

2017 SCORECARD LEGISLATIVE LIST

TRANSPORTATION	
AB344	Toll evasion violations.
Description	AB 344 allows toll violators to withhold payment of tolls and fines until after the final Superior Court review, leading to significant costs to law abiding toll customers and agencies. AB 344 is an unnecessary change of current practices required by V.C. Section 40255.
SB1	Transportation funding.
Description	This bill would create the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program, which would create in the State Transportation Fund, revenues attributable to a \$0.12 per gallon increase, an increase of \$38 in the annual vehicle registration fee, and a new \$100 annual vehicle registration fee for zero-emission motor vehicles.
SB145	Autonomous vehicles: testing on public roads.
Description	SB 145 eliminates a 180-day waiting period for companies that file an application to deploy driverless vehicles. The bill also eliminates a requirement that the DMV notify the Legislature each time such an application is submitted.
SB182	Transportation network company: participating drivers: single business license.
Description	Would streamline California's business license practices by allowing drivers for Lyft and Uber to purchase and use a single business license recognized across local jurisdictions.
HOUSING/LAND USE	
AB943	Land use regulations: local initiatives: voter approval.
Description	This bill, in the case of an ordinance that would curb, delay, or deter growth or development within a city, require that an ordinance proposed by the voters or submitted by the legislative body of the city receive 2/3 of the votes cast on the ordinance in order to become effective.
AB1701	Labor-related liabilities: original contractor.
Description	This bill would, for all contracts entered into on or after January 1, 2018, require a direct contractor to assume, and be liable for, specified debt owed to a wage claimant that is incurred by a subcontractor, at any tier, acting under, by, or for the direct contractor for the wage claimant's performance of labor included in the subject of the original contract.
LABOR/EMPLOYMENT	
AB1565	Work hours: overtime compensation: executive, administrative, or professional employees.
Description	Unnecessarily accelerates the minimum salary threshold for exempt employees, which will significantly increase costs especially on small employers, and changes the duties test that exempt employees must satisfy that will create confusion regarding how to classify employees as well as costly, class action litigation.
SB63	Unlawful employment practice: parental leave.
Description	Imposes New Maternity and Paternity Leave Mandate. Unduly burdens and increases costs of small employers with as few as 20 employees by requiring 12 weeks of protected employee leave for child bonding and exposes them to the threat of costly litigation.

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ENVIRONMENT/CEQA	
AB378	Greenhouse gases, criteria air pollutants, and toxic air contaminants.
Description	Directs the California Air Resources Board (ARB) to move California further from the cost-effective methods for reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and creates a complicated regulatory regime of costly direct control measures.
AB890	Local land use initiatives: environmental review.
Description	Would require all local initiatives to undergo a CEQA review, and prohibit any initiative from going to the ballot if it has the potential to directly or indirectly impact the environment.
AB1654	Water shortage: urban water management planning.
Description	AB 1654 would enhance drought planning, preparation, and reporting by water suppliers, establishing new water supply and demand reporting requirements for urban water suppliers to the Department of Water Resources. AB 1654 would also provide incentives for local investments in resilient water supplies by ensuring that a supplier would be able to use the new water supplies during a drought.
AB1668	Water management planning.
Description	AB 1668 seeks to augment the existing drought planning process. AB 1668 would establish arbitrary targets that would trigger specific water shortage contingency actions, without considering local water supply conditions.
SB57	Natural gas storage: moratorium.
Description	Senate Bill 57 would extend the moratorium on natural gas injections at the Aliso Canyon storage facility until the Root Cause SB 57 would also require the California Public Utilities Commission to complete its analysis regarding the need for the Aliso Canyon by the end of this year.
CONTRACTS/BUSINESS	
SB33	Arbitration agreements.
Description	Unfairly discriminates against arbitration agreements contained in contracts for goods and services and is likely preempted by the Federal Arbitration Act, which will lead to confusion and litigation, by prohibiting any mandatory arbitration agreement that requires an individual to waive any claims for fraud, identity theft, or wrongful use of personal identifying information.
HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	
SB349	Chronic dialysis clinics: staffing requirements.
Description	Senate Bill 349 would mandate arbitrary staffing ratios at dialysis clinics, longer transition times between patients, and new inspections to be carried out by the Dept of Public Health. The measure would increase costs to our health care system, including Medi-Cal and reduce access to critical dialysis services.
SB562	The Healthy California Act.
Description	Creates a single-payer government run health care system in California.

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EDUCATION/WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	
AB1220	Certificated school employees: permanent status. Description AB 1220 extends the probationary period for teachers from 2 years to 3-5 years. AB 1220 makes permanent status (tenure) contingent on two consecutive years of effective teaching, as defined by local school districts.
AB1321	Education finance: fiscal transparency. Description Assembly Bill 1321 will ensure that the state begins reporting actual school-level expenditures so that parents, students, community groups and the public can see where the dollars are going and effectively engage in the local planning and decision-making process to advocate for vulnerable students.
TAXATION	
AB600	Manufacturing incentives. Description AB 600 would improve the Manufacturing/R&D tax incentive program, bringing the Program closer to its revenue-neutral targets and attracting more jobs and investment to California by: clarifying the definition of “useful life”; expanding the definition of a “qualified person” to include agricultural processors and producers of electric power from sources such as solar, wind, geothermal, etc.; and extending the program’s sunset date.
AB1171	Personal income taxes: return filing extension. Description Urgency cleanup measure to remedy an unintended consequence of legislation enacted in 2016 that shortened the tax filing deadline for business partnership returns.
AB1512	Opioid Addiction Prevention and Rehabilitation Act. Description Unfairly imposes an excise tax on opioid distributors in California, which will increase their costs and force them to adopt measures that include reducing workforces and increasing drug prices for ill patients who need these medications the most, in order to fund drug prevention and rehabilitation programs that will benefit all of California.
SB66	Income taxes: deductions: punitive damages. Description This bill would disallow taxpayers from taking a tax deduction for punitive damages, which is something that is allowed by the Feds and most other states (the legislative analysis of the bill found that every state it surveyed allowed this deduction).
SB567	Taxation. Description Would make tax changes that de-conform California from federal tax law, raise the charitable remainder for trusts, and make foreign earned income includable in income apportioned to California for corporate tax purposes by eliminating the Water’s Edge Election for California taxpayers.

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS	
SB649	Wireless telecommunications facilities. Description SB 649 would make small wireless facilities installation a permitted use for zoning purposes, but local governments will retain oversight of an applicant's compliance with municipal building, safety, health and electrical codes and standards. Wireless providers will still be required to obtain building or encroachment permits and, as such, a municipality can deny any application that does not meet requirements set forth in its own codes and ordinances.
GOVERNMENT/REGULATIONS	
AB102	The Taxpayer Transparency and Fairness Act of 2017: California Department of Tax and Fee Administration: Office of Tax Appeals: State Board of Equalization. Description The measures would remove all statutory functions at the State Board of Equalization (BOE) that currently are overseen by an elected body that was established by the State Constitution in 1879 to ensure protection of taxpayers' rights, proper application of tax laws and clarity of those laws. Instead, these functions would be moved into the state's bureaucracy under the direction of government appointees, effectively eliminating the direct accountability between elected officials and their constituents.
AB1210	State Board of Equalization. Description AB 1210 outlines a framework for reforms to the State Board of Equalization (BOE) to address problems identified in a March 2017 evaluation by the Department of Finance, while preserving core BOE functions that protect taxpayers' rights.
AB1250	Counties and cities: contracts for personal services. Description The bill would require the county or city to clearly demonstrate that the proposed contract will result in actual overall costs savings to the county or city and also to show that the contract does not cause the displacement of county or city workers. Additionally, the bill would require the county or city to conduct an audit of the contract to determine whether cost savings have been realized and would require the contractor to reimburse the cost of the audit.
SB86	The Taxpayer Transparency and Fairness Act of 2017: California Department of Tax and Fee Administration: Office of Tax Appeals: State Board of Equalization. Description The measure would remove all statutory functions at the State Board of Equalization (BOE) that currently are overseen by an elected body that was established by the State Constitution in 1879 to ensure protection of taxpayers' rights, proper application of tax laws and clarity of those laws. Instead, these functions would be moved into the state's bureaucracy under the direction of government appointees, effectively eliminating the direct accountability between elected officials and their constituents.
SB268	Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority. Description SB 268 will alter the composition of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board of Directors (Metro Board).