

# LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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Subject and Bill	Status	Position
<b>SB 1070 (Padilla D) Health care district: County of Imperial.</b> Would circumvent the existing local process.	SENATE CHAPTERED 9/30/2024	Oppose
<b>SB 1451 (Ashby D) Professions and vocations.</b> Makes technical changes required to enact AB 890(Wood), which allowed NP's to practice to the full scope of their education and training.	SENATE CHAPTERED 9/22/2024	Support
<b>Access to Care</b>		
<b>AB 4 (Arambula D) Covered California: expansion.</b> Would expand access to Covered California regardless of immigration status.	SENATE DEAD 8/15/2024	Support
<b>AB 412 (Soria D) Distressed Hospital Loan Program.</b> Establishes an emergency loan program for hospitals that are in immediate financial distress.	SENATE DEAD 8/31/2024	Support
<b>AB 2339 (Aguilar-Curry D) Medi-Cal: telehealth.</b> Expands access to telehealth services by allowing the use of asynchronous telehealth to establish a new patient relationship when related to sensitive services or when requested by the patient.	ASSEMBLY VETOED 9/20/2024	Support
<b>AB 3063 (McKinnor D) Pharmacies: compounding.</b> Clarifies that the addition of a flavoring agent to enhance the palatability of a prescription does not constitute compounding.	ASSEMBLY VETOED 9/27/2024	Support
<b>AB 3129 (Wood D) Health care system consolidation.</b> Would require specified health care transactions to be approved by the Attorney General (AG).	ASSEMBLY VETOED 9/28/2024	Neutral
<b>SB 282 (Eggman D) Medi-Cal: federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics.</b> This bill would allow Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHCs) and Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) to bill Medi-Cal for two visit if a patient is provided mental health services on the same day they receive other medical services.	ASSEMBLY DEAD 8/15/2024	Support
<b>Community Health</b>		
<b>SB 1269 (Padilla D) Safety net hospitals.</b> Creates a new statutory definition for safety net hospital.	SENATE DEAD 5/2/2024	Support if Amended
<b>Emergency, Pandemic &amp; Disaster Preparedness</b>		
<b>AB 296 (Rodriguez D) Office of Emergency Services: 9-1-1 Public Education Campaign.</b> Establishes the 911 Public Education Campaign to educate the public on when it's appropriate to call 9-1-1 for assistance.	SENATE DEAD 8/15/2024	Support
<b>AB 1168 (Bennett D) Emergency medical services (EMS): prehospital EMS.</b> Fractures the delivery of emergency medical services.	ASSEMBLY VETOED 9/28/2024	Oppose
<b>Finance</b>		
<b>AB 412 (Soria D) Distressed Hospital Loan Program.</b> Establishes an emergency loan program for hospitals that are in immediate financial distress.	SENATE DEAD 8/31/2024	Support
<b>AB 2098 (Garcia D) California Health Facilities Financing Authority Act: nondesignated hospitals: loan repayment.</b> Would extend the repayment period for the bridge loans provided to district and municipal hospitals in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2021-22 and 2022-23.	ASSEMBLY VETOED 9/28/2024	Support
<b>AB 3275 (Soria D) Health care coverage: claim reimbursement.</b> Would expedite claim payments for small and rural, critical access and distressed providers and increases penalties for delayed payments	ASSEMBLY CHAPTERED 9/27/2024	Support
<b>SB 112 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review) Distressed Hospital Loan Program.</b> Would establish the Distressed Hospital Loan Program.	ASSEMBLY DEAD 8/31/2024	Support
<b>Labor Relations</b>		

<b>AB 1577 (Low D) Health facilities and clinics: clinical placements: nursing.</b> Would require a general acute care hospital, to provide clinical placements for postsecondary educational students enrolled in an approved school of nursing or an approved program of nursing education.	ASSEMBLY CHAPTERED 9/27/2024	Oppose unless Amended
<b>SB 399 (Wahab D) Employer communications: intimidation.</b> Would prohibit employer speech regarding religious and political matters, including unionization.	SENATE CHAPTERED 9/27/2024	Oppose
<b>Local Government</b>		
<b>AB 817 (Pacheco D) Open meetings: teleconferencing: subsidiary body.</b> Authorizes local boards, commissions, subcommittees, etc. to meet remotely.	SENATE DEAD 7/2/2024	Support
<b>AB 2404 (Lee D) State and local public employees: labor relations: strikes.</b> Would declare the acts of sympathy striking and honoring a strike line a human right and, thereby, disallow provisions in public employer policies or collective bargaining agreements going forward that would limit or prevent an employee's right to sympathy strike.	ASSEMBLY DEAD 5/16/2024	Oppose
<b>AB 2489 (Ward D) Local agencies: contracts for special services and temporary help.</b> Would require local agencies – at least 10 months prior to a procurement process to contract for special services that are currently or in the past 10 years provided by a member of an employee organization – to notify the employee organization affected by the contract of its determination to begin a procurement process.	ASSEMBLY DEAD 5/16/2024	Oppose
<b>AB 2557 (Ortega D) Local agencies: contracts for special services and temporary help: performance reports.</b> Would require local agencies – at least 10 months prior to a procurement process to contract for special services that are currently or in the past 10 years provided by a member of an employee organization – to notify the employee organization affected by the contract of its determination to begin a procurement process.	SENATE DEAD 8/15/2024	Oppose
<b>AB 2561 (McKinnor D) Local public employees: vacant positions.</b> Requires a local agencies with bargaining unit vacancy rates exceeding 10% for more than 180 days (approximately 6 months) to produce, implement, and publish a plan to reduce their vacancy rates to 0% within the subsequent 180 days and further requires the public agency to present this plan during a public hearing to the governing legislative body and to publish the plan on its internet website for public review for at least one year.	ASSEMBLY CHAPTERED 9/22/2024	Oppose
<b>SB 532 (Wiener D) Parking payment zones.</b> Amends the local ballot label issue created by AB 195 (Obernolte) in 2017.	SENATE CHAPTERED 9/28/2024	Support
<b>SB 1034 (Seyarto R) California Public Records Act: state of emergency.</b> Amends the definition of “unusual circumstances,” in the California Public Records Act (PRA) to include the need to respond to a PRA request during a state of emergency.	SENATE CHAPTERED 7/18/2024	Support
<b>SB 1439 (Ashby D) Surplus Land Act: exempt surplus land: health facilities: City of Sacramento.</b> Expands the definition of “exempt surplus land” to include land intended for the development of health facilities.	ASSEMBLY DEAD 7/2/2024	Support
<b>Public Works &amp; Facilities</b>		
<b>AB 869 (Wood D) Hospitals: seismic safety compliance.</b> Would offer relief to qualifying small, rural, and public district hospitals with regard to meeting the Hospital Seismic Safety Act 2030 deadline.	ASSEMBLY CHAPTERED 9/28/2024	Support
<b>AB 2975 (Gipson D) Occupational safety and health standards: workplace violence prevention plan: hospitals.</b> Requires hospitals to install and monitor metal detectors at hospital entrances, as specified.	ASSEMBLY CHAPTERED 9/27/2024	Neutral
<b>Workers' Compensation</b>		
<b>AB 2337 (Dixon R) Workers' compensation: electronic signatures.</b> Would allow documents that require a signature to be filed with an “electronic signature,” defined as an electronic sound, symbol, or process attached to or logically associated with an electronic record and executed or adopted by a person with the intent to sign the electronic record, where the electronic signature is attributable to the person, as specified, subject to specified restrictions or requirements.	ASSEMBLY CHAPTERED 9/22/2024	Support
<b>SB 636 (Cortese D) Workers' compensation: utilization review.</b> Requires any psychologist or physician who conducts UR to be licensed in California and would also require them to “have the same duty of care to an employee as a treating physician”.	SENATE VETOED 9/20/2024	Neutral
<b>Workforce</b>		
<b>SB 895 (Roth D) Community colleges: Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program.</b> Creates a pilot program that would allow community colleges to confer a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree at a set number of community colleges.	SENATE VETOED 9/27/2024	Support
<b>SB 1042 (Roth D) Health facilities and clinics: clinical placements: nursing.</b> Creates new data reporting requirements and prioritization based on educational institution for clinical placement slots in hospitals and clinics.	ASSEMBLY DEAD 8/15/2024	Neutral