One-Size-Fits-All Bill Would Harm Businesses Throughout California

VICA opposes Assembly Bill 5 by Assemblymember Gonzalez Fletcher, which would require employers with ten or more employees to offer existing part time employees additional hours of employment prior to hiring a new employee or contractor. AB 5 does not contain a provision that would limit it to local employees, so an employer with LA and Sacramento offices would have to offer part time hours in Los Angeles to an employee located in Sacramento. The cost to demonstrate compliance is significant. AB 5 will force employers to provide benefits to formerly part time employees. AB 5 fails to account for many types of businesses such as those that need more employees for less hours rather than less employees for more hours. The bill also strips flexibility from employers who might have higher seasonal demand and will make it harder for people seeking part time work to find part time positions.

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VICA Board Supports Bill to Amend Prop 47

The VICA Board voted to support Assembly Bill 1326 by Assemblymember Cooper, a bill which will help address the problem of repeated thefts without effective penalties. In 2014, California voters passed Prop 47, which raised the threshold for a grand theft charge from $450 to $950. Theft of property with a value of less than $950 is considered a misdemeanor and results in no or very little jail time. Theft of property over a value of $950 is considered a felony and usually results in a year or more in state prison. Retail theft has increased since 2014, and this may be due to repeat offenders stealing items with a value of up to $950 with very little consequence, including multiple incidents from the same retail chain. AB 1326 would amend Proposition 47 by allowing law enforcement to aggregate the value of multiple thefts over a 12-month period so that the felony threshold is an aggregated $950 rather than $950 per incident. If passed, this issue would go to ballot measure to amend Prop 47. The VICA Board noted that the bill was in line with the intent of Prop 47 and addressed a serious concern for retailers.

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Committee Report

Manufacturing Committee (03/22)

- Eric Eide, Director of International Trade for Mayor Eric Garcetti, presented an overview of the Mayor’s Export Program and various initiatives to support local businesses and investment in Los Angeles.
- The Committee recommended to support AB 445, a Career Technical Education bill which will next be considered by the Education Committee in May.
- The Committee recommended to oppose two bills which originated in the Government Affairs Committee: AB 319, which requires plastic bottle caps to be attached to the bottle, and SB 504, which requires warning labels on foods containing synthetic food dyes.

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Education
On Wednesday, the California State University Board of Trustees voted to increase tuition as a way to fill a gap in state funding. According to officials, the increase will generate $77.5 million in crucial revenue.

Development
The Los Angeles City Council will consider a proposal Friday to demolish Parker Center and build a $480-million office tower for city employees. Los Angeles city engineers say that the mid-century building is seismically unsafe.

2024 Olympics
According to a state Legislative Analyst Office report released Thursday, Los Angeles' bid for the 2024 Olympics makes significant efforts to reduce the financial risks that have plagued prior Olympic cities.

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