticides in wildlife habitat areas. Current law additionally prohibits the use of 2nd generation anticoagulant rodenticides in the state until the director certifies to the Secretary of State that certain conditions have occurred including that the Department of Fish and Wildlife determines that control or eradication of invasive rodent populations is necessary for the protection of threatened or endangered species or their habitats and requires the use of a 2nd generation anticoagulant rodenticide. Current law exempts the use of 2nd generation anticoagulant rodenticides from these prohibitions under certain circumstances. This bill would delete the requirement that the director certify that the Department of Fish and Wildlife has made that specified determination.

Position **Priority**
Watch

AB 1346 (Berman D) Air pollution: small off-road engines.

Current Text: Amended: 3/25/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2021

Status: 4/29/2021-Coauthors revised. From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 7. Noes 3.) (April 28). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 4/28/2021-A. APPR.

Summary: Would require the State Air Resources Board, by July 1, 2022, consistent with federal law, to adopt cost-effective and technologically feasible regulations to prohibit engine exhaust and evaporative emissions from new small off-road engines, as defined by the state board. The bill would require the state board to identify and, to the extent feasible, make available funding for commercial rebate or similar incentive funding as part of any updates to existing applicable funding program guidelines to local air pollution control districts and air quality management districts to implement to support the transition to zero-emission small off-road equipment operations.

Position **Priority**
Watch

[AB 1386](#) (Cunningham R) License fees: military partners and spouses.

Current Text: Amended: 4/28/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2021

Status: 4/29/2021-Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 4/28/2021-A. APPR.

Summary: Current law provides for the licensure and regulation of various professions and vocations by boards within the Department of Consumer Affairs. Current law requires a board to expedite the licensure process for an applicant who holds a current license in another jurisdiction in the same profession or vocation and provides evidence that they are married to or in a domestic partnership or other legal union with an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is assigned to a duty station in this state under official active duty military orders. This bill would prohibit a board from charging an initial application fee or an initial license issuance fee to an applicant who meets these expedited licensing requirements. The bill would also prohibit a board from charging an initial examination fee to an applicant who meets the expedited licensing requirements if the examination is administered by the board.

Position **Priority**
Watch

[AB 1400](#) (Kalra D) Guaranteed Health Care for All.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/19/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2021

Status: 2/22/2021-Read first time.

Location: 2/19/2021-A. PRINT

Summary: The Knox-Keene Health Care Service Plan Act of 1975, provides for the licensure and regulation of health care service plans by the Department of Managed Health Care. Current law provides for the regulation of health insurers by the Department of Insurance. Current law provides for the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Care Services, under which qualified low-income individuals receive health care services. The Medi-Cal program is, in part, governed and funded by federal Medicaid program provisions. This bill, the California Guaranteed Health Care for All Act, would create the California Guaranteed Health Care for All program, or CalCare, to provide comprehensive universal single-payer health care coverage and a health care cost control system for the benefit of all residents of the state.

Position **Priority**
Oppose 2

[AB 1465](#) (Reyes D) Workers' compensation: medical provider networks study.

Current Text: Amended: 4/26/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2021

Status: 4/29/2021-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 13. Noes 0.) (April 29). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 4/29/2021-A. APPR.

Summary: Would require the Commission on Health and Safety and Workers' Compensation, on or before January 1, 2023, to submit a study to the Legislature, the committees of the Senate and Assembly with jurisdiction over workers' compensation, and the Division of Workers' Compensation on delays and access to care issues in medical provider networks. The bill would require the study to compare specified data for injury claims in which a worker was treated by a medical provider network to that data for injury claims in which a worker was treated by a provider who is not part of a medical provider network.

Position **Priority**
Watch

[AB 1500](#) (Garcia, Eduardo D) Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, and Workforce Development Bond Act of 2022.

Current Text: Amended: 4/14/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2021

Status: 4/15/2021-Re-referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

Location: 4/8/2021-A. NAT. RES.

Summary: Would enact the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, and Workforce Development Bond Act of 2022, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$6,955,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for safe drinking water, wildfire prevention, drought preparation, flood protection, extreme heat mitigation, and workforce development programs.

Position **Priority**

AB 1528 **(Santiago D) Wages: final payments.**

Current Text: Introduced: 2/19/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2021

Status: 2/22/2021-Read first time.

Location: 2/19/2021-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law regulates the terms and conditions of employment and, specifically, the payment of wages. Current law generally requires that if an employer discharges an employee, the wages earned and unpaid at the time of discharge are due and payable immediately. Current law authorizes a state employee to provide for certain amounts, including those associated with unpaid vacation, to be contributed to specified supplemental retirement plans. Current law also authorizes a state employee to defer certain payments until the next calendar year in certain circumstances. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to these provisions

Position **Priority**

Watch

AB 1562 **(Committee on Insurance) Workers' compensation: reports.**

Current Text: Introduced: 3/1/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 3/1/2021

Status: 4/15/2021-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 13. Noes 0.) (April 15). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 4/15/2021-A. APPR.

Summary: Current law requires the Commission on Health and Safety and Workers' Compensation to issue an annual report on the state of the workers' compensation system, including recommendations for modifications that would improve the operation of the system. Current law requires the report to be made available to the Governor, the Legislature, and the public on request. Current law also requires the commission to periodically issue a report and recommendations on the improvement and simplification of notices required to be provided by insurers and self-insured employers, as it deems necessary. This bill would require the annual report on the workers' compensation system to be made available on the commission's internet website and to specifically be made available to the Assembly Committee on Insurance and the Senate Committee on Labor, Public Employment and Retirement rather than to the Legislature generally.

Position **Priority**

Watch

ACA 8 **(Lee D) Wealth tax: appropriation limits.**

Current Text: Introduced: 3/22/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 3/22/2021

Status: 3/23/2021-From printer. May be heard in committee April 22.

Location: 3/22/2021-A. PRINT

Summary: Would authorize the Legislature to impose a tax upon all forms of personal property or wealth, whether tangible or intangible, and would require any tax so imposed to be administered and collected by the Franchise Tax Board and the Office of the Attorney General as provided in statute. The measure would authorize the Legislature to classify any form of personal property or wealth for differential taxation or for exemption by a majority vote.

Position **Priority**

Watch

SB 7 **(Atkins D) Environmental quality: Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act of 2021.**

Current Text: Amended: 2/18/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Status: 4/29/2021-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 9. Noes 1.) (April 28). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 4/28/2021-A. APPR.

Summary: Would enact the Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act of 2021, which would reenact the former leadership act, with certain changes, and would authorize the

Governor, until January 1, 2024, to certify projects that meet specified requirements for streamlining benefits related to CEQA. The bill would additionally include housing development projects, as defined, meeting certain conditions as projects eligible for certification. The bill would, except for those housing development projects, require the quantification and mitigation of the impacts of a project from the emissions of greenhouse gases, as provided. The bill would revise and recast the labor-related requirements for projects undertaken by both public agencies and private entities. The bill would provide that the Governor is authorized to certify a project before the lead agency certifies the final EIR for the project.

Position **Priority**
Watch

[SB 45](#) **([Portantino D](#)) Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2022.**

Current Text: Amended: 4/8/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Status: 4/21/2021-Set for hearing May 3.

Location: 4/15/2021-S. APPR.

Summary: Would enact the Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2022, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$5,595,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for a wildfire prevention, safe drinking water, drought preparation, and flood protection program.

Position **Priority**
Watch

[SB 58](#) **([Wilk R](#)) Personal information: social security numbers: Employment Development Department: fraud prevention.**

Current Text: Amended: 4/27/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Status: 4/27/2021-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 3/23/2021-S. APPR.

Summary: Would, commencing on or before October 1, 2021, prohibit, with exceptions, the Employment Development Department from sending any outgoing United States mail to an individual containing the individual's social security number, unless that social security number is replaced with a modified unique identifier or the number is truncated to its last 4 digits.

Position **Priority**
Support 3

[SB 61](#) **([Hurtado D](#)) Workforce training programs: supportive services.**

Current Text: Amended: 3/1/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Status: 3/22/2021-March 22 hearing: Placed on APPR suspense file.

Location: 3/22/2021-S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Summary: Would require the California Workforce Development Board to establish and administer the Lifting Families Out of Poverty Supportive Services Program. The bill would require the board, upon appropriation by the Legislature for that purpose, to make \$50,000,000 in grants available to consortia, composed of combinations of local workforce development boards, community colleges, or other stakeholders, that apply for funding to provide supportive services, as defined, and are approved in accordance with the bill.

Position **Priority**
Watch

[SB 74](#) **([Borgeas R](#)) Keep California Working Act.**

Current Text: Amended: 3/11/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 12/10/2020

Status: 3/11/2021-Set for hearing April 19. April 19 set for first hearing canceled at the request of author. From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on B., P. & E.D.

Location: 1/28/2021-S. B., P. & E.D.

Summary: Currentlaw establishes the Office of Small Business Advocate within the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development for the purpose of advocating for the causes of small business and to provide small businesses with the information they need to survive in the marketplace. This bill, the Keep California Working Act, would establish the Keep California Working Grant Program. The act would require the Small Business Advocate to administer the program and award grants, as specified,

to small businesses and nonprofit entities that meet specified criteria, including that the entity has experienced economic hardship resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic

Position **Priority**
Watch

SB 87 **(Caballero D) California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program: income tax: gross income: exclusion: small business grants.**
Current Text: Chaptered: 2/23/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)
Introduced: 12/16/2020
Status: 2/23/2021-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 7, Statutes of 2021.
Location: 2/23/2021-S. CHAPTERED
Summary: Would establish the California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program within CalOSBA to assist qualified small businesses affected by COVID-19 through administration of grants. The bill would require CalOSBA to provide grants to qualified small businesses, as defined, in accordance with specified criteria, including geographic distribution based on COVID-19 restrictions, industry sectors most impacted by the pandemic, and underserved small businesses. The bill would repeal these provisions on January 1, 2024.

Position **Priority**
Watch

SB 102 **(Melendez R) COVID-19 emergency order violation: license revocation.**
Current Text: Amended: 3/17/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)
Introduced: 12/30/2020
Status: 4/5/2021-April 5 set for final hearing. Failed passage in committee. (Ayes 6. Noes 7.) Reconsideration granted.
Location: 1/28/2021-S. B., P. & E.D.
Summary: Would prohibit the Department of Consumer Affairs, a board within the Department of Consumer Affairs that does not regulate healing arts licensees, and the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control from revoking a license or imposing a fine or penalty for failure to comply with any COVID-19 state of emergency orders or COVID-19 stay-at-home orders, unless the board or department can prove that lack of compliance resulted in transmission of COVID-19. The bill would specify that the provisions do not preclude issuance of fines, penalties, or revoking a license for any action that is not related to the issuance of any COVID-19 state of emergency orders or COVID-19 stay-at-home order.

Position **Priority**
Support 2

SB 216 **(Dodd D) Contractors: workers' compensation insurance: mandatory coverage.**
Current Text: Amended: 3/15/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)
Introduced: 1/13/2021
Status: 3/22/2021-March 22 hearing: Placed on APPR suspense file.
Location: 3/22/2021-S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE
Summary: Would, until January 1, 2025, would require concrete contractors holding a C-8 license, warm-air heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC) contractors holding a C-20 license, or tree service contractors holding a D-49 license to also obtain and maintain workers' compensation insurance even if that contractor has no employees. The bill, as of January 1, 2025, would require all licensed contractors or applicants for licensure to obtain and maintain workers' compensation insurance even if that contractor has no employees and would also prohibit the filing of a certificate of exemption.

Position **Priority**
Support 3

SB 222 **(Dodd D) Water Rate Assistance Program.**
Current Text: Amended: 4/20/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)
Introduced: 1/14/2021
Status: 4/29/2021-From committee: Do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 5. Noes 2.) (April 29).
Location: 4/29/2021-S. APPR.
Summary: would establish the Water Rate Assistance Fund in the State Treasury to help provide water affordability assistance, for both drinking water and wastewater services, to low-income ratepayers and ratepayers experiencing economic hardship in California. The bill would require the Department of Community Services and Development to develop and administer the Water Rate Assistance Program established by the bill.

Position **Priority**

[SB 223](#) (Dodd D) Discontinuation of residential water service.
Current Text: Amended: 4/20/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)
Introduced: 1/14/2021
Status: 4/29/2021-From committee: Do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 5. Noes 2.) (April 29).
Location: 4/29/2021-S. APPR.
Summary: Current law prohibits an urban and community water system, defined as a public water system that supplies water to more than 200 service connections, from discontinuing residential water service for nonpayment until a payment by a customer has been delinquent for at least 60 days. Current law requires an urban and community water system to have a written policy on discontinuation of residential service for nonpayment, including, among other things, specified options for addressing the nonpayment. Current law requires an urban and community water system to provide notice of that policy to customers, as provided. This bill would apply those provisions, on and after July 1, 2022, to a very small community water system, defined as a public water system that supplies water to 200 or fewer service connections used by year long residents.

Position	Priority
Watch	

[SB 236](#) (Ochoa Bogh R) The Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004.
Current Text: Introduced: 1/21/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)
Introduced: 1/21/2021
Status: 2/3/2021-Referred to Com. on RLS.
Location: 1/21/2021-S. RLS.
Summary: Current law, the Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004, permits an aggrieved employee, on behalf of themselves and other current or former employees, to bring a civil action pursuant to specified procedures for a violation of a provision of the Labor Code that provides for a civil penalty to be assessed and collected by the Labor and Workforce Development Agency. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

Position	Priority
Watch	

[SB 284](#) (Stern D) Workers' compensation: firefighters and peace officers: post-traumatic stress.
Current Text: Amended: 3/16/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)
Introduced: 2/1/2021
Status: 3/22/2021-March 22 hearing: Placed on APPR suspense file.
Location: 3/22/2021-S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE
Summary: Current law, under the workers' compensation system, provides, only until January 1, 2025, that, for certain state and local firefighting personnel and peace officers, the term "injury" includes post-traumatic stress that develops or manifests during a period in which the injured person is in the service of the department or unit, but applies only to injuries occurring on or after January 1, 2020. Existing law requires the compensation awarded pursuant to this provision to include full hospital, surgical, medical treatment, disability indemnity, and death benefits. This bill would make that provision applicable to active firefighting members of the State Department of State Hospitals, the State Department of Developmental Services, the Military Department, and the Department of Veterans Affairs, and to additional peace officers, including security officers of the Department of Justice when performing assigned duties as security officers and the officers of a state hospital under the jurisdiction of the State Department of State Hospitals or the State Department of Developmental Services, among other officers.

Position	Priority
Watch	

[SB 297](#) (Durazo D) Subsurface installations: penalties.
Current Text: Amended: 3/25/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)
Introduced: 2/3/2021
Status: 4/20/2021-Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
Location: 4/20/2021-S. THIRD READING
Summary: Would enact the Wade Kilpatrick Gas Safety and Workforce Adequacy Act of 2021. The bill would prescribe a civil penalty of up to \$100,000 to be imposed on an operator or excavator, as described, who knowingly and willfully violates provisions relating excavations and subsurface installations and subsequently damages a gas or hazardous liquid pipeline subsurface installation and the damage results in the escape of any flammable, toxic, or corrosive gas or liquid.

Position	Priority
Oppose	2

[SB 304](#)

(Archuleta D) Contractors: exemptions.

Current Text: Amended: 4/5/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/3/2021

Status: 4/5/2021-Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 3/22/2021-S. APPR.

Summary: The Contractors State License Law provides for the licensure, regulation, and discipline of contractors by the Contractors State License Board. Existing law exempts from this licensing requirement certain minor work projects when the aggregate contract price does not exceed \$500, except when the person performing the work advertises to the public that they are a licensed contractor. Current law defines a home improvement contract as an agreement, as specified, for the performance of home improvement, as defined, that exceeds \$500 in aggregate price, and requires a home improvement contract for the sale, installation, and servicing of a fire alarm in conjunction with an alarm system, except when all costs attributable to making the fire alarm system operable do not exceed \$500. Current law exempts certain service and repair contracts, as defined, from certain home repair contract requirements, and sets forth the requirements for service and repair contract, including that the contract amount totals \$750 or less. This bill would increase the maximum aggregate contract price eligible for the minor work exemption to \$1,000, and would prohibit a person from using the exemption if they employ any workers to perform services for which a license is required.

Position	Priority
Oppose	2

[SB 331](#)

(Leyva D) Settlement and nondisparagement agreements.

Current Text: Amended: 4/15/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/8/2021

Status: 4/28/2021-Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

Location: 4/28/2021-S. THIRD READING

Summary: Current law prohibits a settlement agreement from preventing the disclosure of factual information regarding specified acts related to a claim filed in a civil action or a complaint filed in an administrative action. These acts include sexual assault, as defined; sexual harassment, as defined; an act of workplace harassment or discrimination based on sex, failure to prevent such an act, or retaliation against a person for reporting such an act; and an act of harassment or discrimination based on sex by the owner of a housing accommodation, as defined, or retaliation against a person for reporting such an act. This bill would clarify that this prohibition includes provisions which restrict the disclosure of the information described above. The bill would also expand the prohibition to include acts of workplace harassment or discrimination not based on sex and an act of harassment or discrimination not based on sex by the owner of a housing accommodation.

Position	Priority
Watch	

[SB 335](#)

(Cortese D) Workers' compensation: liability.

Current Text: Amended: 3/10/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/8/2021

Status: 4/27/2021-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 4. Noes 1.) (April 26). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 4/27/2021-S. APPR.

Summary: Current law prohibits a claim for workers' compensation from being maintained unless within 30 days after the occurrence of the injury, the injured person, or in case of the death, a dependent, or someone on the injured person's or dependent's behalf, serves notice of the injury upon the employer. Current law also requires an injured employee, or in the case of death, a dependent, or an agent of the employee or dependent, to file a claim form with the employer. Under current law, except for specified injuries, if liability is not rejected within 90 days after the date the claim form is filed with the employer, the injury is presumed compensable and the presumption is rebuttable only by evidence discovered subsequent to the 90-day period. This bill would reduce those 90-day time periods to 45 days and, for certain injuries or illnesses, including hernia, heart trouble, pneumonia, or tuberculosis, among others, sustained in the course of employment of a specified member of law enforcement or a specified first responder, would reduce those time periods to 30 days.

Position	Priority
Watch	

[SB 336](#)

(Ochoa Bogh R) Public health: COVID-19.

Current Text: Amended: 4/19/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/8/2021

Status: 4/29/2021-From committee: Do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 11. Noes 0.) (April 28).

Location: 4/28/2021-S. APPR.

Summary: Would require that before the State Department of Public Health or a local health official

takes measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, as defined, or takes measures to reopen the state, they publish the measures on their internet website. The bill would provide impacted industries and counties 3 days from when the department or local health officials publish those measures to implement any sector changes or closures unless there is an immediate danger or an imminent threat to the public requiring immediate action. The bill would also require the department or local health officials to create an opportunity for organizations, communities, nonprofits, and individuals to sign up for an email distribution list relative to changes in related public health orders.

Position **Priority**
Watch

[SB 351](#) **(Caballero D) Water Innovation Act of 2021.**

Current Text: Amended: 4/20/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/9/2021

Status: 4/20/2021-Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 4/15/2021-S. APPR.

Summary: Current law establishes the State Water Resources Control Board for the purposes of providing for the orderly and efficient administration of the water resources of the state. This bill, the Water Innovation Act of 2021, would create the Office of Water Innovation at the California Water Commission for the furtherance of new technologies and other innovative approaches in the water sector. The bill would require the office, by December 31, 2023, to take specified measures to advance innovation in the water sector. The bill would make findings and declarations regarding the need for water innovation.

Position **Priority**
Watch

[SB 390](#) **(Laird D) Employment Development Department: comprehensive plan.**

Current Text: Amended: 4/5/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/11/2021

Status: 4/29/2021-May 3 hearing postponed by committee.

Location: 4/19/2021-S. APPR.

Summary: Would require the Employment Development Department to develop and, upon appropriation by the Legislature, implement a comprehensive plan to prepare for an increase in unemployment insurance compensation benefits claims due to an economic recession. The bill would require the plan to detail how to respond to economic downturns with a predetermined strategy that has considered the full effect on the department's operations, and include, but not be limited to, identifying the lessons learned from previous economic downturns, identifying ways to improve self-serve services to avoid long wait times to speak to staff, and enhancing claims processing tools to ensure that the department's identity verification processes are as robust as possible. The bill would require the department to provide a copy of the comprehensive plan to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and the Department of Finance by March 1, 2022, and to update the comprehensive plan and provide a copy to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and the Department of Finance every 2nd year thereafter.

Position **Priority**
Watch

[SB 410](#) **(Leyva D) Occupational safety and health: regulations.**

Current Text: Amended: 3/3/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/12/2021

Status: 4/21/2021-Set for hearing May 3.

Location: 4/19/2021-S. APPR.

Summary: Current law generally requires the adoption, amendment, or repeal of standards and orders by the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board to comply with the rulemaking provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), but exempts from provisions of the APA relating to public participation and review of proposed regulations a standard or amendment to any standard adopted by the standards board that is substantially the same as a federal standard, including existing APA requirements, for a proposed nonmajor regulation, to prepare a prescribed economic impact assessment and, for a proposed major regulation, to prepare a standardized regulatory impact analysis in a manner prescribed by the Department of Finance. This bill would exempt any occupational safety and health standard and order from the standardized regulatory impact analysis requirement.

Position **Priority**
Watch

[SB 420](#) **(Umberg D) Unemployment insurance: Unemployment Insurance Integrity Enforcement Act.**

Current Text: Amended: 3/9/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/12/2021

Status: 4/28/2021-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR with recommendation: To

consent calendar. (Ayes 5. Noes 0.) (April 27). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 4/27/2021-S. APPR.

Summary: Would establish the Unemployment Insurance Integrity Enforcement Program within the Department of Justice, administered by the Attorney General. The bill would require the Attorney General to establish a task force consisting of the State Auditor and 5 members appointed by the Attorney General. The bill would require the task force to coordinate with local district attorneys and, when available and necessary, with the United States Attorney's Office to pursue available methods to recover improper benefit payments made from the department. The bill would require the task force, prior to pursuing any civil or criminal action, to prepare a cost-benefit analysis, as specified.

Position **Priority**
Watch

[SB 427](#) **([Eggman D](#)) Water theft: enhanced penalties.**

Current Text: Amended: 4/12/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/12/2021

Status: 4/14/2021-Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

Location: 4/14/2021-S. THIRD READING

Summary: Would authorize the legislative body of a local agency, as defined, that provides water service to adopt an ordinance that prohibits water theft, as defined, subject to an administrative fine or penalty in excess of the limitations above, as specified. The bill would require the local agency to adopt an ordinance that sets forth the administrative procedures governing the imposition, enforcement, collection, and administrative review of the administrative fines or penalties for water theft and to establish a process for granting a hardship waiver to reduce the amount of the fine, as specified.

Position **Priority**
Watch

[SB 430](#) **([Borgeas R](#)) Small businesses: reduction or waiver of civil penalties for violation of regulations or statutes.**

Current Text: Introduced: 2/12/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/12/2021

Status: 4/20/2021-April 19 hearing: Placed on APPR suspense file.

Location: 4/20/2021-S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Summary: Would require a state agency to establish a policy, by January 1, 2023, that provides for the reduction or waiver of civil penalties for a violation of a regulatory or statutory requirement by a small business if the violation did not involve willful or criminal conduct and did not pose a serious health, safety, or environmental threat. The bill would require the policy to include various factors the state agency would be required to consider when making a determination as to whether to reduce or waive the civil penalty. The bill would authorize the state agency to update the policy to reflect current issues and conditions affecting small businesses and the state agency.

Position **Priority**
Watch

[SB 448](#) **([Melendez R](#)) California Emergency Services Act: emergency powers: limitation.**

Current Text: Introduced: 2/16/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/16/2021

Status: 2/25/2021-Referred to Coms. on G.O. and JUD.

Location: 2/25/2021-S. G.O.

Summary: Would enact the Emergency Power Limitation Act. The bill would require an emergency order, as defined, to be narrowly tailored to serve a compelling public health or safety purpose and limited in duration, applicability, and scope. The bill would authorize any person to bring an action to invalidate or enjoin enforcement of an emergency order that is allegedly unlawful. The bill would prohibit a state agency from issuing an emergency order that infringes on an express constitutional right, as defined, in a nontrivial manner, and would require that an emergency order issued by the Governor that infringes on an express constitutional right expire within specified time periods.

Position **Priority**
Watch

[SB 459](#) **([Allen D](#)) Political Reform Act of 1974: lobbying.**

Current Text: Amended: 4/28/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/16/2021

Status: 4/28/2021-Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 4/26/2021-S. APPR.

Summary: Would, beginning January 1, 2023, require lobbyists, lobbying firms, and lobbyist employers to include information in the periodic reports that identifies each bill or administrative action subject to

lobbying activity, and the respective position advocated for, during that period. This bill would require a lobbying firm or lobbyist employer to file a monthly report for any calendar month in which the total amount of payments subject to reporting exceeds \$15,000, and would require a lobbying firm or lobbyist employer to file monthly reports for 12 months following any calendar quarter in which the total amount of payments subject to reporting exceeds \$45,000.

Position **Priority**
Watch

SB 505 (Hertzberg D) Wages: withholdings: written authorizations.

Current Text: Amended: 4/12/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/17/2021

Status: 4/21/2021-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR with recommendation: To consent calendar. (Ayes 11. Noes 0.) (April 20). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 4/21/2021-S. APPR.

Summary: Under current law, it is not unlawful for an employer to withhold or divert a portion of an employee's wages when the employer is required or empowered to do so by state or federal law or in other specified cases. Under current law, the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement is charged with investigating and enforcing violations of the wage laws. This bill would require, except as provided, a public employer, as defined, absent fraud, misrepresentation, or theft, to make a good faith effort to consult with an employee to obtain a written authorization to resolve a monetary obligation before utilizing third-party collection services or commencing a civil action.

Position **Priority**
Watch

SB 552 (Hertzberg D) Drought planning: small water suppliers: nontransient noncommunity water systems.

Current Text: Amended: 4/27/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/18/2021

Status: 4/27/2021-Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 4/22/2021-S. APPR.

Summary: Would require small water suppliers, as defined, and nontransient noncommunity water systems that are schools, no later than December 31, 2022, to develop and submit to the Division of Drinking Water for the State Water Resources Control Board an Emergency Response Plan that includes specified drought-planning elements. The bill would require these water systems to report specified water supply condition information to the state board through the state board's Electronic Annual Reporting System, and to include water system risk and water shortage information in the water systems' consumer confidence reports, as provided.

Position **Priority**
Watch

SB 559 (Hurtado D) Department of Water Resources: water conveyance systems: Canal Conveyance Capacity Restoration Fund.

Current Text: Amended: 4/19/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/18/2021

Status: 4/27/2021-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 6. Noes 0.) (April 27). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 4/27/2021-S. APPR.

Summary: Would establish the Canal Conveyance Capacity Restoration Fund in the State Treasury to be administered by the Department of Water Resources. The bill would require all moneys deposited in the fund to be expended, upon appropriation by the Legislature, in support of subsidence repair costs, including environmental planning, permitting, design, and construction and necessary road and bridge upgrades required to accommodate capacity improvements. The bill would require the department to expend from the fund, upon appropriation by the Legislature, specified monetary amounts to restore the capacity of 4 specified water conveyance systems, as prescribed, with 2 of those 4 expenditures being in the form of a grant to the Friant Water Authority and to the San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority. The bill would make these provisions inoperative on July 1, 2030, and would repeal the provisions as of January 1, 2031.

Position **Priority**
Watch

SB 606 (Gonzalez D) Workplace safety: violations of statutes: enterprise-wide violations: employer retaliation.

Current Text: Amended: 4/8/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/18/2021

Status: 4/20/2021-April 19 hearing: Placed on APPR suspense file.

Location: 4/20/2021-S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Summary: Current law requires the Division of Occupational Safety and Health to issue a citation for a violation of provisions relating to the spraying of asbestos, or any standard, rule, order, or regulation established pursuant to specified provisions of the California Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1973 if, upon inspection or investigation, the division believes that an employer has committed a violation. Existing law imposes penalties of certain maximum amounts depending on whether the violation is serious, uncorrected, or willful or repeated. Current law authorizes the division to seek an injunction restraining certain uses or operations of employment that constitute a serious menace to the lives or safety of persons, as specified. This bill, instead, would require the division to issue a citation for a violation of provisions relating to the spraying of asbestos, certain employment safety related provisions of the Labor Code, or any standard, rule, order or regulation established pursuant to specified provisions of the California Safety and Health Act of 1973 or other safety related provisions of the Labor Code if, upon inspection or investigation, or upon evidence or documents obtained by the division in lieu of or in addition to an on-site inspection, the division believes that an employer has committed a violation.

Position	Priority
Oppose	2

SB 639 (Durazo D) Minimum wages: persons with disabilities.

Current Text: Amended: 4/22/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2021

Status: 4/27/2021-Set for hearing May 3.

Location: 4/20/2021-S. APPR.

Summary: Current law establishes a minimum wage for all industries and makes it a crime to pay an employee less than the minimum wage fixed by the Industrial Welfare Commission. Current law, however, permits the commission to issue an employee who is mentally or physically disabled, or both, a special license authorizing the employment of the licensee for a period not to exceed one year from date of issue, at a wage less than the minimum wage. Current law requires the commission to fix a special minimum wage for the licensee, which may be renewed on a yearly basis. This bill would prohibit new special licenses from being issued after January 1, 2022. The bill would permit a license to only be renewed for existing licenseholders who meet requisite benchmarks.

Position	Priority
Watch	

SB 657 (Ochoa Bogh R) Employment: electronic documents.

Current Text: Amended: 4/22/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2021

Status: 4/29/2021-Read third time. Passed. (Ayes 36. Noes 0.) Ordered to the Assembly. In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

Location: 4/29/2021-A. DESK

Summary: Current law regulates the wages, hours, and working conditions of any worker employed in any occupation, trade, or industry, whether compensation is measured by time, piece, or otherwise, except as specified. This bill would provide that, in any instance in which an employer is required to physically post information, an employer may also distribute that information to employees by email with the document or documents attached. The bill would specify that this does not alter the employer's obligation to physically display the required posting.

Position	Priority
Watch	

SB 700 (Durazo D) Employment Development Department.

Current Text: Amended: 3/10/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2021

Status: 4/29/2021-May 3 hearing postponed by committee.

Location: 4/19/2021-S. APPR.

Summary: Current law creates, in the Labor and Workforce Development Agency, the Employment Development Department, which is vested with the duties, purposes, responsibilities, and jurisdiction with respect to job creation activities. This bill would require the department to be bound by specified California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board decisions for all purposes related to unemployment insurance, including the determination of benefits or obligations for employees and employers and apply the appeals board's reasoning and interpretation in all appropriate cases.

Position	Priority
Watch	

SB 704 (Gonzalez D) Occupational safety and health.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/19/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2021

Status: 3/3/2021-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 2/19/2021-S. RLS.

Summary: Current law requires every employer to furnish and use safety devices and safeguards, and to adopt and use practices that are reasonably adequate to render the employment and place of employment safe and healthful. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to this provision.

Position **Priority**
Watch

[SB 708](#) **([Melendez R](#)) Water shortage emergencies: declarations: deenergization events.**

Current Text: Amended: 4/19/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2021

Status: 4/28/2021-Read second time. Ordered to consent calendar.

Location: 4/27/2021-S. CONSENT CALENDAR

Summary: Would authorize a public water supplier to declare a water shortage emergency condition without holding a public hearing in the event of a deenergization event, as defined.

Position **Priority**
Watch

[SB 727](#) **([Leyva D](#)) Labor-related liabilities: direct contractor.**

Current Text: Amended: 4/29/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2021

Status: 4/29/2021-Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 4/28/2021-S. APPR.

Summary: Current law requires, for contracts entered into on or after January 1, 2018, a direct contractor, as defined, making or taking a contract in the state for the erection, construction, alteration, or repair of a building, structure, or other private work, to assume, and be liable for, any debt owed to a wage claimant or third party on the wage claimant's behalf, incurred by a subcontractor at any tier acting under, by, or for the direct contractor for the wage claimant's performance of labor included in the subject of the original contract. Current law limits the direct contractor's liability under those provisions to extend only to any unpaid wage, fringe or other benefit payment or contribution, including interest owed and provides that liability does not extend to penalties or liquidated damages. This bill would extend, for contracts entered into on or after January 1, 2022, the direct contractor's liability to penalties, liquidated damages, and interest owed by the subcontractor on account of the performance of the labor, except as provided.

Position **Priority**
Watch

[SB 772](#) **([Ochoa Bogh R](#)) Professions and vocations: citations: minor violations.**

Current Text: Introduced: 2/19/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2021

Status: 4/19/2021-April 19 set for second hearing canceled at the request of author.

Location: 3/3/2021-S. B., P. & E.D.

Summary: Current law authorizes the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, the Osteopathic Medical Board of California, and any board within the Department of Consumer Affairs to issue a citation to a licensee, which may contain an order of abatement or an order to pay an administrative fine assessed by the board. This bill would prohibit the assessment of an administrative fine for a minor violation, and would specify that a violation shall be considered minor if it meets specified conditions, including that the violation did not pose a serious health or safety threat and there is no evidence that the violation was willful.

Position **Priority**
Watch

[SB 776](#) **([Gonzalez D](#)) Safe drinking water and water quality.**

Current Text: Amended: 4/29/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2021

Status: 4/29/2021-Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 4/28/2021-S. APPR.

Summary: Thee California Safe Drinking Water Act requires the State Water Resources Control Board to administer provisions relating to the regulation of drinking water to protect public health. Current law provides that the California Safe Drinking Water Act does not apply to small state water systems, except as specified. This bill would expand the application of the act to small state water systems, as specified.

Position **Priority**
Watch

[SB 788](#) **([Bradford D](#)) Workers' compensation: risk factors.**

Current Text: Introduced: 2/19/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2021

Status: 4/20/2021-April 19 hearing: Placed on APPR suspense file.

Location: 4/20/2021-S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Summary: Current law establishes a workers' compensation system, administered by the administrative director of the Division of Workers' Compensation, to compensate an employee for injuries sustained in the course of employment. Current law requires a physician who prepares a report addressing the issue of permanent disability due to an industrial injury to address the cause of the permanent disability in the report, including what approximate percentage of the permanent disability was caused by other factors before and after the industrial injury, if the physician is able to make an apportionment determination. This bill would prohibit consideration of race, religious creed, color, national origin, age, gender, marital status, sex, sexual identity, sexual orientation, or genetic characteristics to determine the approximate percentage of the permanent disability caused by other factors.

Position **Priority**
Watch

[SCR 5](#) ([Melendez R](#)) State of emergency: COVID-19: termination.

Current Text: Amended: 2/2/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 12/22/2020

Status: 2/10/2021-Re-referred to Com. on G.O.

Location: 2/10/2021-S. G.O.

Summary: This measure, in accordance with specified law, would declare that the state of emergency proclaimed by the Governor on March 4, 2020, is at an end, thereby terminating the emergency powers granted to the Governor as a result of that proclamation.

Position **Priority**
Watch

Total Measures: 113
Total Tracking Forms: 113