

VOTE RECORD 2017

This report for the first year of the 2017–2018 legislative session focuses on California legislators’ floor votes highlighting North Orange County and California Chamber of Commerce priority bills. This report was compiled in response to numerous requests by member firms that would like a gauge by which to measure the performance of their legislators.

PRIORITY BILLS

HEALTH CARE COSTS

SB 349 (Lara; D-Bell Gardens) Increases Health Care Costs. Increases health care costs by setting dialysis clinic staffing ratios to the most stringent in the country and mandating transition times between patients leading to patient access issues with no clear evidence of clinical benefit to dialysis patients. Passed Senate, 24-15. Held in Assembly Inactive File. Chamber Opposed.

SB 562 (Lara; D-Bell Gardens) Government-Run Health Care. Penalizes responsible employers and individuals and results in significant new taxes on all Californians and California businesses by creating a new single-payer government run, multibillion-dollar health care system financed by an unspecified and undeveloped “revenue plan.” Passed Senate, June 1, 23-14. Held at Assembly Desk, June 1. Chamber Opposed/Job Killer.

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

AB 168 (Eggman; D-Stockton) Exposure to Litigation. Exposes employers to costly litigation for inquiring into an applicant’s prior salary or failing to provide a pay scale upon demand, even though the employee has not suffered any harm or wage loss as a result of the violation. Passed Senate, 27-10. Assembly concurred in Senate amendments, 57-15. Chaptered. Chamber Opposed.

AB 569 (Gonzalez Fletcher; D-San Diego) Pregnancy Discrimination. Creates a new mandate in the Labor Code, prohibiting employers from taking any adverse employment action against an employee due to the employee’s use of various medical options for reproductive health, even though the Fair Employment and Housing Act currently provides these protections to employees, thereby creating inconsistencies and confusion amongst employers with regard to interpretation and enforcement of these competing provisions. Passed Senate, 27-13. Assembly concurred in Senate amendments, 55-20. Vetoed. Chamber Opposed.

AB 1209 (Gonzalez Fletcher; D-San Diego) Public Shaming of Employers. Imposes new data collection mandate on California

employers to collect and report data to the Secretary of State regarding the difference in mean and median salaries of men and women in the same job title and job description, determine which employees perform “substantially similar” work, and then have that report posted on a publicly accessible website, where such employers will receive undue scrutiny and criticism for wage disparity that is not unlawful and justified by a bona fide factor. Passed Senate, 23-13. Assembly concurred in Senate amendments, 47-23. Vetoed. Chamber Opposed/Job Killer.

AB 1565 (Thurmond; D-Richmond) Significant Cost Increase on Employers and Costly Litigation. Unnecessarily accelerates the minimum salary threshold for exempt employees, which will significantly increase costs, especially on small employers who currently have a delayed increase under the current minimum wage scheduled increases. Passed Assembly, 53-27. Held in Senate Inactive File. Chamber Opposed.

SB 63 (Jackson; D-Santa Barbara) 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. Passed Assembly, 51-15. Senate concurred in Assembly amendments, 25-13. Chaptered. Chamber Opposed/Job Killer.

WORKERS COMPENSATION

AB 570 (Gonzalez Fletcher; D-San Diego) Apportionment to Pre-existing Disability. Violates the fundamental agreement between worker and employers by requiring employers to compensate injured workers for disability that has not, with medical certainty, resulted from a workplace injury. Passed Assembly, 61-15. Passed Senate. Vetoed. Chamber Opposed.

PRIVACY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

AB 1513 (Kalra; D-San Jose) Licensee Private Information. Inappropriately makes the contact information for all home healthcare licensees available to labor organizations for the stated purpose of unionizing. Passed Senate, 21-16. Assembly concurred in Senate amendments, 49-28. Vetoed. Chamber Opposed.

SB 649 (Hueso; D-San Diego) 5G Wireless Rollout. Maintains California’s leading edge of new technology by providing more uniform permit cost and procedure for 5G small cell installation in public rights of way. Passed Assembly, 46-16. Senate concurred in Assembly amendments, 22-10. Vetoed. Chamber Supported

VOTE RECORD: OC LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION

KEY ■ Voted with Chamber Position ■ Voted Against Chamber Position Not Voting — Absent

	Health Care Costs		Labor & Employment					Workers Compensation	Privacy & Telecommunications	Housing & Land Use	Contracting Out				
	SB 349 Dialysis Clinics	SB 562 Single Payer	AB 168 Salary History	AB 569 Discrimination	AB 1209 Public Shaming	AB 1565 Salary Threshold	SB 63 New Leave Mandate	AB 570 Disability Apportionment	AB 1513 Licensee Information	SB 649 Wireless Rollout	AB 890 Local Initiatives	AB 1250 Contractor Process	SB 574 Workforce Goals		
Assembly Vote Record	Allen, Travis	Assembly Inactive File	■	□	■	■	■	□	■	■	■	■	■		
	Brough, Bill	Held at Assembly Desk	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		
	Chen, Phillip		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		
	Choi, Steven		■	■	■	—	■	■	—	■	■	■	□	■	
	Daly, Tom		□	■	■	□	□	□	■	■	■	□	■	■	
	Harper, Matthew		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Quirk Silva, Sharon	■		■	■	■	■	□	■	■	■	■	■	■		
Senate Vote Record	Bates, Patricia	■	■	□	■	■	Senate Inactive File	■	■	■	■	■	In Senate Rules Committee	■	
	Mendoza, Tony	■	■	■	■	■		■	■	■	□	■		■	■
	Moorlach, John	■	■	■	■	■		■	■	■	□	■		■	■
	Newman, Josh	■	■	■	■	□		■	■	■	□	■		■	■
	Nguyen, Janet	■	■	□	■	■		□	■	■	■	■		■	■

HOUSING AND LAND USE

AB 890 (Medina; D-Riverside) Outlaws Certain Local Land Use Initiatives. Eliminates Californians’ local initiative power to pursue changes in land use by giving exclusive authority to city councils and county board of supervisors to adopt or amend land use plans, change specified land use or zoning designations, or allow more intensive land uses within existing land use or zoning designations. Passed Senate, 22-15. Assembly concurred in Senate amendments, 45-30. Vetoed. Chamber Opposed.

CONTRACTING OUT

AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer; D-South Los Angeles) Costly County Contractor Process. Imposes a cost to contractors with county contracts, subjects contractor and subcontractor employees’ private information to Public Records Act requests, and seeks to severely limit options for these counties to determine the

most appropriate solution to providing efficient and effective public service by establishing significant and costly obstacles for agencies and for vendors contracting for personal services. Passed Assembly, 45-30. Held in Senate Rules Committee. Chamber Opposed.

SB 574 (Lara; D-Bell Gardens) Jeopardizes State Workforce Goals. Unnecessarily impedes the ability of the University of California (UC) to use its restricted state funding in the most efficient manner possible to continue expanding enrollment without compromising on the quality of the education it provides or substantially increasing the state’s General Fund contribution by placing unreasonable restrictions on when the UC may contract for services. Passed Assembly, 50-26. Senate concurred in Assembly amendments, 26-11. Vetoed. Chamber Opposed. 🏠