

UCC Bill List – 2015
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AB 45 (Mullin) – Household Hazardous Waste

This bill would require each jurisdiction that provides for the residential collection and disposal of solid waste to increase the collection and diversion of household hazardous waste in its service area on or before July 20, 2020 by 15% over a baseline amount to be determined in accordance with regulations.

UCC Position: Oppose.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee – 2-year bill.

AB 57 (Quirk) – Telecommunications

This bill would provide that a sitting application for a wireless telecommunications facility is deemed approved, if the city or county fails to approve or disapprove the application within the time periods established by the commission and all required public notices have been provided regarding the application.

UCC Position: Oppose

Status: Enrolled.

AB 193 (Maienschein) – Mental Health: Conservatorship Hearings

This bill would authorize the Probate Court to recommend a Lanterman-Petris-Short Act (LPS) conservatorship to a county conservatorship officer and compel that officer to submit a report to the Probate Court within 30 days.

UCC Position: Oppose.

Status: Enrolled.

AB 243 (Wood) – Medical Marijuana

This bill would make changes regarding medical marijuana cultivation including environmental protections, local and state licensing provisions, creating a state grant program, and defining cannabis as an agricultural product. Part of a three-bill package.

UCC Position: Support.

Status: Enrolled.

AB 247 (Waldron) – Animal Control Officers

This bill would require animal control officers to complete a course in the exercise of powers of arrest as well as require continuing education requirements.

UCC Position: Oppose Unless Amended.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee – 2 year bill.

AB 259 (Dababneh) – Personal Information: privacy

This bill would require a public agency that is the source of a data breach to provide at least 12 months of appropriate identity theft protection and mitigation services at no cost to the consumer if the breach exposed, or may have exposed a person's name in combination with a social security number or driver's license number.

UCC Position: Oppose Unless Amended.

Status: Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee – 2 year bill.

AB 266 (Bonta) – Medical Cannabis

This bill would create the Bureau of Medical Marijuana within the Department of Consumer Affairs which would be the lead agency to oversee medical marijuana regulation with other state departments having designated responsibilities. This bill would establish licensing provisions by requiring a local license or permit and then a state license in order to operate. This bill includes local control provisions including the ability of counties to regulate, license, and enforce medical cannabis; drug free workplace provisions; licensing framework including limitations on the number of licenses; testing and labeling of various cannabis products; and the elimination of the cooperative model.

UCC Status: Support.

Status: Enrolled.

AB 280 (Brown) – Small Claims Court: Jurisdiction

This bill would raise the limit of small claims that a local government may submit to small claims from \$5,000 to 10,000. This bill would also eliminate the provision relating to the transfer of small claims actions where the opposing party is represented by counsel.

UCC Position: Support.

Status: Pending in the Assembly Judiciary Committee – 2 year bill.

AB 363 (Steinorth) – Ballot processing

This bill would allow county election officials to begin transporting ballots from polling places to the designated counting place prior to the polls closing.

UCC Position: Support.

Status: Enrolled.

AB 547 (Gonzalez) – Elections: Special Elections: all-mailed ballot elections

This bill would allow San Diego County or any local agency in the county to conduct a special election to fill a congressional or legislative vacancy by mail under certain conditions.

UCC Position: Support.

Status: Enrolled.

AB 823 (Bigelow) – Counties: Ordinances

This bill would make changes to the requirements for county Boards of Supervisors to provide notice of ordinances for public inspection.

UCC Position: Support.

Status: Signed, Chapter Ch. 39.

AB 851 (Mayes) – Local Government: organization: disincorporations

This bill would establish procedures for a disincorporation, which includes the city providing a written statement which certifies information regarding its indebtedness and revenues available, and provides procedures for the successor agency including land use guidelines, financial responsibilities, and other governmental procedures to ensure an orderly transition of services and responsibilities.

UCC Position: Support.

Status: Enrolled.

AB 879 (Burke) – Juveniles: Court proceedings notices

This bill would allow counties, the courts, and individuals to opt-in to an electronic notice system for notices of scheduled court hearings.

UCC Position: Support

Status: Signed, Chapter 219.

AB 971 (Chang) – Payment of Expenses

This bill would require the State to pay for all costs necessary to conduct a special election on or after January 1, 2015.

UCC Position: Support.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee – 2 year bill.

AB 1051 (Maienschein) – Human Trafficking

This bill would add human trafficking as an offense that may be used to establish a pattern of criminal gang activity.

UCC Position: Support.

Status: Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee – 2 year bill.

AB 1119 (Rendon) – Public Utilities: municipal corporations: rights of way

This bill would clarify that the term municipal corporation includes counties related to utility projects.

UCC Position: Support.

Status: Enrolled.

AB 1146 (Jones) – Skateboard Parks

This bill would extend existing provisions related to liability at skateboard parks to other wheeled recreational devices.

UCC Position: Support.

Status: Signed, Chapter 221.

AB 1193 (Eggman) – Mental Health Services: assisted outpatient treatment

This bill would remove the provision that authorized a county to elect to participate in the program and instead require each county that has not heard Laura’s Law by January 1, 2017 to conduct a hearing on the adoption of Laura’s Law by January 1, 2018.

UCC Position: Oppose Unless Amended.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee – 2 year bill.

AB 1236 (Chiu) – Electric Vehicles

This bill would require cities and counties to adopt an ordinance to create a new expedited permitting and inspection process for electric vehicle (EV) charging stations.

UCC Position: Oppose.

Status: Enrolled.

AB 1238 (Linder) – Certified copies of marriage, birth and death certificates

This bill would allow jurisdiction to provide constituents with the option to verify their identity through a secured electronic identification process when requesting their vital records. This bill also provides that any system or product used to process the electronic request and establish the requester’s identity must comply with the California Uniform Electronic Transactions Act and all other laws to guard against identity theft.

UCC Position: Support/Co-Sponsor.

Status: Pending in the Assembly Rules Committee – 2 year bill.

AB 1300 (Ridley-Thomas) – Mental Health: Involuntary Commitment

This bill would make several changes to the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act (LPS) and the protections and procedures in place for individuals who are suffering from a mental health emergency. These changes include revising when the 72-hour clock starts for involuntary holds, and allowing emergency rooms to release those in crisis earlier and without adequate evaluation by a mental health professional.

UCC Position: Oppose.

Status: Pending in the Assembly Appropriations Committee – 2-year bill.

AB 1301 (Jones-Sawyer) – Voting Rights: Preclearance

This bill would establish a state preclearance system which would require local agencies that make changes to election procedures to get approval from the Secretary of State.

UCC Position: Neutral.

Status: Enrolled.

AB 1315 (Alejo) – Public Contracts: water pollution prevention plans: delegation

This bill would prohibit a public entity, charter city, or charter county from delegating to a contractor the development of a plan, as defined, used to prevent or reduce water pollution or runoff on a public works contract.

UCC Position: Oppose.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee – 2 year bill.

AB 1335 (Atkins) – Building Homes and Jobs Act

This bill would establish a permanent source for affordable housing by assessing a \$75 fee on real estate transaction documents, excluding home sales.

UCC Position: Support if Amended.

Status: Pending on the Assembly Floor – 2 year bill.

AB 1347 (Chiu) – Public Contracts: Claims Resolution Process

This bill would establish, for contracts entered into on or after January 1, 2016, a claim resolution process applicable to all public entity contracts. The bill would require a public entity, upon receipt of a claim sent by registered mail, to review it and, within 30 days, provide a written statement addressing what parts of the claim are disputed and what parts are undisputed. The bill would require disputed parts of the claim to be subject to nonbinding mediation.

UCC Position: Neutral.

Status: Enrolled.

AB 1424 (Mullin) – Community Mental Health Board

This bill would allow a consumer of mental health services who has obtained employment with an employer as part of his or her recovery to be on the community mental health board as long as the position in which he or she has no interest, influence, or authority over any financial or contractual matter concerning the employer.

UCC Position: Support.

Status: Signed, Chapter 127.

AB 1504 (Alejo) – Elections: all mailed ballots

This bill would expand the pilot project to Monterey and Sacramento counties, which would provide more data and information to the Legislature regarding this proposed change in election procedures. Conducting elections by all-mail ballot would provide a significant cost savings as well as be more convenient for voters.

UCC Position: Support

Status: Enrolled.

SB 25 (Roth) – Local Government Finance: VLF adjustments

This bill would provide an adjustment in the amount of vehicle license fees (VLF) for those newly incorporated cities and cities with annexed properties that were impacted by SB 89.

UCC Position: Support.

Status: Enrolled.

SB 36 (Hernandez) – Medi-Cal

This bill would authorize the Director of the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to request temporary extensions to the existing Medi-Cal demonstration project.

UCC Position: Support.

Status: Enrolled.

SB 107 (Cmte on Budget) – Redevelopment

This bill would make changes to the redevelopment dissolution process, and provide local government omnibus provision to help counties including the four cities in Riverside, negative bail out, and other long-standing county finance issues.

UCC Position: Support.

SB 122 (Jackson, Hill) – CA Environmental Quality Act: record of proceedings

This bill would require the lead agency, at the request of a project applicant and consent of the lead agency, to prepare a record of proceedings concurrently with the preparation of a negative declaration, mitigated negative declaration, EIR, or other environmental document.

UCC Position: Neutral.

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee – 2 year bill.

SB 181, 182, 183 (Committee on Governance and Finance) – Validating Acts

These bills help to remedy minor errors or omissions in procedural acts of counties, cities, special districts and school districts.

UCC Position: Support.

Status: SB 181 – Signed by Governor, Ch. 4. SB 182 - Chaptered. Ch. 256.

SB 183 – Chaptered. Ch. 45.

SB 196 (Hancock) – Elder Abuse: protective orders

This bill would allow either an Adult Protective Services (APS) agency or a public conservator to file for a protective order under certain circumstances. This bill would also provide that an APS agency or public guardian may file for a protective order when an individual lacks capacity and a conservatorship is being sought.

UCC Position: Support

Status: Signed, Chaptered. Ch. 285.

SB 201 (Wieckowski) – California Public Records Act

This bill would require a court to apply the provisions of the California Public Records Act (CPRA) in certain cases involving a third party intervention.

UCC Position: Oppose Unless Amended.

Status: Pending in the Senate Judiciary Committee -- 2-year bill.

SB 237 (Anderson) – Animal Control Officers

This bill would require every person appointed as an animal control officer prior to July 1, 2016 to complete a course in the exercise of the powers of arrest and to serve warrants no later than July 1,

2017. This bill would also require every person appointed as an animal control officer to complete 40 hours of continuing education once every three years.

UCC Position: Oppose Unless Amended.

Status: Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee – 2 year bill.

SB 238 (Mitchell) – Foster Care: psychotropic medication

This bill would allow county social workers and other key parties to provide more comprehensive oversight for children in the child welfare system who are prescribed psychotropic medications.

UCC Position: Support

Status: Enrolled.

SB 266 (Block) – Flash Incarceration

This bill would authorize county probation departments to use “flash incarceration” for a person on probation or mandatory supervision.

UCC Position: Support.

Status: Pending in the Assembly Public Safety Committee – 2 year bill.

SB 272 (Hertzberg) – The California Public Records Act: local agencies: inventory

This bill would require local agencies to create a catalog of enterprise systems including system name and vendor name for all data systems.

UCC Position: Neutral.

Status: Enrolled.

SB 321 (Beall) – Motor Vehicle Fuel Taxes: rates: adjustments

This bill would provide for a smoothing process related to the Board of Equalization’s (BOE) annual adjustment of the price of gas excise tax.

UCC Position: Support.

Status: Inactive File – 2 year bill.

SB 331 (Mendoza) – Public Contracts: Negotiations

This bill would require cities and counties that have adopted a Civic Openness in Negotiations (COIN) ordinance to comply with specified disclosure requirements regarding contract negotiations with private entities.

UCC Position: Oppose.

Status: Enrolled.

SB 364 (Leno) – Residential Real Property: withdrawal of accommodations

This bill would allow San Francisco to prohibit, by ordinance or ballot measure, a rental housing owner from removing a building from the market pursuant to the Ellis Act unless all owners in the property have held their ownership interest for at least five years.

UCC Position: Support

Status: Failed in the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee on April 15, 2015 -- 2-year bill.

SB 478 (Huff) – Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act: mandated reporters: pilot program

This bill would authorize certain county welfare agencies to develop a pilot program for Internet-based reporting of child abuse and neglect.

UCC Position: Support.

Status: Enrolled.

SB 512 (Hill) – Criminal History Information: Health Services Personnel

This bill would allow local criminal justice agencies to provide summary criminal history information to city and county health services personnel who are engaged in efforts to identify and treat individuals who have alcohol abuse, substance abuse, or mental health issues for the purpose of providing assessment treatment, rehabilitation or other health care to those individuals.

UCC Position: Support.

Status: Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee – 2 year bill.

SB 604 (Hall) – CA Insurance Guarantee Association: Definitions

This bill would clarify existing law to provide that self-insured government entities are not liable for the workers' compensation benefits for employees of contracted temporary service agencies when their insurer becomes insolvent.

UCC Position: Support.

Status: Pending in the Senate Insurance Committee -- 2 year bill.

SB 614 (Leno) – Medi-Cal: mental health services

This bill would establish a Peer and Family Support Specialist Certification Program to be administered by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS).

UCC Position: Support

Status: Assembly Inactive File – 2 year bill.

SB 643 (McGuire) – Medical Marijuana

This bill is part of a three bill package on medical marijuana. This bill would provide that the Department of Consumer Affairs would have the sole authority to create, issue, renew, discipline, suspend or revoke licenses for the transportation, distribution and sale of medical marijuana within the state. This bill would provide that the Department of Food and Agriculture would have the authority over licenses related to cultivation of medical cannabis. This bill also includes county taxing authority, local control provisions related to the ability to regulate and license, and the ability for local jurisdictions to assess fees and taxes.

UCC Position: Support.

Status: Enrolled.

SBx1 1 (Beall) – Transportation Funding

This bill would provide funding to transportation by increasing various taxes to fund transportation and providing funding to both the state and local systems.

UCC Position: Support.

Status: Pending in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

SCAx1 1 (Huff) - Transportation

This measure would prohibit the Legislature from borrowing revenues from fees and taxes imposed by the state on vehicles or their use of operation and from those revenues.

UCC Position: Support.

Status: Pending in the Senate Appropriations.

SCA 8 (Mendoza) – Charter Counties: BOS: Redistricting

This bill would provide that in a county with a population of two million, beginning with the 2020 United States Census, the county charter must provide that the governing body consist of seven or more members. In addition, the expenditures for the governing body and its staff may not exceed the amount provided in previous fiscal years. This bill would also require that a county charter provides that Supervisors must reside within the district that they are elected to represent, on or after January 1, 2021.

UCC Position: Oppose Unless Amended.

Status: Failed on the Senate Floor – 2 year bill.