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CA AB 1594	<p>AUTHOR: Williams [D] TITLE: Solid Waste: Recycling: Diversion: Green Material INTRODUCED: 02/03/2014 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: Assembly Natural Resources Committee SUMMARY: Authorizes the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, if the department makes a specified determination, to adopt regulations to provide that the use of green material as alternative daily cover or alternative intermediate cover does not constitute diversion through recycling and would be considered disposal for purposes of the Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989. STATUS: 02/14/2014 To ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES. Commentary: Deidra reviewing</p>
CA AB 1653	<p>AUTHOR: Garcia [D] TITLE: CalWORKs: Victims of Domestic Violence INTRODUCED: 02/11/2014 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: ASSEMBLY SUMMARY: Requires the State Department of Social Services to establish a standard, statewide notice and process to ensure that applicants for, or recipients of, CalWORKs aid who are past or present victims of domestic violence are not placed at further risk or unfairly penalized by program requirements, rules, or procedures. Requires a county to waive certain program requirements that make it more difficult for a victim to escape domestic violence, or unfairly penalize the victim or family. STATUS: 02/11/2014 INTRODUCED.</p>
CA SB 270	<p>AUTHOR: Padilla [D] TITLE: Solid Waste: Single-Use Carryout Bags FISCAL yes COMMITTEE: URGENCY no CLAUSE: INTRODUCED: 02/14/2013 LAST AMEND: 02/06/2014 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: Assembly Rules Committee SUMMARY: Prohibits specified stores from providing a single-use carryout bag to a customer. Requires such stores to meet other requirements regarding providing recycled paper bags and compostable bags. Imposes these prohibitions and requirements on convenience food stores, foodmarts, and certain other specified stores. Requires bags sold or provided to a store by a reusable grocery bag producer to meet specified requirements, and bag producers to provide certification. Authorizes local civil penalties.</p>

STATUS:
02/10/2014 Withdrawn from ASSEMBLY Committee on LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT.

02/10/2014 Re-referred to ASSEMBLY Committee on RULES.

Position: Support

CA SB 673

AUTHOR: DeSaulnier [D]

TITLE: **Employees' Retirement: Contra Costa County**

FISCAL yes

COMMITTEE:

URGENCY no

CLAUSE:

INTRODUCED: 02/22/2013

LAST AMEND: 01/23/2014

DISPOSITION: Pending

LOCATION: ASSEMBLY

SUMMARY:

Makes the Contra Costa County retirement system for purposes of the County Employees Retirement System. Authorizes the board of retirement to appoint an administrator and personnel as required to accomplish the work of the board. Authorizes the administrator to make appointments on its behalf. Provides these employees are employees of the retirement system and not the county. Exempts such employees from civil service provisions and merit system rules. Makes the board a public agency for certain purposes.

STATUS:

01/28/2014 In SENATE. Read third time. Passed SENATE. *****To ASSEMBLY. (34-0)

Commentary:

SUMMARY

SB 673 is a district bill to designate the Contra Costa County Employee Retirement Association (CCCERA) as the statutory employer for all purposes of staff serving at the CCCERA.

BACKGROUND

Currently, the staff serving at the CCCERA is employed by the county, as provided in Government Code section 31522.1. Since the passage in 1996 of Article XVI, section 17 of the State Constitution, which gives retirement boards plenary authority to administer retirement systems, there have been several issues regarding the county's and CCCERA's respective rights and responsibilities for these employees. This matter first arose as to the ability to establish retirement benefits for these employees. The parties litigated this issue which was resolved by the appellate decision, *Corcoran v. Contra Costa County Employees Retirement Association*(1997) 60 Cal.App.4th 89. The Corcoran decision established that CCCERA sets retirement benefits for staff serving at CCCERA. A subsequent appellate decision, *Westley v. Cal. Pub. Employees Retirement System*(2003) 105 Cal.App.4th 1095, held that Article XVI, Section 17 did not give CalPERS authority to determine staff compensation.

Against this legal backdrop, administrative issues continued to arise concerning terms and conditions of employment for the staff serving at CCCERA. In 2011, CCCERA filed a legal action to clarify the parties' respective roles and responsibilities for the staff. This case was resolved in 2013 through a court-approved settlement providing that the staff would be employed by the CCCERA directly instead of employed by the county and that the parties

would jointly seek the legislation necessary to implement this transition.

THIS BILL

SB 673 designates the CCCERA as the statutory employer for staff serving at the CCCERA. SB 673 maintains existing terms and conditions of employment for represented employees during the transition period. The County and the CCCERA jointly seek passage of this bill.

Position: Support
Priority: High
Sponsored: County Sponsored

CA SB 674

AUTHOR: Corbett [D]
TITLE: **CEQA: Exemption: Residential Infill Projects**
FISCAL yes
COMMITTEE:
URGENCY no
CLAUSE:
INTRODUCED: 02/22/2013
LAST AMEND: 01/06/2014
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
SUMMARY:

Relates to California Environmental Quality Act exemptions for residential infill projects; exempts as residential a use consisting of residential units and primary neighborhood-serving goods, services, and retail uses that do not exceed a specified percentage of the total building square footage of the project.

STATUS:

01/23/2014 In SENATE. Read third time. Passed SENATE. *****To ASSEMBLY. (33-0)

Commentary:

Consistent with State Platform policy #105

Position: Support

CA SB 803

AUTHOR: DeSaulnier [D]
TITLE: **Counties: Consolidation of Offices**
FISCAL yes
COMMITTEE:
URGENCY no
CLAUSE:
INTRODUCED: 02/22/2013
LAST AMEND: 01/06/2014
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
SUMMARY:

Authorizes Contra Costa County to, by ordinance, appoint the public administrator to the board of supervisors, appoint the same person to the office of the public administrator and public guardian, and separate the consolidated offices of district attorney and public administrator.

STATUS:

01/21/2014 In SENATE. Read third time. Passed SENATE. *****To ASSEMBLY. (31-1)

Sponsored: County Sponsored

CA SB 837

AUTHOR: Steinberg [D]
TITLE: **Schools: Transitional Kindergarten**
FISCAL yes
COMMITTEE:
URGENCY no
CLAUSE:
INTRODUCED: 01/06/2014
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Senate Education Committee
SUMMARY:

Creates the Kindergarten Readiness Act of 2014. Requires each school district or charter school that offers kindergarten to offer transitional kindergarten. Requires a child that meets specified minimum age requirements to be admitted. Authorizes the average daily attendance of a school district to include the average daily attendance of pupils enrolled. Specifies teacher requirements. Requires informing the public of such kindergarten programs. Authorizes contracting with private local providers.

STATUS:
01/23/2014 To SENATE Committee on EDUCATION.
Position: Support

CA SB 942

AUTHOR: Vidak [R]
TITLE: **Special Elections**
FISCAL yes
COMMITTEE:
URGENCY yes
CLAUSE:
INTRODUCED: 02/04/2014
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: SENATE
SUMMARY:

Provides that expenses authorized and necessarily incurred on or after and before specified dates for elections proclaimed by the Governor to fill a vacancy in the office of Senator or Member of the Assembly, or to fill a vacancy in the office of United States Senator or Member of the United States House of Representatives, shall be paid by the state.

STATUS:
02/04/2014 INTRODUCED.
Position: Support

CA SB 963

AUTHOR: Torres [D]
TITLE: **Elections: Payment of Expenses**
INTRODUCED: 02/06/2014
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: SENATE
SUMMARY:

Provides that expenses authorized and necessarily incurred for elections proclaimed by the Governor to fill a vacancy in the office of Senator or Member of the Assembly, or to fill a vacancy in the office of United States Senator or Member of the United States House of Representatives, shall be paid by the state. Requires the state to pay only those additional expenses directly related to an election.

STATUS:

	02/06/2014	INTRODUCED.
	Position:	Support
CA SB 1014	AUTHOR:	Jackson [D]
	TITLE:	Pharmaceutical Waste: Home-Generated
	INTRODUCED:	02/13/2014
	DISPOSITION:	Pending
	LOCATION:	SENATE
	SUMMARY:	
		Enacts the Home-Generated Pharmaceutical Waste Collection Disposal Act. Requires a producer of covered pharmaceuticals to submit to the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery a product stewardship plan. Authorizes producers to submit a plan or designate a stewardship organization to act as an agent on behalf of the producers to submit a plan. Requires the plan to contain elements with regard to the collection and disposal of home-generated pharmaceutical waste. Authorizes violation penalties.
	STATUS:	
	02/13/2014	INTRODUCED.
	Position:	Support. Sending letter; consistent with Platform.

Water Bills 2014

CA AB 1331	AUTHOR:	Rendon [D]
	TITLE:	Climate Change Response for Clean and Safe Water
	FISCAL	yes
	COMMITTEE:	
	URGENCY	no
	CLAUSE:	
	INTRODUCED:	02/22/2013
	LAST AMEND:	01/07/2014
	DISPOSITION:	Pending
	LOCATION:	Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee
	SUMMARY:	
		Repeals the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012; Enacts the Clean and Safe Drinking Water Act of 2014, which, if adopted by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in a specified amount pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a clean and safe drinking water program.
	STATUS:	
	01/07/2014	From SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER with author's amendments.
	01/07/2014	In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER.
	Position:	Watch
CA AB 1671	AUTHOR:	Frazier [D]
	TITLE:	Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta:Water Conveyance System
	INTRODUCED:	02/12/2014
	DISPOSITION:	Pending
	LOCATION:	ASSEMBLY
	SUMMARY:	

Prohibits the Department of Water Resources from constructing water facilities as part of a specified water conveyance system unless specifically authorized by the Legislature.

STATUS:

02/12/2014 INTRODUCED.

Position: Support

CA SB 848

AUTHOR: Wolk [D]

TITLE: **Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality, and Water Supply**

INTRODUCED: 01/09/2014

LAST AMEND: 02/12/2014

DISPOSITION: Pending

COMMITTEE: Senate Environmental Quality Committee

HEARING: 02/19/2014 9:30 am

SUMMARY:

Repeals the provisions of existing law that created the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012. Enacts the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality, and Flood Protection Act of 2014 which would authorize the issuance of bonds pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a safe drinking water, water quality, and water supply program.

STATUS:

02/19/2014 From SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY: Do pass as amended to Committee on GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE.

Position: Support

CA SB 920

AUTHOR: Galgiani [D]

TITLE: **Planning and Zoning: Flood Protection**

INTRODUCED: 01/28/2014

DISPOSITION: Pending

LOCATION: Senate Governance and Finance Committee

SUMMARY:

Amends the Planning and Zoning Law that defines adequate progress as meaning that, among other conditions being met, the total project scope, schedule, and cost of the completed flood protection system have been developed to meet the appropriate standard of protection. Revises the definition of adequate progress to include the critical features of the flood protection system being planned and designed or under construction and the completion of a levee safety plan.

STATUS:

02/06/2014 To SENATE Committee on GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE.

Commentary:

San Joaquin County supports; staff is reviewing