

Advocacy Summary 2023

Government Affairs Policy Scorecard

Support/Oppose

Bill/Author	Summary	TACC	ACTION
SB 253 Wiener	Corporate Climate Accountability Act. Imposes a mandatory climate tracking, and auditing on climate emissions that will fall heavily on all California businesses, impacting competitiveness and increasing costs.	Oppose	Committee letter Position Letter
SB 261 Stern	Climate-related financial risk. Requires any business with revenues over \$500 million annually to prepare a climate financial risk assessment on its holdings including any supply chain assets.	Oppose	Committee letter Position Letter
SB 330 Niello	PAGA Notices: Makes common sense reforms to required content of PAGA notices to provide employers with additional information about alleged Labor Code violations.	Support	Committee letter Position Letter
SB 365 Wiener	Undermines Arbitration: Discriminates against use of arbitration agreements by allowing trial courts to continue trial proceedings during any appeal regarding the denial of a motion to compel.	Oppose	Committee letter Position Letter
SB 399 Wahab	Bans Employer Speech: Chills employer speech regarding religious and political matters, including unionization. Is likely unconstitutional under the First Amendment and preempted by the National Labor Relations Act.	Oppose	Coalition joined Committee letter
SB 525 Durazo	Costly Minimum Wage Increase: Imposes significant cost on health care facilities and any employer who works with health care facilities by mandating increase in minimum wage to \$25. Job killer tag and opposition removed due to September 11, 2023, amendments, which phased in certain minimum wage increases based on hospital size and operations.	Oppose	SB 525 Coalition Letter for Asm. Labor and Employment
SB 581 Caballero	Creates transparency and accountability for companies that engage in third party litigation financing (TPLF), that lend money to injured plaintiffs and charge exorbitant interest rates and fees.	Support	Position letter
SB 592 Newman	Improved Labor Law Compliance. Requires labor law guidance to be translated into commonly spoken languages in California and protects business owners from being penalized if they relied in good faith on guidance issued by the DLSE.	Support	Position letter

SB 616 Gonzalez	<p>Costly Sick Leave Expansion on All Employers: Imposes new costs and leave requirements on employers of all sizes, by nearly doubling existing sick leave mandate, which is in addition to all other enacted leave mandates that small employers throughout the state are already struggling with to implement and comply.</p>	Oppose	SB 616 Veto letter Coalition committee letter
SB 627 Smallwood-Cuevas	<p>Onerous Return to Work Mandate: Imposes an onerous and stringent process to hire employees based on seniority alone for nearly every industry, including hospitals, retail, restaurants, and movie theaters, which will delay hiring and eliminates contracts for at-will employment</p>	Oppose	Coalition Committee Letter SB 627 Veto Letter
SB 674 Gonzalez	<p>Air pollution: refineries: community air monitoring systems: fence-line monitoring systems.</p>	Oppose	
SB 723 Durazo	<p>Onerous Return to Work Mandate: Unnecessarily extends sunset on COVID-19 specific law that created an onerous and stringent process for specific employers to return employees to the workforce for specified industries, including hotels and restaurants that have been disproportionately impacted by this pandemic.</p>	Oppose	Coalition Committee Letter
SB 799 Portantino	<p>Increased Unemployment Insurance Taxes to Subsidize Striking Workers. SB 799 will allow striking workers to claim UI benefits when they choose to strike. Because the UI Fund is paid for entirely by employers, SB 799 will effectively add more debt onto California employers. Moreover, SB 799 will effectively force employers to subsidize strikes at completely un-related businesses because the UI Fund's debt adds taxes for all employers, regardless of whether they've had a strike.</p>	Oppose	signed-on to opposition letter
AB 524 Wicks	<p>Expansion of Litigation Under FEHA. Exposes employers to costly litigation under the Fair Employment and Housing Act by asserting that any adverse employment action was in relation to the employee's family caregiver status, which is broadly defined to include any employee who provides direct care of any person of their choosing and creates a de facto accommodation requirement that will burden small businesses.</p>	Oppose	AB 524 Coalition Letter Veto letter
AB 838 Connolly	<p>California Water Affordability and Infrastructure Transparency Act of 2023.</p>	Support	GAP Action item Cal Water, seeking support, Fact sheet

AB 1156 Bonta	Workers' compensation presumption: hospital employees. Expands Costly Presumption of Injury. Significantly increases workers' compensation costs for public and private hospitals by presuming certain diseases and injuries are caused by the workplace and establishes an extremely concerning precedent for expanding presumptions into the private sector.	Oppose	Position Letter
AB 1228 Holden	Franchise Joint Liability: Originally created joint liability between franchisee and franchisor, destroying franchise model in California. Opposition removed due to September 11, 2023, amendments removing joint liability provision and phasing in certain minimum wage increases.	Oppose	Dial-In Public Comment at Senate Judiciary Committee. Testified.
SBX1 2 Skinner	Windfall Profits Tax. Sets an arbitrary cap on the amount of profits that a refiner operating in the state of California can earn over a quarterly basis. This measure would further diminish supply, discourages operational efficiencies, and would limit the amount of capital a refiner could reinvest into their infrastructure to support California's long-term climate goals.	Oppose	Coalition letter GAP presentation from Torrance Refining Company
ACA 1 Aguiar-Curry	Lowers Voter Threshold to Increase Property Taxes. Overbroad constitutional amendment lowers voter approval threshold from two-thirds to 55% to increase taxes for affordable housing and public infrastructure, thereby providing increased tax authority for every government agency in California—not just cities and counties, but thousands of potentially overlapping special districts.	Oppose	Senate Outreach
ACA 13 Ward	Increases Voter Threshold for Taxpayer Protections. Aims to amend the California Constitution as to require a higher voter approval requirement for citizen-proposed ballot initiatives that seek to increase protections for adoption of new taxes but does not impose that same voting threshold burden for tax increases placed on the ballot by the Legislature or local governments.	Oppose	Coalition letter