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MAJOR POLICY – Immediate Action (2/3rd Vote Required)

A. None

MAJOR POLICY – First Reading (or – Second Reading)

A. None

OTHER ITEMS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

A. INTERIM POSITIONS TAKEN SINCE FEBRUARY 21, 2020

Interim Recommendation(s) from the Civil Rights in Education Committee

Support	AB 1930	Medina (D-61)	4/27/20
		Public postsecondary education: University of California and California State University: student eligibility policy	

Requires the CSU Trustees, and requests the UC Regents, to commission an independent study by a third-party research organization to assess the impact of any change in student eligibility policy on the eligibility rates of the graduates of public secondary schools who are members of underrepresented student groups before making the change; requires if such a change is made an implementation committee be convened to develop a multiyear plan and make annual progress reports to the Governor and Legislature.

This position has been approved by Cecily Myart-Cruz, Chair of the Civil Rights in Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support	AB 1937	Rivas (D-39)	4/27/20
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Homeless children and youths and unaccompanied youths: reporting

Requires a local educational agency to annually provide a housing questionnaire to all parents or guardians of pupils, ensuring each school within the local educational agency identifies all homeless children and youths enrolled at the school, and annually reports to the California Department of Education the number of homeless children and youths enrolled; requires a local educational agency to ensure its school personnel who provide services to youth experiencing homelessness receive training about the homeless education program at least annually; requires a school district or county office of education to post on its internet website contact information of the local educational agency liaisons for homeless children and youths in the school district or county, as well as contact information for any employee or person under contract whose duties include assisting the liaison in completing the liaison's duties under federal law.

This position has been approved by Cecily Myart-Cruz, Chair of the Civil Rights in Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support **AB 1968** **Ramos (D-40)** **4/27/20**
Tribal Land Acknowledgement Act of 2021

Authorizes the owner or operator of any public school or state or local park, library, or museum in this state to adopt a process by which Native American tribes are properly recognized as traditional stewards of the land on which the school, park, library, or museum is located.

This position has been approved by Cecily Myart-Cruz, Chair of the Civil Rights in Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support **AB 2110** **Chu (D-25)** **4/27/20**
School safety: hate- and bias-related events

Requires the Department of Education to create training materials and guidelines on how to prevent, recognize, and respond to hate- and bias-related events in schools, for use in the training of school administrators and staff; requires these training materials and guidelines be published on the website for the Department, and to be included in a school's comprehensive school safety plan.

This position has been approved by Cecily Myart-Cruz, Chair of the Civil Rights in Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support **AB 2112** **Ramos (D-40)** **4/27/20**

Suicide prevention

Establishes the Office of Suicide Prevention within the State Department of Public Health, responsible for providing strategic guidance to statewide and regional partners regarding best practices on suicide prevention and reporting to the Legislature on progress to reduce rates of suicide; authorizes the Office to apply for and use federal grants.

This position has been approved by Cecily Myart-Cruz, Chair of the Civil Rights in Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Signed

Support **AB 2329** **Chiu (D-17)** **4/27/20**
Homelessness: statewide needs and gaps analysis

Requires the Governor's Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council to conduct a statewide needs and gaps analysis to identify state programs providing housing or services to persons experiencing homelessness and funding required to move persons experiencing homelessness into permanent housing; and requires the Council to report on the analysis to the Legislature by July 31, 2021.

This position has been approved by Cecily Myart-Cruz, Chair of the Civil Rights in Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support **AB 2405** **Burke (D-62)** **4/27/20**
Housing: children and families

Requires local jurisdictions to establish and submit to the Department of Housing and Community Development an actionable plan to house their homeless populations; declares it is the policy of the state every child and family has the right to safe, decent, and affordable housing, and would require the plan to consider homelessness prevention, emergency accommodations, and permanent housing.

This position has been approved by Cecily Myart-Cruz, Chair of the Civil Rights in Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Vetoed

Support **AB 3218** **Quirk-Silva (D-65)** **4/27/20**

Gender: discrimination: pricing

Prohibits a business from discriminating against a person because of a person’s gender with respect to the price charged for any 2 consumer products from the same manufacturer that are substantially similar if those products are priced differently based on the gender of the individuals for whose use the products are intended or marketed; makes the Department of Fair Employment and Housing responsible for receiving, investigating, conciliating, mediating, and prosecuting complaints alleging violations of these provisions.

This position has been approved by Cecily Myart-Cruz, Chair of the Civil Rights in Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support SB 959 Hurtado (D-14) 4/27/20
Educational equity: immigration and citizenship status

Defines the term “pupil” and applies to childcare and development programs laws meant to protect immigrant family rights to access public education including the prohibition from collecting information or documents regarding citizenship or immigration status of pupils or their family members, and actions required by governing boards relating to pupils and immigration status including providing information to parents and guardians regarding their children’s right to a free public education, regardless of immigration status or religious beliefs and defines “pupil” to mean a child enrolled in a childcare and development program, transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, or any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive, that is administered or operated by a local educational agency; requires the Attorney General to draft, and the California Department of Education to post, model policies limiting assistance with immigration enforcement at childcare and development programs to the fullest extent possible consistent with federal and state law, and ensuring that childcare and development programs remain safe and accessible to all California residents, regardless of immigration status.

This position has been approved by Cecily Myart-Cruz, Chair of the Civil Rights in Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support SB 1204 Jones (R-38) 4/27/20

**Homeless children and youths:
local educational agencies: collaboration**

Requires a local educational agency to collaborate with other organizations that provide services to homeless children and youths to enhance the identification of, and the provision of services to, those children and youths; requires these collaborations to include working with organizations that provide counseling services, social welfare services, meal services, and housing services.

This position has been approved by Cecily Myart-Cruz, Chair of the Civil Rights in Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support **SB 1308** **Leyva (D-20)** **4/27/20**
Educational equity: government
instruction conferences: Sacramento

Prohibits public funds or resources from being used in connection with any secondary educational program of government instruction located in Sacramento not providing an equal opportunity for female and male pupils to participate and use facilities in Sacramento.

This position has been approved by Cecily Myart-Cruz, Chair of the Civil Rights in Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support **SB 1350** **Hurtado (D-14)** **4/27/20**
Runaway Youth and Families in Crisis Project

Extends timeline for food and shelter provided by the Runaway Youth and Families in Crisis Project from no more than 14 days to no more than 20 days.

This position has been approved by Cecily Myart-Cruz, Chair of the Civil Rights in Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support **ACA 5** **Weber (D-79)** **6/11/20**
Government preferences

Repeals the provisions enacted by Proposition 209 (1996), which prohibited preferential treatment to any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in the operation of public employment, public education, or public contracting.

This position has been approved by Cecily Myart-Cruz, Chair of the Civil Rights in Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Signed

No Position **AB 1324** **Levine (D-10)** **6/25/20**

**Health facilities: pandemics and emergencies:
best practices**

As amended, requires the State Department of Public Health and the State Department of Social Services to collaborate to create health and safety guidelines and a description of best practices for use by living health facilities that are providing post-acute care during a pandemic, public health crisis, or other emergency.

As introduced, AB 1324 would have required the California Department of Social Services to contact with nonprofit legal services organizations to provide immigration legal services to undocumented children in foster care. As amended, there is no reason to continue to support.

This position has been approved by Cecily Myart-Cruz, Chair of the Civil Rights in Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support **AB 1196** **Gipson (D-64)** **6/29/20**
Peace officers: use of force

Prohibits a law enforcement agency from authorizing the use of a carotid restraint or a choke hold.

This position has been approved by Cecily Myart-Cruz, Chair of the Civil Rights in Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Signed

Support **AB 1506** **McCarty (D-7)** **6/29/20**
Police use of force

Creates a division within the Department of Justice to review the use-of-force policy of the agency and make recommendations; creates a division within the Department of Justice to conduct an independent investigation of any officer-involved shooting or other use of force that result in the death of a civilian and would authorize the Department of Justice to criminally prosecute any officer that, pursuant to such an investigation, is found to have violated state law.

This position has been approved by Cecily Myart-Cruz, Chair of the Civil Rights in Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Signed

Support **AB 1775** **Jones-Sawyer (D-59)** **6/29/20**

911 emergency system: harassment

Increases the penalty for using the 911 emergency system for the purpose of harassing another; increases the penalty for using the 911 emergency system for the purpose of harassing a person as a hate crime committed against another person on the basis of the other person's actual or perceived characteristics, including race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation.

This position has been approved by Cecily Myart-Cruz, Chair of the Civil Rights in Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Signed

Support	AB 3121	Weber (D-79)	6/29/20
		Task Force to Study and Develop Reparations Proposals for African Americans	

Establishes a task force to study and develop reparation proposals for African Americans.

This position has been approved by Cecily Myart-Cruz, Chair of the Civil Rights in Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Signed

Support	AB 66	Gonzalez (D-80)	7/7/20
		Police: use of force	

Sets clear standards on the use of rubber bullets and other "less lethal" weapons by law enforcement for crowd control; prohibits the use of kinetic energy projectiles or chemical weapons by any law enforcement agency to disperse an assembly protected by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, or solely due to a violation of an imposed curfew, verbal threat, or mere noncompliance with a law enforcement directive; requires each law enforcement agency to publish a report on its internet website containing specified information on its use of kinetic energy projectiles or chemical weapons annually.

This position has been approved by Cecily Myart-Cruz, Chair of the Civil Rights in Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support	AB 1550	Bonta (D-18)	7/7/20
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Discriminatory emergency calls

Includes within the definition of a hate crime a false 911 call committed for the purpose of intimidating or interfering with a person’s free exercise or enjoyment of their rights punishable as a misdemeanor or a felony; establishes civil liability for these discriminatory and baseless 911 calls.

This position has been approved by Cecily Myart-Cruz, Chair of the Civil Rights in Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

**Support AB 2542 Kalra (D-27) 7/13/20
Criminal procedure: discrimination**

Makes it possible for a person charged or convicted of a crime to challenge racial bias in their case, as shown through evidence of: (1) Explicit racial bias by an attorney, judge, law enforcement officer, expert witness, or juror involved in the case. (2) Use of racially discriminatory language in court and during the criminal proceedings, whether intentional or not. (3) Racial bias in jury selection, such as removing all or nearly all people of color from the jury. (4) Statistical disparities in charging and convictions – that is, evidence that people of one race are disproportionately charged or convicted of a specific crime or enhancement. (5) Statistical disparities in sentencing – that is, evidence that people of one race receive longer or more severe sentences, including the death penalty or life without parole.

This position has been approved by Cecily Myart-Cruz, Chair of the Civil Rights in Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Signed

**Support AB 1436 Chiu (D-17) 7/20/20
Tenancy: rental payment default: state of emergency: COVID-19**

Provides that a tenant with COVID-19 financial impacts cannot be evicted due to unpaid rent from the beginning of the COVID-19 emergency declaration on March 4, 2020 until after the COVID-19 emergency ends; holds tenants accountable to resume regular rent payments no later than April 2021 and allows landlords to pursue normal evictions for any future missed rent payments; and protects renters from having non-payment due to COVID held against them by a tenant screening company, credit reporting agency, or other entity that evaluates prospective renters.

This position has been approved by Cecily Myart-Cruz, Chair of the Civil Rights in Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support AB 1460 Weber (D-79) 8/19/20

**California State University: graduation requirement:
ethnic studies**

Requires the California State University (CSU), commencing with the 2021-22 academic year, to (1) provide courses in ethnic studies at each CSU campus, and (2) require, as part of the CSU graduation requirements commencing with students graduating in the 2024-25 academic year, the completion of, at a minimum, one three-unit course in ethnic studies.

This position has been approved by Taunya Jaco, Chair of the Civil Rights in Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Signed

Support AB 1080 Gonzalez (D-80) 8/28/20
Solid waste: packaging and products

Enacts the California Circular Economy and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act, which would impose a comprehensive regulatory scheme on producers, retailers, and wholesalers of single-use packaging and priority single-use products, to be administered by the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle). Among other provisions, the bill requires CalRecycle to achieve and maintain a statewide 75% reduction of the waste generated from single-use packaging and priority single-use products through source reduction, recycling, and composting by 2032.

This position has been approved by Taunya Jaco, Chair of the Civil Rights in Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support SB 54 Allen (D-26) 8/28/20
Solid waste: packaging and products

Enacts the California Circular Economy and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act, which would impose a comprehensive regulatory scheme on producers, retailers, and wholesalers of single-use packaging and priority single-use products, to be administered by the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle). Among other provisions, the bill requires CalRecycle to achieve and maintain a statewide 75% reduction of the waste generated from single-use packaging and priority single-use products through source reduction, recycling, and composting by 2032.

This position has been approved by Taunya Jaco, Chair of the Civil Rights in Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support AB 3088 Chiu (D-17) 8/31/20

**Tenancy: rental payment default:
mortgage forbearance: state of emergency: COVID-19**

Prevents unnecessary evictions in the wake of COVID-19 by giving tenants and landlords a path to address unpaid rent while keeping tenants housed; extends Homeowner Bill of Rights protections to cover landlords who have seen decreased rental income due to COVID-19.

This position has been approved by Taunya Jaco, Chair of the Civil Rights in Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Signed

Interim Recommendation(s) from the Community College Association Committee

Support **AB 2125** **Rivas (D-39)** **4/27/20**
Cal grant eligibility

Allows a person who is committed to or detained in a juvenile facility eligible to receive a Cal Grant award.

This position has been approved by Randa Wahbe, Chair of the Community College Association, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support **AB 2190** **Medina (D-61)** **4/27/20**
Board of Governors of the
California Community Colleges

Eliminates the prohibition against a student member voting during the student member's first year on the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges.

This position has been approved by Randa Wahbe, Chair of the Community College Association, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support **AB 2609** **Medina (D-61)** **4/27/20**
Classified community college employees

Shortens the maximum length of a prescribed period of probation for classified employees to six months or 130 days of paid service, whichever is longer and clarifies changes do not apply to a conflicting collective bargaining agreement entered into before January 1, 2021, until its expiration or renewal.

This position has been approved by Randa Wahbe, Chair of the Community College Association, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support **AB 3137** **Voepel (R-71)** **4/27/20**

Public postsecondary education: support services for foster youth: Cooperating Agencies Foster Youth Educational Support Program

Extends the requirement and request for enrollment priority for certain foster youth or former foster youth to those whose dependency was established or continued by the court on or after the youth's 13th birthday.

This position has been approved by Randa Wahbe, Chair of the Community College Association, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support **AB 2234** **Chau (D-49)** **6/29/20**
Classified school and community college employees: personnel commission: legal counsel

Would authorize a single member of the district personnel commission to declare a conflict of interest between the interests of the commission and the governing board. The bill will authorize the commission to employ its own attorney if the commission approves that declaration by majority vote.

This position has been approved by Randa Wahbe, Chair of the Community College Association, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Signed

Support **AB 2282** **McCarty (D-7)** **6/29/20**
CalFresh: enrollment: institutions of higher education

Would make UC, CSU and Community College campuses utilize their existing text message program or email system to provide students with a link to an internet website providing information on applying for CalFresh benefits, including the name and number of the CalFresh eligibility worker on each campus.

This position has been approved by Randa Wahbe, Chair of the Community College Association, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support **AB 2972** **Limón (D-37)** **7/13/20**

**Public postsecondary education:
undocumented students**

Requires CSU and California Community Colleges, and encourages the University of California, to create a systemwide training program for administrators, faculty, and staff relating to undocumented students, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), federal and state laws relating to immigration including exemption from nonresident tuition and campus resources for undocumented students.

This position has been approved by Randa Wahbe, Chair of the Community College Association, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support

AB 376

**Stone (D-29)
Student loan servicing**

8/27/20

Establishes the Student Borrower Bill of Rights which will ensure that student borrowers are given reliable information, quality customer service, and meaningful access to repayment and forgiveness programs. Establishes the Student Borrower Advocate position to provide timely assistance to any student loan borrower facing issues with their loan.

This position has been approved by Randa Wahbe, Chair of the Community College Association, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Signed

Interim Recommendation(s) from the Credentials & Professional Development Committee

Co-Sponsor AB 1982

Cunningham (R-35)

2/21/20

Teacher credentialing: basic skills proficiency test: exemption

Authorizes an accredited credential preparation program to determine qualifying coursework for credential candidates to satisfy the state basic skills proficiency requirement and allows flexibility for those candidates to demonstrate proficiency in the basic skills through a combination of qualifying coursework and existing test options in the education code.

This position has been approved by Ryan Ruelas, Chair of the Credentials and Professional Development Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support

AB 2171

Rubio (D-48)

4/27/20

Teachers credentialing: beginning teacher induction programs

Prohibits a local education agency (LEA), county office of education, or charter school from charging a fee to a beginning teacher to participate in a beginning teacher induction program approved by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, commencing with hiring for the 2021-22 school year, and each year thereafter; and prohibits LEA's from charging a fee to a beginning teacher to participate in an alternative program of beginning teacher induction program, including one sponsored by a regionally accredited college or university in cooperation with one or more LEAs.

This position has been approved by Ryan Ruelas, Chair of the Credentials and Professional Development Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support

AB 2485

Kalra (D-27)

4/27/20

Teacher credentialing: subject matter competence

Authorizes a teacher candidate for the preliminary multiple or single subject teaching credential to demonstrate subject matter competence by completing higher education coursework in the subject matters related to the content area of the credential; requires the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) to adopt regulations and prohibits the CTC from verifying a candidate's subject matter competence in this manner until those regulations are adopted; and authorizes a candidate to demonstrate subject matter competence through a combination of a subject matter program, a subject matter examination, and higher education coursework in the subject matters related to the content area of the credential.

This position has been approved by Ryan Ruelas, Chair of the Credentials and Professional Development Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Interim Recommendation(s) from the Curriculum & Instruction Committee

Support **AB 1922** **Rivas (D-39)** **4/27/20**
Pupil instruction: science requirements: climate change

Requires the science area of study for grades 1 to 12 to include an emphasis on the causes and effects of climate change and requires appropriate coursework and instructional materials be offered to students, commencing no later than the 2021–22 school year.

This position has been approved by Pia VanMeter, Chair of the Curriculum and Instruction Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support **AB 2187** **Cunningham (R-35)** **4/27/20**
Pupil instruction: financial literacy

Authorizes a local educational agency (LEA) or charter school to incorporate a financial literacy program into an economics course; authorizes an LEA to collaborate with a financial institution to establish a free financial literacy program with guest speakers or a presentation-type format and authorizes the curriculum for the financial literacy program to include topics listed in paragraphs (1) to (11), of subdivision (a) of Education Code Section 51284.5 regarding considerations on financial literacy for the next revision of the history-social science curriculum framework.

This position has been approved by Pia VanMeter, Chair of the Curriculum and Instruction Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support **AB 1350** **Gonzalez (D-80)** **7/7/20**
Retroactive grant of high school diplomas:
COVID-19 crisis

Authorizes a high school district, unified district, or county office of education to retroactively grant a high school diploma to a person who was in their senior year of high school during the 2019–20 school year; in good academic standing as of March 1, 2020; and unable to complete the statewide graduation requirements as a result of the COVID-19 crisis.

This position has been approved by Pia VanMeter, Chair of the Curriculum and Instruction Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Signed

Interim Recommendation(s) from the Early Childhood Education Committee

No Position SB 217

Portantino (D-25)

7/7/20

Recreational and organizational camps

As amended, the measure establishes rules and regulations relative to the corona virus, adopted by the State Public Health Officer, as they relate to children's recreational and organized camps as currently defined including requirements for licenses from local agencies within the camp's physical location and authorizes local agencies to charge an application fee and requires the local agency to conduct inspections.

As introduced, SB 217 would have established priority registration in transitional kindergarten for students with special needs. As amended, there is no reason to continue to oppose.

This position has been approved by Paula Merrigan, Chair of the Early Childhood Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Do Not Follow AB 6

Reyes (D-47)

8/28/20

Attorney General: duties

As amended, the measure authorizes the Attorney General, independent of a complaint by a local district attorney or the Department of Fish and Wildlife, to bring a civil action against a violator for the disposal of specified pollutants into the waters of the state and be subject to civil penalties for each violation and additional penalties for each gallon or pound of material discharged and requires the Attorney General to notify the Department of Fish and Wildlife prior to bringing a civil action.

As introduced, AB 6 would have required the Superintendent of Public Instruction, on or before January 1, 2021, to establish an interagency workgroup composed of representatives from certain state agencies to identify administrative changes for implementation to improve the coordination of services provided to children in early learning and care programs. As amended, there is no reason to continue to support.

This position has been approved by Paula Merrigan, Chair of the Early Childhood Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Interim Recommendation(s) from the Financing Public Education Committee

Co-Sponsor SB 956

Jackson (D-19)

2/21/20

Taxation: tax expenditures: California Tax Expenditure Review Board

This bill would establish the California Tax Expenditure Review Board as an independent advisory body to review major tax credits and make recommendations to the Legislature. The board would be composed of 5 members, who would serve without compensation. This bill would request the University of California to perform a comprehensive review of the major tax credits, including a description of the beneficiaries of the tax credit, and to provide an assessment to the board by July 1, 2022. The bill would then require the board to provide a report to the Legislature with recommendations regarding the major tax credits by January 1, 2023. The bill would also require the Senate Committee on Governance and Finance and the Assembly Committee on Revenue and Taxation to hold a joint public hearing on the report by August 15 of the second year of the legislative session.

This position has been approved by Grant Schuster, Chair of the Financing Public Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Oppose

AB 2136

Petrie-Norris (D-74)

4/27/20

Personal income taxes: credit: family caregiver

Provides a tax credit for 50% of the amount paid or incurred by a family caregiver during the taxable year for eligible expenses related to the care of an eligible family member, not to exceed \$5,000; limits the aggregate amount of these credits to be allocated in each calendar year to \$150 million as well as any unused credit amount, if any, allocated in the preceding calendar year; and requires the Franchise Tax Board to allocate and certify these credits to taxpayers on a first-come-first-served basis.

This position has been approved by Grant Schuster, Chair of the Financing Public Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Oppose

AB 2243

Eggman (D-13)

4/27/20

Income tax: credits: food banks

Extends the existing tax credit on 15% of the qualified value of fresh fruits or vegetables and specified raw agricultural products or processed foods donated to a food bank to January 1, 2027.

This position has been approved by Grant Schuster, Chair of the Financing Public Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Oppose

AB 2254

Petrie-Norris (D-74)

4/27/20

**Personal income taxes: credit for taxes paid:
S corporation: Texas Cost of Goods Sold Method**

Provides a new tax credit, beginning on or after January 1, 2020, and before January 1, 2025, for net income taxes paid to another state on income derived from sources within the state, including taxes paid by an S corporation. The bill requires the California Franchise Tax Board to provide the Legislature with a biannual report regarding the credit.

This position has been approved by Grant Schuster, Chair of the Financing Public Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support **AB 2291** **Medina (D-61)** **4/27/20**
Special education funding

Increases the base special education funding provided to Special Education Local Plan Areas (SELPA) from the 90th percentile to the 95th percentile; requires the Superintendent to use the higher of the current and prior year average daily attendance (ADA); establishes the high-cost service allowance for the purpose of providing supplemental funding to a SELPA based on the number of severely disabled students in each SELPA; and requires a SELPA serving 3 and 4 year-olds with exceptional needs to count 3 times all units of average daily attendance generated by children enrolled in kindergarten less those children eligible for transitional kindergarten, for purposes of calculating units of ADA.

This position has been approved by Grant Schuster, Chair of the Financing Public Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Oppose **AB 2379** **Smith (D-38)** **4/27/20**
Sales and use taxes: exemption: emergency preparation items

Exempts from sales and use taxes, beginning January 2021 until January 2023, the gross receipts from the sale of, and the storage, use, or other consumption of, emergency preparation items, as defined, sold or purchased during the 3-day period beginning at 12:01 a.m. on the Saturday before the last Monday in June and ending at midnight on the last Monday in June.

This position has been approved by Grant Schuster, Chair of the Financing Public Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Oppose **AB 2626** **Bauer-Kahan (D-16)** **4/27/20**

Sales and use taxes: exemption: local education agency

Provides an exemption from state sales and use taxes on purchases made by a local educational agency, excluding charter schools and specifies local educational agencies are not exempt from local sales and use taxes.

This position has been approved by Grant Schuster, Chair of the Financing Public Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Oppose **AB 2922** **Gray (D-21)** **4/27/20**
Community Development Tax Credit Program:
community development corporations:
allocations: income taxation: credits

Creates a new Community Development Tax Credit Program to allow credits under the Personal Income Tax Law, the Corporation Tax Law, and the law governing the taxation of insurers (CDC tax credit) beginning on or after January 1, 2021, in an amount equal to the applicable credit percentage of the amount of each qualified investment made by the taxpayer during the taxable year to an eligible community development corporation, under certain conditions. The total credits under this program cannot exceed \$20 million.

This position has been approved by Grant Schuster, Chair of the Financing Public Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Oppose **AB 2956** **R. Rivas (D-30)** **4/27/20**
Income taxes: credits: agricultural employees: overtime
pay

Allows a tax credit beginning January 2020 until January 2023, in an amount equal to the overtime wage premium paid or incurred by the taxpayer in the taxable year to an agricultural employee in the taxable year pursuant to the specified provisions of the Phase-In Overtime for Agricultural Workers Act of 2016.

This position has been approved by Grant Schuster, Chair of the Financing Public Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Oppose **AB 2989** **Arambula (D-31)** **4/27/20**

**Sales and use taxes: exemptions:
blood screening testing**

Exempts from state sales and use tax any reagents or chemicals, lab equipment and supplies, used by a licensed blood bank to perform blood screening tests on donated human blood, beginning January 2021.

This position has been approved by Grant Schuster, Chair of the Financing Public Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Oppose **AB 3101** **Rubio (D-48)** **4/27/20**
Income taxes: credits:
California New Markets Tax Credit

Creates the California New Markets Tax Credit under the Personal Income Tax Law and the Corporation Tax Law, in modified conformity with the federal New Markets Tax Credit, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2021, and before January 1, 2026, in a specified amount for investments in low-income communities.

This position has been approved by Grant Schuster, Chair of the Financing Public Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support **AB 3126** **Gray (D-21)** **4/27/20**
California State Lottery: taxation

Implements the imposition of state income taxes on lottery prizes. This bill is contingent on ACA 23 (Gray), which amends California's Constitution to apply the personal income tax rates to a prize awarded by the lottery greater than \$1,000.

This position has been approved by Grant Schuster, Chair of the Financing Public Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support **ACA 23** **Gray (D-21)** **4/27/20**
Lottery prizes: personal income tax

Amends the California Constitution to apply the personal income tax rates to a prize awarded by the lottery greater than \$1,000.

This position has been approved by Grant Schuster, Chair of the Financing Public Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Oppose **SB 944** **McGuire (D-2)** **4/27/20**

Personal income taxes: Fire Safe Home Tax Credits Act

Allows a tax credit, beginning January 2021 until January 2026, for a qualified taxpayer for qualified costs relating to home gardening and for qualified costs relating to vegetation management in specified amounts, not to exceed an aggregate amount of \$500 million per taxable year.

This position has been approved by Grant Schuster, Chair of the Financing Public Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Oppose **SB 1007** **Hueso (D-40)** **4/27/20**
Personal income taxes: exclusion: uniformed services: retirement pay

Excludes income taxes on gross income retirement pay received by a taxpayer from the federal government for service performed in the uniformed services, beginning on or after January 1, 2021, and before January 1, 2031.

This position has been approved by Grant Schuster, Chair of the Financing Public Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support **SB 1139** **Hill (D-13)** **4/27/20**
Corporation taxes: deduction: electrical and gas corporations

Prohibits a deduction for expenses or expenditures by an electrical corporation or a gas corporation identified by the Public Utilities Commission in a decision to penalize the electrical or gas corporation for a safety violation, beginning January 2020.

This position has been approved by Grant Schuster, Chair of the Financing Public Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Oppose **SB 1179** **Archuleta (D-32)** **4/27/20**

**Community development financial institutions:
grant program: income taxation: credits**

Establishes the Community Development Financial Institutions Grant Program, administered by GO-Biz, for the purpose of providing grants to qualified community development financial institutions; establishes tax credits under the Personal Income Tax Law, the Corporation Tax Law, and the law governing the taxation of insurers, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2021; requires the credit amount be equal to the applicable credit percentage of a qualified investment made in a community development financial institution, certified by GO-Biz; and provides the applicable credit percentage for each taxable year is 0% unless otherwise specified in the Budget Act or other act making an appropriation for these purposes.

This position has been approved by Grant Schuster, Chair of the Financing Public Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Oppose	SB 1333	Durazo (D-24)	4/27/20
		Corporation Tax Law: credits: employment: homelessness	

Allows a tax credit under the Corporation Tax Law for each taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2020, and before January 1, 2026, to a qualified taxpayer employing a homeless individual during the taxable year, in an amount between \$2,500 and \$10,000 per eligible individual, not to exceed \$30,000 per year, depending on the amount of hours worked by the eligible individual.

This position has been approved by Grant Schuster, Chair of the Financing Public Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Oppose	SB 1330	Umberg (D-34)	5/4/20
		Sales and Use Tax Law: zero emissions vehicle exemptions	

Provides an exemption on sales and use taxes related to electric or hybrid electric vehicles with a final listing price no greater than \$25,000, beginning January 1, 2021.

This position has been approved by Grant Schuster, Chair of the Financing Public Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support	AB 2884	Berman (D-24)	5/15/20
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California State Lottery: revenue allocation

This bill would expand the allowable use of restricted lottery funds allocated to community colleges to include direct aid to community college students in the form of housing assistance and food assistance.

This position has been approved by Grant Schuster, Chair of the Financing Public Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Signed

No Position **SB 795**

Beall (D-15)

5/15/20

**Economic development: housing: workforce:
development: climate change infrastructure**

As amended, this bill would appropriate \$10 billion General Fund for the 2020–21 fiscal year and each of the 4 following fiscal years. Of that amount, the bill requires the Controller to allocate for each of those fiscal years \$1.8 billion among various housing programs administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention program, and for distribution by the California Workforce Development Board among local agencies for pre-apprenticeship training programs.

As introduced, SB 795 would have diverted property tax funding away from schools to be used for affordable housing and economic development. As amended, it no longer negatively impacts Proposition 98 funding and there is no reason to continue to oppose.

This position has been approved by Grant Schuster, Chair of the Financing Public Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support **SB 972**

Skinner (D-9)

5/15/20

Corporation taxes: disclosure

This bill would require the Franchise Tax Board to provide a list of all taxpayers subject to tax under the Corporation Tax Law, with gross receipts of \$5 billion or more, as measured by gross receipts, less returns and allowances, for the taxable year reported on a return in the previous calendar year. The bill would require the list to include the name and tax liability of each taxpayer, the taxable year for which the return is filed, the total gross receipts for that taxable year, and the amount of credits claimed for that taxable year.

This position has been approved by Grant Schuster, Chair of the Financing Public Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Vetoed

Oppose **AB 2799**

Petrie-Norris (D-74)

5/26/20

**Income taxes: credits: leased or rented property:
persons receiving Section 8 assistance**

This bill provides a tax credit of 3% of rent or lease payments for property owners accepting Section 8 housing vouchers.

This position has been approved by Grant Schuster, Chair of the Financing Public Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

No Position **AB 2626** **Bauer-Kahan (D-16)** **6/19/20**
**Digital divide: distance learning: California Research
Bureau: communications technology grant program**

As amended, this bill requires the California Research Bureau to conduct research on ways to close the digital divide through policies, including, but not limited to, tax policies, that reduce the upfront costs of devices and communications technology purchased by local educational agencies to provide students with equitable access to distance learning.

As introduced, AB 2626 would have exempted local educational agencies from sales taxes. CTA policy that states: "CTA believes that Proposition 98 should be protected from reductions through the creation of new or existing tax credits and giveaways that do not provide clear economic benefits to California, including public education." As amended, it removes the sales tax exemption and there is no reason to continue to oppose.

This position has been approved by Grant Schuster, Chair of the Financing Public Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Oppose **AB 3050** **Quirk-Silva (D-65)** **6/19/20**
**Property taxation: welfare exemption: facilities in the
course of construction: low-income rental housing**

This bill extends the welfare tax exemption to include "facilities in the course of construction" if the intent is to use that property for low-income housing, beginning January 1, 2021 until January 1, 2026.

This position has been approved by Grant Schuster, Chair of the Financing Public Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Oppose **AB 3349** **Cervantes (D-60)** **6/19/20**

**Sales and use taxes: exemptions:
breast pumps and related supplies**

This bill exempts from sales tax the sale, storage, use or other consumption in California of breast pumps and related supplies, beginning January 1, 2022 through January 1, 2027.

This position has been approved by Grant Schuster, Chair of the Financing Public Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Oppose **SB 1431** **Glazer (D-7)** **6/19/20**
Property taxation: reassessment: disaster relief

This bill expands the eligibility for disaster reassessment of multifamily properties affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

This position has been approved by Grant Schuster, Chair of the Financing Public Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

No Position **AB 235** **Mayes (I-42)** **7/31/20**
**Endangered species: candidate species:
petitions: takings**

As amended, this bill would make changes to the California Endangered Species Act.

As introduced, AB 235 would have created a California Wildfire Catastrophe Fund Authority for electrical corporations and local publicly owned electric utilities to participate in the authority and establish a process for reimbursing participating entities for costs related to a wildfire. As amended, there is no reason to continue to watch.

This position has been approved by Grant Schuster, Chair of the Financing Public Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support **AB 841** **Ting (D-19)** **7/31/20**

Energy: transportation electrification: energy efficiency programs: School Energy Stimulus Program

This bill would require the Public Utility Commission (PUC) to require each electrical corporation and gas corporation to establish the School Energy Efficiency Stimulus Program within each of its energy efficiency portfolios that consist of: (1) the School Reopening Ventilation and Energy Efficiency Verification and Repair Program to provide grants to local educational agencies to reopen schools with functional ventilation systems, and (2) the School Noncompliant Plumbing Fixture and Appliance Program to provide grants to local educational agencies to replace noncompliant plumbing fixtures and appliances that fail to meet water efficiency standards.

This position has been approved by Grant Schuster, Chair of the Financing Public Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Signed

Support **AB 1253** **Santiago (D-53)** **7/31/20**
Personal income taxes: additional tax

This bill would impose additional income taxes on high wage earners. Specifically, this bill would impose an additional 1% tax on income over \$1 million, 3% on income over \$3 million and 3.5% on income over \$5 million.

This position has been approved by Grant Schuster, Chair of the Financing Public Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support **SB 364** **Mitchell (D-30)** **7/31/20**
Change in ownership: nonresidential active solar energy

This bill changes the classification of nonresidential active solar energy systems from real property to personal property and creates a property tax exemption for systems constructed prior to January 1, 2025, if voters approve Proposition 15 (Schools and Communities First).

This position has been approved by Grant Schuster, Chair of the Financing Public Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Signed

No Position **SB 729** **Portantino (D-25)** **7/31/20**

Meal and rest breaks: remote work

As amended, this bill would make changes to paid sick leave for food service workers.

As introduced, SB 729 was related to the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF). As amended, there is no reason to continue to support.

This position has been approved by Grant Schuster, Chair of the Financing Public Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support **SB 884** **Dodd (D-3)** **7/31/20**
Education finance: emergencies:
public safety power shutoffs

This bill would add public safety power shutoffs to the list of emergencies for which the Superintendent can provide an average daily attendance (ADA) hold harmless.

This position has been approved by Grant Schuster, Chair of the Financing Public Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Co-Sponsor **AB 2088** **Bonta (D-18)** **8/14/20**
Wealth Tax

This bill would impose a wealth tax of 0.4% on California residents that have a worldwide wealth of more than \$30 million, or \$15 million for those married filing separately. The bill would exclude certain assets from the wealth tax, including directly held real property or liabilities related to directly held real property. The bill authorizes the Franchise Tax Board (FTB) to adopt regulations to implement the wealth tax.

This position has been approved by Grant Schuster, Chair of the Financing Public Education Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Interim Recommendation(s) from the Negotiations Committee

Support **AB 1926** **Gonzalez (D-80)** **4/27/20**
University of California: employees:
collective bargaining agreements

Prohibits the UC Regents from demanding that University employees or their union waive the right to petition the government, or the voters pursuant to the initiative power, for redress of grievances as part of a collective bargaining agreement.

This position has been approved by Kyna Collins, Chair of the Negotiations Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support **AB 2158** **Wood (D-2)** **4/27/20**
Health care coverage

Authorizes protections from the Affordable Care Act by requiring a group or individual health insurance policy to provide coverage for preventive services without any cost-sharing requirements.

This position has been approved by Kyna Collins, Chair of the Negotiations Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support **AB 2159** **Wood (D-2)** **4/27/20**
Health care coverage

Authorizes protections from the Affordable Care Act by prohibiting an individual or group health insurance policy from establishing lifetime or annual limits on the dollar value of benefits for an insured.

This position has been approved by Kyna Collins, Chair of the Negotiations Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support **AB 2307** **Bonta (D-18)** **4/27/20**

Public employment: labor relations: release time

Applies minimum release time parameters to all public employers and employees in order to grant a reasonable number of employee representatives of the union reasonable time off without loss of compensation or other benefits for specified activities, including to investigate and process grievances, to testify or appear as the designated representative of the union in conferences, hearings, or other proceedings before the Public Employment Relations Board, governing board of the employer, or a personnel, civil service, or merit commission, to serve as a representative of the union for new employee orientations, and for contract enforcement, preparation for negotiations, and negotiations.

This position has been approved by Kyna Collins, Chair of the Negotiations Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support AB 2347 Wood (D-2) 4/27/20
Health care coverage: financial assistance

Reduces cost sharing within Covered CA by reducing premiums to zero for program participants with household incomes at or below 138% of the federal poverty level, and would specify the premium assistance subsidy amount for program participants with household incomes of 139% to 600% of the federal poverty level and requires the financial assistance administered by Covered CA to include cost sharing reduction assistance to reduce copays, deductibles, out-of-pocket maximums and other cost sharing of a program participant.

This position has been approved by Kyna Collins, Chair of the Negotiations Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support AB 2433 Cooper (D-9) 4/27/20
Local public employee organizations

Extends from 10 days to 15 days the time period after the factfinders' report authorizing the employer the ability to implement its last, best, and final offer.

This position has been approved by Kyna Collins, Chair of the Negotiations Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support AB 2765 O'Donnell (D-70) 4/27/20

Employees: bereavement leave

Prohibits an employer from refusing to grant a request by any employee to take up to 10 days of bereavement leave or to interfere with or restrain an employee from doing so; authorizes an employee who has been discharged, disciplined, or discriminated against for exercising their right to bereavement leave to bring a civil action against their employer for reinstatement, damages, and attorney's fees.

This position has been approved by Kyna Collins, Chair of the Negotiations Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support **AB 3096** **Chiu (D-17)** **4/27/20**
Detering union membership: University of California: violations

Authorizes an employee organization to bring a claim before the Public Employment Relations Board alleging that the University of California deterred or discouraged public employees or applicants to be public employees from becoming or remaining members of a union, authorizing representation by a union, or authorizing dues or fee deductions to a union; upon a finding by the board that the University violated those provisions, the University would be liable to the employee organization for a penalty of \$1,000 for each affected employee and for all attorney's fees and costs incurred in bringing the claim.

This position has been approved by Kyna Collins, Chair of the Negotiations Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support **AB 3216** **Kalra (D-27)** **4/27/20**
Employee leave: authorization

Requires employer to grant up to 12 workweeks of unpaid job-protected family and medical leave due to coronavirus during which health benefits are maintained and clarifies that this leave does not constitute a break in service for retirement purposes; makes it unlawful to refuse to hire or discharge, fine, suspend, expel, or discriminate against someone for taking this new leave.

This position has been approved by Kyna Collins, Chair of the Negotiations Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Vetoed

Support **AB 3237** **Maienschein (D-77)** **4/27/20**

Classified school employees: part-time assignments

Requires a classified employee who works a minimum of 30 minutes per day in excess of the employee's part-time assignment for a period of 20 working days or more in a school year to have their basic assignment changed to reflect the longer hours.

This position has been approved by Kyna Collins, Chair of the Negotiations Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support **SB 65** **Pan (D-6)** **4/27/20**
Health care coverage: financial assistance

Reduces cost sharing within Covered CA by reducing premiums to zero for program participants with household incomes at or below 138% of the federal poverty level and would specify the premium assistance subsidy amount for program participants with household incomes of 139% to 600% of the federal poverty level; requires the financial assistance administered by Covered CA to include cost sharing reduction assistance to reduce copays, deductibles, out-of-pocket maximums, and other cost sharing of a program participant.

This position has been approved by Kyna Collins, Chair of the Negotiations Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support **SB 175** **Pan (D-6)** **4/27/20**
Health care coverage

Authorizes protections from the Affordable Care Act by prohibiting an individual or group health insurance policy from establishing lifetime or annual limits on the dollar value of benefits for an insured.

This position has been approved by Kyna Collins, Chair of the Negotiations Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support **SB 406** **Pan (D-6)** **4/27/20**

**Public employment: labor relations:
employee information**

Imposes liability on a public employer for not sharing new hire information with the union in accordance with timelines, if the violations occur 3 or more times in a 12-month period and the employer liable for the reasonable expenses of the union incurred in enforcing its rights, including staff time and payments to counsel.

This position has been approved by Kyna Collins, Chair of the Negotiations Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support **SB 1383** **Jackson (D-19)** **4/27/20**
Employees: time off

Prohibits all employers from discharging or discriminating against an employee who is a parent of a child of the age to attend a licensed child care provider or in kindergarten or grades 1 to 12 for taking up to 40 hours of unpaid time off work to find, enroll, or reenroll their child in a school, to participate in school activities, or address emergency situations at school; authorizes an employee to take off in excess of 40 hours in the case of a school closure due to an emergency declaration by a federal, state, or local government agency, up to the duration of the emergency.

This position has been approved by Kyna Collins, Chair of the Negotiations Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Signed

Oppose **SB 1423** **Galgiani (D-5)** **4/27/20**
Worker classification

Provides that 50% of the charter school must contribute to financing a potential facility could be reduced and the funding grant increased for charter schools that indicate financial hardship; requires the California School Finance Authority to adopt regulations establishing uniform terms and conditions to implement the intent of the Legislature in enacting a financial hardship assistance process for charter school facilities funding.

This position has been approved by Kyna Collins, Chair of the Negotiations Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support **AB 3123** **Gonzalez (D-80)** **5/26/20**

Employees: public health emergency

Prohibits an employer from discriminating or retaliating against an employee for complying with an isolation or quarantine order issued by a public health official due to a public health emergency; requires an employer to grant paid sick leave to an employee, upon request, if the employer's place of business is closed by order of a public health official due to a public health emergency, or if the employee is providing care or assistance to their child, whose school or daycare provider is closed by order of a public health official due to a public health emergency.

This position has been approved by Kyna Collins, Chair of the Negotiations Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support **SB 852** **Pan (D-6)** **5/26/20**
Health care: prescription drugs

Creates the Office of Drug Contracting and Manufacturing (ODCM) in the California Health and Human Services Agency to increase competition, lower prices, and address shortages in the market for generic prescription drugs, to reduce the cost of prescription drugs for public and private purchasers, taxpayers, and consumers, and to increase patient access to affordable drugs.

This position has been approved by Kyna Collins, Chair of the Negotiations Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Signed

Support **AB 1124** **Maienschein (D-77)** **8/13/20**
Health care service plans: regulations: exemptions

Authorizes the Department of Managed Health Care to authorize two pilot programs that allow health care providers to undertake risk-bearing arrangements with a voluntary employees' beneficiary association with enrollment of greater than 100,000 lives, or a trust fund that is a welfare plan and a multiemployer plan with enrollment greater than 25,000 lives.

This position has been approved by Kyna Collins, Chair of the Negotiations Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Signed

Support **SB 1159** **Hill (D-13)** **8/28/20**

Workers' compensation: COVID-19: critical workers

Codifies the Governor's Executive Order (N-62-20) that created a rebuttable presumption that "essential employees" who contracted COVID-19 were infected on the job, and establishes the scope and terms of a similar presumption for infected employees outside of the Executive Order; Adopts a rebuttable presumption that a peace officer, firefighter, and certain health care employees who contract COVID-19 were infected with the virus via a workplace exposure; Establishes a presumption of compensability for employees who contract COVID-19 from any employer that experiences an "outbreak" of COVID-19 cases at a particular work location, and defines outbreak as (1) For employers with 5-100 employees: 4 or more employees who worked at a specific work location contracted the disease within a 14-day period (2) For employers with more than 100 employees: 4% or more of the employees who worked at a specific work location contracted the disease within a 14-day period (3) Place of employment is ordered to close by a local public health department, CDPH, Cal/OSHA, or a school superintendent due to risk of infection with COVID-19; Provides that the presumptions established by the bill sunset on January 1, 2023; Provides that any employee who might benefit from the presumption of compensability must first exhaust any special COVID-19 "time off" benefits provided by federal law before the workers' compensation benefits attach.

This position has been approved by Kyna Collins, Chair of the Negotiations Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Signed

Interim Recommendation(s) from the Political Involvement Committee

Support **AB 1913** **Gonzalez (D-80)** **4/27/20**
Voter education: high school pupils

Authorizes January and September as “high school voter education months”; requires Secretary of State, in coordination the Superintendent of Public Instruction to develop and provide designated voter education information to pupils in grade 12; and requires county elections officials to customize the educational programming to include information specific to the county’s election system.

This position has been approved by Dorothy Kim-Perez, Chair of the Political Involvement Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support **AB 2028** **Aguiar-Curry (D-4)** **4/27/20**
State agencies: meetings

Expands the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act to require all writings or materials in connection with a matter subject to discussion or consideration at the meeting be available on the internet at least 10 days in advance of the meeting; provides a state body may only distribute or discuss the writings or materials if the 10 day requirement is met; and removes current prohibition to address the state body applicable to an agenda item if the public had a previous opportunity to address it in a meeting of a committee of the state body.

This position has been approved by Dorothy Kim-Perez, Chair of the Political Involvement Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support **AB 2088** **O’Donnell (D-70)** **4/27/20**
Statewide measures: numbering

Prohibits the use of the number “13” for statewide initiatives submitted to the voters.

This position has been approved by Dorothy Kim-Perez, Chair of the Political Involvement Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support **AB 2314** **Ramos (D-40)** **4/27/20**

**Native American Voting
Accessibility Advisory Committee**

Requires the Secretary of State to establish a Native American Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee to make voting more accessible to Native American voters.

This position has been approved by Dorothy Kim-Perez, Chair of the Political Involvement Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Signed

Support **AB 860** **Berman (D-24)** **5/4/20**
Elections: vote by mail ballots

Requires county elections officials to mail a ballot to every registered voter for the November 3, 2020 statewide general election.

This position has been approved by Dorothy Kim-Perez, Chair of the Political Involvement Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Signed

Oppose **ACA 20** **Melendez (R-67)** **5/4/20**
Elections: initiatives and referenda

Transfers from the Attorney General to the Legislative Analyst responsibility for preparing the title and summary for a proposed initiative or referendum.

This position has been approved by Dorothy Kim-Perez, Chair of the Political Involvement Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support **SB 1070** **Leyva (D-20)** **5/4/20**

Land use: general plans

Revises and recasts provisions regarding the environmental justice element contained in a local government general plan to include identification of disadvantaged communities; an assessment of the unique and compounded health risks and investment needs in disadvantaged communities; a statement of goals, qualified objectives, and policies designed to address the unique and compounded health risks and investment needs identified and a schedule of required meaningful actions and implementation deadline; requires local governments to ensure meaningful involvement of disadvantaged community residents in preparation, adoption, and implementation of the environmental justice element including a public engagement plan prior to its development and requires the adoption of an environmental justice element as of September 30, 2020 or before the due date for the next revision of its housing element by January 1, 2023, whichever is sooner.

This position has been approved by Dorothy Kim-Perez, Chair of the Political Involvement Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Oppose **SB 1316** **Moorlach (R-37)** **5/4/20**
**Voter registration database: interstate exchange
of voter registration information**

Requires the California Secretary of State (SOS), beginning January 1, 2023, to enter into agreements to share information or data in the possession of the SOS or other state agencies, with other states or groups of states in order to improve the accuracy of the statewide voter registration database; requires all state agencies to timely provide the SOS with the requested information or data; requires the SOS to apply for membership with the Electronic Registration Information Center and ensure any confidential information or data provided by another state or a state agency remains confidential while in the official's possession, and authorizes the SOS to transmit confidential information or data pursuant to those agreements.

This position has been approved by Dorothy Kim-Perez, Chair of the Political Involvement Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Oppose **AB 2194** **Kiley (R-6)** **5/8/20**
United States Senate vacancy

Requires a vacancy in the office of United States Senate be filled in the same manner as a vacancy in a congressional representative or state legislative office as a result of a district election.

This position has been approved by Dorothy Kim-Perez, Chair of the Political Involvement Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support **SB 423** **Umberg (D-34)** **5/28/20**

November 3, 2020, statewide general election

Declares the intent of the legislature to enact legislation to require county elections officials to establish and maintain a minimum number of polling places and vote centers for the statewide general election on November 3, 2020.

This position has been approved by Dorothy Kim-Perez, Chair of the Political Involvement Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Signed

Interim Recommendation(s) from the Professional Rights and Responsibilities Committee

Co-Sponsor **AB 2682**

Medina (D-61)
Certificated school employees:
probationary employees

3/13/20

Creates a guaranteed path to permanent status for several groups of certificated educators, including but not limited to employees in county offices of education or school districts that serve less than 250 students.

This position has been approved by Liz Esquivel-Waterman, Chair of the Professional Rights & Responsibilities Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support **AB 1963**

Chu (D-25)
Child abuse or neglect: mandated reporters

4/27/20

Adds human resource employees of a business employing minors, and a person whose duties require direct contact with and supervision of minors in the performance of the minors' duties in the workplace, to the list of individuals who are mandated reporters.

This position has been approved by Elizabeth Esquivel-Waterman, Chair of the Professional Rights and Responsibilities Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Signed

Support **SB 1446**

Roth (D-31)
Child abuse or neglect: reports

4/27/20

Requires an agency receiving a report of known or suspected child abuse to take specified actions, including requiring an investigator to make contact with the person who made the report and visit the child, who is the subject of the report, in person to determine if the child should be removed from the home during the course of the investigation.

This position has been approved by Elizabeth Esquivel-Waterman, Chair of the Professional Rights and Responsibilities Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Interim Recommendation(s) from the Retirement Committee

Support **AB 2219** **O'Donnell (D-70)** **4/27/20**
State Teachers' Retirement System:
individual retirement plans: administration

Authorizes CalSTRS to offer a traditional (tax-deferred) IRA in addition to a Roth IRA and authorizes CalSTRS to allow rollovers to a CalSTRS IRA from any eligible retirement plan and authorizes CalSTRS to receive contributions from IRA participants and allow spouses of participants to also contribute to a CalSTRS IRA.

This position has been approved by Leonard Goldberg, Chair of the Retirement Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Oppose **AB 2727** **Grayson (D-14)** **4/27/20**
School districts: retiree benefit fund

Requires all school boards to establish a fund for pension and other employee benefits to accumulate restricted moneys from salary reductions agreements, other contributions for employee retirement benefit payments, or both.

This position has been approved by Leonard Goldberg, Chair of the Retirement Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Oppose **AB 2998** **Kiley (R-6)** **4/27/20**
Teachers: defined contribution plans: salaries

This is a spot bill stating the intent of the Legislature to authorize a school district to offer an optional contract to its employees that has a defined contribution plan in lieu of a defined benefit plan provided that the decision to select that contract is made by the employee.

This position has been approved by Leonard Goldberg, Chair of the Retirement Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support **AB 2365** **Rodriguez (D-52)** **5/26/20**

**Public Employees' Retirement System:
employment without reinstatement**

Changes reinstatement to membership in CalPERS from mandatory to permissive relating to retired members who have exceeded the statutory 960-hour work limitation while working after retirement for a CalPERS-covered employer.

This position has been approved by Leonard Goldberg, Chair of the Retirement Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support

AB 1140

Stone (D-20)

6/29/20

**Public Employees' Retirement System:
contracting agencies: consolidation**

Authorizes a successor agency for two merging fire protection districts covered by the by the Public Employees' Retirement System to provide employees the defined benefit plan that those employees received from their respective employer prior to the consolidation; makes findings and declarations that a special statute is necessary and that a general statute cannot be made applicable within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California Constitution because of the unique need to consolidate fire protection districts in the County of Santa Cruz to remove redundancies while continuing fire and emergency response services.

This position has been approved by Leonard Goldberg, Chair of the Retirement Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Signed

Support

AB 2101

**Committee on Public Employment
and Retirement
Public employees' retirement**

8/13/20

Makes various technical, conforming, or non-controversial changes to retirement system related statutes as requested respectively by the California State Teachers' Retirement System, the California Public Employees' Retirement System, and the State Association of County Retirement Systems to improve the administration of the state's various public retirement systems.

This position has been approved by Leonard Goldberg, Chair of the Retirement Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Signed

Interim Recommendation(s) from the Student Support Services Committee

Oppose

AB 2132

Irwin (D-44)

5/4/20

School safety: crisis intervention and targeted violence prevention program

Requires the governing board of a school district, on or before August 1, 2021, to adopt policies for the establishment of a crisis intervention and targeted violence prevention program assisting in the identification and assessment of individuals who may be experiencing a crisis or whose behavior may indicate a threat to the health and safety of themselves, pupils, school staff, or other community members, and that provides referrals to appropriate services.

This position has been approved by Allan Roberts, Chair of the Student Support Services Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee

Status: Failed

Oppose

AB 2668

Quirk-Silva (D-65)

5/4/20

Integrated School-Based Behavioral Health Partnership Program

Creates the Integrated School-Based Behavioral Health Partnership Program to provide early intervention for, and access to, behavioral health services for pupils, authorizing a county behavioral health agency (CBHA) and the governing board or body of a local education agency (LEA) to agree to collaborate on and implement an integrated school-based behavioral health partnership program and develop a memorandum of understanding outlining the requirements for the partnership; requires a CBHA to provide one or more behavioral health professionals meeting specified licensing requirements to serve pupils with serious emotional disturbances or substance use disorders, or who are at risk of developing a serious behavioral health condition; requires an LEA to provide school-based locations, including space at schools, appropriate for the delivery of behavioral health services, and additionally authorizes services to be provided at locations not at the school-based location for purposes of accommodating individual needs of a pupil; establishes processes for delivering services and specified the types of services to be provided; provides processes and requirements for serving pupils with private insurance, including requirements related to reimbursement for services by private insurers; requires a workgroup to recommend policies to expedite payments to county behavioral health agencies serving privately insured pupils under the partnership program.

This position has been approved by Allan Roberts, Chair of the Student Support Services Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee

Status: Failed

Interim Recommendation(s) from the School Safety/School Management Committee

Oppose **AB 2116** **Levine (D-10)** **3/5/20**
Pupil health: seizure disorders

Requires as of January 1, 2022, local education agencies to have at each school at least one school employee whose received specified training relating to seizure recognition, treatment, and response; requires schools to provide training to school personnel with direct contact and supervision of pupils on recognizing the signs and symptoms of seizures and the appropriate steps for seizure first aid; authorizes a school nurse or other designated school personnel whose received the training to administer, or a pupil to self-administer, seizure rescue medication or medication prescribed to treat seizure disorder symptoms; requires a school to collaborate with the parent or guardian to create a seizure action plan; and requires schools to provide all pupils an age-appropriate seizure education program on seizure and seizure disorders.

This position has been approved by Eric Roudabush, Chair of the School Safety/School Management Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.
Status: Failed

Support **AB 2126** **O'Donnell (D-70)** **4/27/20**
Temporary school closures: notification: survey

Requires California Department of Education (CDE) to develop and implement an internet website and a web-based application to collect information from a county office of education, school district, or charter school about temporary school closures; requires CDE to have the internet website and application operative no later than July 1, 2022; and requires a county superintendent of schools, superintendent of a school district, or charter school administrator to notify CDE through the internet website or application of all temporary school closures each day the school is closed.

This position has been approved by Eric Roudabush, Chair of the School Safety/School Management Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.
Status: Failed

Support **AB 2162** **O'Donnell (D-70)** **4/27/20**
School facilities: indoor air quality

Support Requires a school district to ensure school facilities meet the minimum requirements of regulations enacted by the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board governing the quality of air provided to employees in places of employment and requires school districts to use contractors who have been certified by a nationally recognized organization for the inspection, maintenance, and repair of heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning systems.

This position has been approved by Eric Roudabush, Chair of the School Safety/School Management Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.
Status: Failed

Support **SB 1361** **Glazer (D-7)** **4/27/20**

Pesticides: schoolsites

Requires schoolsites using non-exempt pesticides to include in their record keeping the licensure or certification information for the individual applying the pesticide, including the name of the licensing board or agency issuing the license or certification but not including the individual's name or the name of their employer, if any.

This position has been approved by Eric Roudabush, Chair of the School Safety/School Management Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support **SB 1398** **Jackson (D-19)** **5/4/20**
Pesticides: agricultural use near schoolsites:
notification and reporting

Requires a county agricultural commissioner to publicly post on its internet website the approval, denial, or postponement of the date of an application of a pesticide within ¼ of one mile of a schoolsite and requires the county agricultural commissioner to provide notice to the principal of any K–12 school at least 3 school days before the date of the application of the pesticide.

This position has been approved by Eric Roudabush, Chair of the School Safety/School Management Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Failed

Support **AB 685** **Reyes (D-47)** **9/8/20**
COVID-19: imminent hazard to employees:
exposure: notification: serious violations

Requires employers to provide written notice and instructions to employees who may have been exposed to COVID-19 at their worksite and enhances the Division of Occupational Health and Safety's (Cal/OSHA) ability to enforce health and safety standards to prevent workplace exposure to and spread of COVID-19.

This position has been approved by Eric Roudabush, Chair of the School Safety/School Management Committee, as well as by Kathy Sharp, Chair of the State Legislation Committee.

Status: Signed

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Accept the CCA proposal to start the sponsored legislation process for a bill concerning part time faculty parity.

REFERRALS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. Request to conduct training of new legislative subcommittee chairs and consultants at the 2021 January State Council.

MATTERS PENDING

A. None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Since January State Council, CTA has taken 138 interim positions on legislation. To view more information on CTA’s positions for the 2019-20 legislative session, please visit:

<https://www.cta.org/our-advocacy/cta-bill-positions>

2. 2020-21 State Legislation Committee Liaison Positions

Adult, Alternative, Career & Technical Education	James Sutter
Assessment & Testing	Michael Sterling
Civil Rights in Education	Laura Anderson/Maya Walker
Community College Association	Billie Joe Wright/Wendy Brill-Wynkoop
Credentials & Professional Development	Christie Bettendorf
Curriculum & Instruction	Sheila Whitley
Early Childhood Education	Nancy Lara
Financing Public Education	Paula Orbaugh/Linda Ortega
Language Acquisition	Katherine Rojas-Kirby
Negotiations	Claire Merced-Robles
Political Involvement	Tracy Taylor
Professional Rights & Responsibilities	Thomas Johnson
Retirement	Jordan Horowitz
School Safety/School Management	Samantha Weiss
Special Education	Brenda Walker
Student Support Services	Marco Flores
Teacher Evaluation & Academic Freedom	Michelle Youngblood-Jarman/Kevin Fox

Roving Liaisons: Kathy Sharp, Erich Myers, Charlotte Svolos and DeWayne Sheaffer

Not Assigned: Roger Kavigan, Sarah Morrison

LEGISLATIVE TERMS:

Amend:

To alter formally by modification, deletion, or addition.

Appropriation:

A legislative authorization to make expenditures and incur obligations for specific governmental purposes; usually limited as to time when it may be expended. One of the prime responsibilities of the Legislature is this power to *appropriate* moneys.

Companion Bill:

Two bills identical in wording that are introduced in each house. They will most likely not have the same number. Some companion bill sponsors feel it will increase the chances for the passage of the bill.

Legislative Deadlines:

Deadline set by a legislative body for specified action, such as bill introduction, committee action, or initial passage of bills by either house.

Effective Date:

The date a bill, once passed, becomes law. Unless a different date is specified, bills become law when approved.

Floor:

Reference to the interior of the chamber of either house. Floor action suggests consideration by the Assembly or Senate rather than committee action.

Held in Committee:

The defeat of a measure by the decision of a standing committee not to return it to the full house for further consideration.

Pull:

The act of removing a specific legislative bill from an inclusive list for the purpose of review, discussion, change a position, etc.

Reconsideration:

A motion that, if carried, allows a measure that failed or passed to be heard again in committee or on the Floor. This more commonly occurs when a bill has failed passage on third reading on the floor where the author/presenter will "notice reconsideration" upon the final tally of the votes. However, it does occasionally happen during the committee process as well.

Resolution:

A measure expressing the will, wish, or direction of the Legislature. It does not have the effect of law.

Resolution-Concurrent Resolution:

A resolution which requests action or states the Legislature's position on an issue.

Resolution-Memorial Resolution:

A nonsubstantive resolution used to convey the sympathy and condolences of the Legislature on the passing of a constituent or a dignitary.

Spot Bill:

A spot bill is a proposal not fully developed or containing sufficient information necessary to make a determination to support or suppose.

Sunset Law:

A provision shutting off a program or agency on a specific date, requiring reexamination and a fresh authorization prior to that date to continue.

Urgency:

An urgency measure goes into effect immediately once passed by both houses and signed by the Governor. This type of measure requires a 2/3 vote.

Veto:

A power vested in the governor to prevent the enactment of measures passed by the Legislature by returning them, with objections, to the Legislature.

**CAPITOL SPEAK: For those unfamiliar to the legislative process, phrases used can appear to be from a different language. The inclusion of Capitol Speak descriptions below are provided to assist you in understanding the legislative arena.*

Across the desk:

When a bill or amendment is officially introduced. Common to hear staffers or third house members ask: "Is that across the desk yet?"

Blue pencil:

The governor's line-item veto. Dreaded by legislators hoping to protect spending priorities.

District bill:

Legislation addressing a specific local or district issue of the legislator carrying the bill. If approved, legislation applicable in the district only.

Dog House:

The Legislature's smallest office, located on the sixth floor and generally assigned to an Assembly member who has angered leadership.

Free Ride:

To run for a different office when your current elected position is not up for re-election. If you lose, you retain your current elected position.

Gut and Amend:

To hollow out an existing bill and fill it with new language. A good way to sneak in new (or old, previously defeated) bills late in a session.

Hijack:

To insert an existing legislative measure into a new bill. For example, transplanting a legislative measure authored by a member of one political party into a different legislative measure by a member of a different political party and claiming ownership.

Interim Study:

A common tactic to kill bills without the messiness of a vote. Rather than vote against a legislative measure, legislature decide to study it more – after the session ends.

“I wasn’t going to speak today”:

The most common sentence lawmakers say before they begin to speak.

Job killer:

Description of legislative measures identified by the California Chamber of Commerce, Republicans and moderate Democrats as adversely impacting the creation, availability, and duration of employment opportunities in CA. (Typically affixed to priorities of organized labor, environmentalists, and other Democratic allies.

Juice Committee:

Committee that oversees wealthy or politically potent industries. Membership guarantees a steady revenue of campaign contributions

Jungle primary:

Derisive nickname for the top-two primaries, in which top two vote getters advance to general election regardless of political party.

Lay off:

To avoid voting on a controversial bill. Effectively the same as a no vote, for purposes of passing a bill but can look better politically. Synonym for “take a walk.” A practice more associated with political moderates of either political party.

May revision (or the ungrammatical “May revise”):

Common term for governor’s May budget proposal. Unlike the January budget proposal, it reflects new tax revenue (April 15 tax submission deadline) and therefore offers the starting point for serious budget talks.

Mod:

A moderate Democrat. Friendly to business interests and irritant to Democratic leadership.

On call:

When the voting roll remains open after an initial count falls short of the needed number for passage, the bill is on call.

Per Diem session:

Typically held on Fridays before a holiday weekend, these often-brief floor sessions fulfill the requirement to meet every three days which allows legislators to keep their tax-free \$168-a-day “per diem” stipend.

Poison pill:

An amendment added to a bill so it will become indefensible and die.

Robust:

The only type of debate that occurs in the Legislature.

Roll (verb):

If you get a bill out of committee whose chair opposes it, you have “rolled” the chair. A good way to lose your committee membership.

Speakerize:

When the Assembly speaker intervenes on a controversial bill either to kill it or to ensure it advances.

Sponsor:

An outside entity that writes a bill and then gets a legislator to carry the bill. Not always “candid” about its role.

Spot bill:

A placeholder bill that remains devoid of detail until a legislator decides content.

Stakeholder:

Anyone who wants something. Always seem to be meeting somewhere about something. Generally, synonym for “interest group.”

Suspense File:

Holding place for legislation that will cost more than a specified amount of money. Many bills never make it off the Appropriations Suspense file. Another useful way to let a bill quietly die.

Third house:

Sacramento’s lobbying corps, so named because some see them – and the special interests they’re paid to represent – as a coequal third branch of the Legislature.

Trailer bill:

Legislation that implements a specific part of the budget after the budget itself has passed. A useful way to change policy via the budget process.

Two-year bill:

A bill that stalls in the first year of the legislative session and must wait another year.

Urgency clause:

A designation that makes a bill take effect immediately after it is signed instead of the following Jan. 1. Requires a two-thirds vote.

Work the floor:

When a legislator moves from desk to desk in the Assembly or Senate to talk to colleagues to garner support.

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