



Agenda

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

April 10, 2023
1:00 P.M.

1025 Escobar Street, Room 110A
Martinez, CA 94553
or
District III Office
3361 Walnut Boulevard, Suite 140
Brentwood, CA 94513

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Supervisor Ken Carlson, Chair
Supervisor Diane Burgis, Vice Chair

Agenda Items:

Items may be taken out of order based on the business of the day and preference of the Committee

1. Introductions
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Persons who wish to address the Legislation Committee during public comment on matters within the jurisdiction of the Legislation Committee that are not on the agenda, may comment in person, via Zoom, or via call-in. All public comments will be limited to three minutes.
3. **RECEIVE and APPROVE the Record of Action for the March 13, 2023 meeting of the Legislation Committee, with any necessary corrections.**
4. **RECEIVE a report on federal matters of interest to the County and PROVIDE direction to staff and the County's federal lobbyists, as needed.**
5. **DISCUSS the County's sponsored state bills and its advocacy priorities and PROVIDE direction to staff and the County's state lobbyists, as needed.**
6. **CONSIDER policy recommendations for the County's State and Federal Legislative Platforms from the County Clerk-Recorder and Registrar of Voters, Kristin Connelly, and provide direction, as needed.**
7. The next meeting is currently scheduled for Monday, May 8, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.
8. **Adjourn**

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Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors

Subcommittee Report

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

3.

Meeting Date: 04/10/2023
Subject: Record of Action for Legislation Committee Meeting
Submitted For: LEGISLATION COMMITTEE,
Department: County Administrator
Referral No.: 2023-08
Referral Name: Record of Action
Presenter: L. DeLaney **Contact:** L. DeLaney, (925) 655-2057

Referral History:

County Ordinance requires that each County body keep a record of its meetings. Though the record need not be verbatim, it must accurately reflect the agenda and the discussions made in the meetings.

Referral Update:

Attached for the Committee's consideration is the draft Record of Action for its March 13, 2023 meeting.

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

Staff recommends APPROVAL of the Record of Action for the March 13, 2023 meeting of the Legislation Committee.

Attachments

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LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

RECORD OF ACTION FOR
March 13, 2023

Supervisor Ken Carlson, Chair
Supervisor Diane Burgis, Vice Chair

Present: Ken Carlson, Chair
Diane Burgis, Vice Chair

Staff Present: Lara DeLaney, Senior Deputy County Administrator, staff to Committee; Colleen Awad, Senior District Rep., D. 4

Attendees: See Attachment

1. Introductions

Chair Carlson convened the meeting of the Legislation Committee at 1:07 p.m., introducing himself. Vice Chair Burgis introduced herself and noted staff and attendees would introduce themselves as needed.

2. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to three minutes).

Public comment was offered by Call_in_user_1, who expressed that certain bills needed more technical expertise and analysis. The caller suggested that the pro's and con's of the legislation needed greater consideration and expertise.

3. Staff recommends APPROVAL of the Record of Action for the February 6, 2023 meeting of the Legislation Committee.

The Record of Action was approved as presented.

AYE: Chair Ken Carlson
Vice Chair Diane Burgis

4. ACCEPT the report on the State budget and State Bills of Interest to Contra Costa County and provide direction and/or input to staff and the County's state lobbyists as needed.

Staff provided a brief recap of the staff report. The County's state lobbyists noted they were working with the County's Sustainability Coordinator, Jody London, on SB 511 (Blakespear), one of the County's sponsored bills. The bill was expected to be heard in Senate Environmental Quality Committee on 3/29 (although it was not). Ms. London was expected to be a primary witness for the bill. With regard to AB 592 (Wilson), the County's sponsored bill related to illegal dumping, the bill only recently became eligible for referral to Committee (and was subsequently referred to Assembly Local Government). A meeting was scheduled with staff and the lobbyists for later in the week to discuss possible bill amendments. Public comments from Call_in_user 1 included preference for freedom of choice and helping people to make their own choices.

AYE: Chair Ken Carlson
Vice Chair Diane Burgis

5. CONSIDER recommending a position of "Support" to the Board of Supervisors on SB 287 (Skinner) and directing staff to place the item on a Board of Supervisors agenda on Consent for consideration.

Vice Chair Burgis presented the item, noting she had been approached for support. She had reached out to the Health Department for their input, and Dr. Tzvieli was "strongly" supportive of the bill and would be present to address the Committee. Dr. Tzvieli noted that social media accounts are not "free" because you/your information is the product being sold. The algorithms used by social media platforms were designed to keep people on their screens, leaving less time for family, hobbies and exercise, and providing more opportunity for bullying. He added that due to the increasing number of fentanyl related deaths in the U.S., there were many reasons for Health Services to be concerned. Vice Chair Burgis agreed with the caller about the benefits of personal freedom but noted that not everyone has parents who can promote good health. These platforms can lead to mental health challenges for youth, can affect academics and inter-personal relationships. Chair Carlson agreed that there was targeting through algorithms on these platforms and indicated he was strongly supportive. Vice Chair Burgis added that this effort was not just symbolic but an attempt to participate in solutions to mental health and behavioral health issues, such as substance abuse.

AYE: Chair Ken Carlson
Vice Chair Diane Burgis

6. RECOMMEND to the Board of Supervisors a position on AB 817 (Pacheco) or find the bill consistent with the Board's adopted 2023-24 State Platform.

The County's lobbyist, Geoff Neill, provided a recap of the bills introduced thus far related to the Brown Act, noting that AB 817 was co-authored by a member of our delegation, Assemblymember Wilson. He indicated that the goal of the bill was to allow members of bodies that were not decision-makers to participate in public meetings remotely without having to publish their address on the agenda. Call_in_user1 noted that this was an "extremely important issue," but she had "ambivalent feelings," and was questioning intentions since the spirit of the Brown Act is related to transparency in government and prior to Zoom she wasn't able to know about or attend some public meetings; her challenge was now related to two standing committee meetings occurring at the same time, contending that the County didn't want transparency. Chair Carlson indicated this bill wasn't related to the notification of public meetings but participation in meetings. He indicated higher rates of participation in public meetings through COVID because of technology measures such as Zoom, noting it was often more efficient and easier for people to attend, especially those who previously had to travel across the county. Because of increased public access, he indicated the County should support the bill (AB 817). Vice Chair Burgis added that remote participation also decreases greenhouse gas emissions, another benefit of the technology improvements. AB 557 was also discussed briefly, noting it would eliminate the sunset provisions of AB 361 and extend the renewal period from 30 to 45 days. The Committee expressed support for that bill as well.

7. RECOMMEND to the Board of Supervisors a position of "Support" on AB 240 (Kalra) and DIRECT staff to place on the Board's consent agenda for action, or FIND the bill consistent with the Board's adopted 2023-24 State Legislative Platform.

Staff to the Committee provided comments from Animal Services Director, Beth Ward, who was unable to attend due to a conflict: "We are experiencing an increase of families with animals in our county that are needing support from our agency. Many people are challenged with being able to afford necessary medical care for their pets and having to consider relinquishment of their pets due to behavior issues that could have been minimized or eliminated if their pet was altered. We are beginning to see a rise in the number of dogs/cats that are coming to the shelter pregnant or with a litter already on the ground! Our shelter has a limited number of cages and kennels to hold the animals in need of help, without adequate, accessible, affordable Spay and Neuter in our county we will begin to see an increase in euthanasia of animals just due to the simple math problem of too many animals, not enough cages. This bill, AB240, will help reduce the population of pets in Contra Costa County and ultimately save more lives of the animals in our county." Vice Chair Burgis noted there is not enough funding for spay-neuter services and not enough veterinarians or vet techs to perform the work. She inquired about an estimate of the funding the bill would be expected to generate. The County lobbyist Geoff Neill added there was a nationwide shortage of veterinarians, but there were other related bills moving forward to address that problem. Call_in_user1 commented that she didn't have anything against animals but she was "really tired of paying for people with animals," and shouldn't be made to pay. The Committee noted the funding from the bill would be generated from pet food manufacturers, whose customers would ultimately pay a cost.

AYE: Chair Ken Carlson
Vice Chair Diane Burgis

8. CONSIDER recommending to the Board of Supervisors a position of "Sponsor" on AB 540 (Wicks) Social Service Transportation Improvement Act, and direct staff to send this to the Board of Supervisors for consideration on their March 21, 2023 agenda.

The County's transportation planning lead, John Cunningham, presented the item and described the goal of the legislation. He noted that outreach was still needed to local transit districts. Concerns about the revenue mechanism had been expressed and was still in development. Mr. Cunningham noted that the County's transportation lobbyist, Mark Watts, was in attendance, as was the bill sponsor, Debbie Toth from Choice in Aging. Vice Chair Burgis inquired about the issues with a \$10 fee increase. Mr. Cunningham responded that transit agencies were facing tremendous financial issues, particularly as a result of the pandemic and lost ridership, and many agencies need revenue for their own survival. Mr. Watts noted that he and Mr. Cunningham had been working on this bill concept for many years and that it was "foundationally important" to have capital funding for accessible transportation services. Chair Carlson inquired about who would potentially pay the \$10 fee. Mr. Watts explained the funding mechanism was modeled on the Vehicle License Fee, as a surcharge on vehicle registration. Vice Chair Burgis noted that eventhough this is a cost, the cost of transporting people is high though we seek a more streamlined and less expensive way. Additionally, she noted that as people age and can no longer drive, accessible transportation can provide comfort, respect, and dignity and allow people to remain living in their homes and get out to appointments and visits. She concluded that this may be an investment that returns benefits several fold. Chair Carlson noted there would be better health outcomes, resulting in lower costs to society. Debbie Toth added that when you talk about the price of transportation, you should factor in the cost of skilled nursing facilities. She commended the County for leading the way on the Accessible Transportation Plan. Call_in_user1 commented that she wanted more numbers, details, and assurances that the money raised would actually provide help to the people who need it. Vice Chair Burgis responded that this would be a fiscally responsible bill, allowing people to live independently and not require supportive housing. She invited the public to be more curious and informed, noting the bill would have a financial benefits on several fronts. She requested staff to provide bullet points to highlight fiscal benefits of the bill but indicated the County should "definitely sponsor" the bill.

AYE: Chair Ken Carlson
Vice Chair Diane Burgis

9. ACCEPT the report and provide direction/input to staff as needed.

The County's federal lobbyist, Paul Schlesinger, provided a summary of the County's efforts to submit Community Project Funding requests to our congressional delegation for their consideration. There was no public comment.

AYE: Chair Ken Carlson
Vice Chair Diane Burgis

10. The next meeting is currently scheduled for **Monday, April 10, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.**

11. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

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Legislation Committee Meeting Zoom Attendees

13-Mar-23

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Dan Peddycord

Debbie Toth (she/her) | Choice in Aging

Geoff Neill

Jim Davenport

John Cunningham# CC County

L.Raygoza# Contra Costa County

Mark Watts

Michael Kent# CCHS

Michelle Rubalcava

MONICA NINO

Ori Tzvieli (he/him)

Paul Schlesinger

Peter Myers

Ryan Hernandez

Sandra Naughton (she/her)# First 5 Contra Costa

Teresa Gerringer (she/her)



Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors

Subcommittee Report

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

4.

Meeting Date: 04/10/2023
Subject: Federal Update
Submitted For: LEGISLATION COMMITTEE,
Department: County Administrator
Referral No.: 2023-07
Referral Name: Federal Update
Presenter: Paul Schlesinger, Thorn Run Partners

Contact:

Referral History:

The Legislation Committee regularly receives reports on federal legislation and budget matters of interest to the County and provides direction to staff and the County's federal lobbyists. The County's lobbyists from Thorn Run Partners includes Mr. Paul Schlesinger, who will attend the Committee meeting via Zoom to provide additional information about the County's Community Project Funding requests and other significant federal matters.

Referral Update:

The lobbyists from Thorn Run Partners provide their clients, including Contra Costa County, a daily "Tip Sheet" that summarizes key federal matters. (With Congress out for Passover and Easter holidays, the publication of the Tip Sheet will be three days a week until the week of April 17.)

The TRP Tip Sheet

April 5, 2023

QUICK TAKES

- **CONGRESS BREAKS FOR SPRING HOLIDAYS.** House and Senate lawmakers will return for legislative business on Monday, April 17.
- **NIH LAUNCHES NATIONAL CANCER PLAN.** The NCI designed the plan to adopt the Cancer Moonshot goal of reducing cancer deaths by at least 50 percent within 25 years.
- **TREASURY TO ANNOUNCE IRS SPENDING PLAN THIS WEEK.** The Strategic Operating Plan is expected to detail enforcement, customer service, and internal infrastructure improvements, among other items.
- **CMS FINALIZES RATE ANNOUNCEMENT OF METHODOLOGICAL CHANGES FOR CY 2024 MA, PART D PAYMENT POLICIES.** Click [here](#) to view TRP's analysis of the rate announcement.

NEW TODAY...

— **NIH LAUNCHES NATIONAL CANCER PLAN.** Recently, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) published its [National Cancer Plan \(press release\)](#). Specifically, the National Cancer Institute (NCI) designed the plan to adopt the Cancer Moonshot goal of reducing cancer deaths by at least 50 percent within 25 years.

- The report is on a new National Cancer Plan [website](#) and centers around eight goals: (1) prevent cancer; (2) detect cancers early; (3) develop effective treatments; (4) eliminate inequities; (5) deliver optimal care; (6) engage every person; (7) maximize data utility; and (8) optimize the workforce.

— **TREASURY TO ANNOUNCE IRS SPENDING PLAN THIS WEEK.** Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen recently [announced](#) the forthcoming release of the Department's proposal to spend the \$80 billion funding tranche awarded by Congress to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) last year. Originally anticipated to be released in February, the Strategic Operating Plan is expected to detail enforcement, customer service, and internal infrastructure improvements, among other items.

— **CMS PROPOSES FY 2024 INPATIENT REHABILITATION FACILITY PPS UPDATES.** On April 3, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a [proposed rule](#) to update the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Prospective Payment System (PPS) and the IRF Quality Reporting Program (QRP) for fiscal year (FY) 2024. Click [here](#) to view TRP's analysis of this rulemaking.

— **CMS FINALIZES RATE ANNOUNCEMENT OF METHODOLOGICAL CHANGES FOR CY 2024 MA, PART D PAYMENT POLICIES.** Recently, CMS released its [Rate Announcement](#) of Methodological Changes for Calendar year (CY) 2024 Medicare Advantage (MA) Capitation Rates and Part C and Part D Payment Policies. Click [here](#) to view TRP's analysis of the rate announcement.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS...

— **MEDICARE TRUSTEES REPORT: SOLVENCY PROJECTIONS IMPROVE OVER 2022 REPORT.** The Medicare Board of Trustees released their annual report for Medicare's two separate trust funds: (1) the Hospital Insurance (HI) Trust Fund; and (2) the Supplementary Medical Insurance (SMI) Trust Fund. Click [here](#) to read TRP's analysis of the report.

— **CONGRESS EXAMINES RECENT BANK FAILURES WITH FINANCIAL REGULATORS.** On March 28 and 29, the Senate Banking and House Financial Services Committees (HFSC) each held hearings with Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) Chair Martin Gruenberg, Treasury Undersecretary Nellie Liang, and Federal Reserve Vice Chair for Supervision Michael Barr on the recent failures of Silicon Valley Bank (SVB) and Signature Bank. Click to view TRP's summaries of the [Banking](#) and [HFSC](#) hearings.

— **BIDEN ADMINISTRATION OUTLINES BANKING REFORM WISHLIST.** In response to the recent failures of SVB and Signature Bank, the White House [unveiled](#) a series of proposed reforms that seek to bolster certain federal banking regulations. Notable actions under consideration by the administration include:

- Raising liquidity requirements and implementing enhanced liquidity stress tests;
- Increasing the frequency of stress tests for banks under the \$250 billion systemic importance threshold;
- Bolstering capital requirements; and
- Expanding long-term debt standards, among others.

— **BECCERRA TESTIFIES ON HHS BUDGET REQUEST.** On March 28 and 29, Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra testified before the House Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce (E&C) Committees on the department's fiscal year (FY) 2024 budget request. Click to view TRP's summaries of the [Ways and Means](#) and [E&C](#) hearings.

— **GENSLER TESTIFIES ON SEC FY 2024 BUDGET REQUEST.** On March 29, Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Chair Gary Gensler testified on the SEC's FY 2024 budget request before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government (FSGG). Click [here](#) to read TRP's hearing summary.

— **HUD ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR LOCAL HOMELESS AND HOUSING PROGRAMS.** The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recently [awarded](#) \$2.8 billion in funding to state and local entities through the Continuum of Care (CoC) grant program.

- The CoC program is intended to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness and is the largest source of federal grant funding for homeless services and housing programs servicing people experiencing homelessness.
- A full list of awardees broken down by state can be found [here](#).

— **E&C EXAMINES POSSIBLE REFORMS AROUND NIL FOR STUDENT ATHLETES.** On March 29, the House E&C Subcommittee on Innovation, Data, and Commerce held a hearing to discuss possible reforms to name, image, and

likeness (NIL) policy for college athletics. Click [here](#) to read TRP's hearing summary.

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

ACCEPT the report on federal matters of interest to Contra Costa County and provide direction to staff and County lobbyists, as needed.

Attachments

No file(s) attached.



Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors

Subcommittee Report

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

5.

Meeting Date: 04/10/2023

Subject: State Legislation and Advocacy Priorities

Submitted For: LEGISLATION COMMITTEE,

Department: County Administrator

Referral No.: 2023-01

Referral Name:

Presenter: L. DeLaney and Nielsen Merksamer

Contact: L. DeLaney, (925) 655-2057

Referral History:

The Legislation Committee's April meeting is the week of the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Legislative Conference, which the Supervisors are scheduled to attend. The CSAC Legislative Conference, which includes a joint summit on homelessness with Cal Cities, policy committee meetings, county caucus meetings, and a Women's Leadership Forum breakfast, is an excellent opportunity for Contra Costa County Supervisors to meet with legislators, including the County's delegation, to advocate for our sponsored bills and key policy proposals.

Referral Update:

The start to the 2023-2024 Legislative Session was anything but slow, with a trove of 2,632 bills introduced by the February 17, 2023 bill introduction deadline. The Legislature is currently on spring break, having departed after floor sessions concluded on Thursday, March 30. Members will return to Sacramento on Monday, April 10 to face two major legislative deadlines. By Friday, April 28, all policy committees must have dispensed with bills that have a fiscal impact, and by the following Friday, May 5, committees must have taken up all non-fiscal measures. These hard deadlines make for a busy few weeks and lengthy policy committee hearings in the Legislature's days ahead.

Contra Costa County has three sponsored bills in progress at this time: [AB 592 \(Wilson\)](#), the County's illegal dumping bill; [SB 511 \(Blakespear\)](#), the bill we are co-sponsoring with [CivicWell](#) related to greenhouse gas emissions inventories; and [AB 540 \(Wicks\)](#), a bill we are co-sponsoring with [Choice in Aging](#) related to accessible transportation services. Talking Points for these and other significant policy matters are in development for the Supervisors' use at advocacy meetings with legislators during the [CSAC Legislative Conference](#) and will be discussed at the Legislation Committee meeting.
(Attachment C)

As for other measures of significant interest, the Urban Counties of California has provided its member counties with the following updates:

Highlights of High-Profile Health and Human Services Bills

SB 43 (Eggman) – Conservatorships

[SB 43](#), Senator Susan Eggman's latest attempt to change the definition of gravely disabled used for conservatorships, was heard March 29 in Senate Health Committee.

A bipartisan, bicameral group of legislators has signed on to co-author the measure. Senate Health Committee passed the measure 12-0; the Senate Judiciary Committee will hear the measure in April.

Specifically, the bill seeks to expand the definition of "gravely disabled" to also include a condition that will result in substantial risk of serious harm to the physical or mental health of a person due to a mental health disorder or a substance use disorder (SUD). The bill would define "serious harm" for purposes of these provisions to mean significant deterioration, debilitation, or illness due to a person's inability to carry out specified tasks, including, among other things, attend to needed

personal or medical care and attend to self-protection or personal safety. Finally, the bill adds language specifying that, for purposes of an expert witness in a proceeding relating to the appointment or reappointment of a conservator, the statements of a health practitioner or a social worker included in the medical record are not hearsay.

SB 43 is being co-sponsored by the Big City Mayors Coalition, the California State Association of Psychiatrists, NAMI California, and Psychiatric Physicians Alliance of California. The bill is supported by several individual cities, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, and Govern for California.

The County Behavioral Health Directors Association (CBHDA) is opposed to SB 43 on the basis that the proposed expansion of LPS is overly broad and ultimately would not benefit the clients and communities they serve. CBHDA asserts that changes would also further stigmatize behavioral health conditions and frustrate clients and the public who want to see real action to meaningfully address mental health and SUD needs. More broadly, opponents express additional concerns about involuntarily detaining and treating those with SUDs, including concerns that involuntary SUD treatment could result in overrepresentation of people of color, LGBTQ+, and other historically marginalized people being forced into more coercive treatment. CBHDA also cites a peer reviewed body of research from indicating that coerced and involuntary treatment is in fact less effective in terms of long-term substance use outcomes, and more dangerous in terms of overdose risk, and voluntary treatment is more effective. Finally, CBHDA makes the point that (1) a build out of delivery networks to support this policy change would take years and (2) to do so would require new, sustained and dedicated state resources above and beyond investments already made by the state, with a significant increase in residential and inpatient SUD treatment capacity.

A coalition of other opponents, largely comprised of disability rights as well as racial and ethnic minority group advocates, echo some of the arguments made by the behavioral health director. The coalition further argues that voluntary, community-based treatment and services, as well as the expansion of choices, rights, and liberties for people living with MH disabilities are what the state needs. The coalition encourages the Legislature to instead invest in evidence-based programs and services that are proven to meet the needs of Californians and urges the state to exercise greater oversight over local jurisdictions to ensure that unhoused people are offered and placed in appropriate affordable, accessible housing with voluntary supports. Finally, the group points out that despite recent state investments in programs like BHCIP, the infrastructure will not be available soon enough to absorb additional involuntary detentions that will result if the expanded definition of “gravely disabled” is enacted.

AB 4 (Arambula) – Covered California

AB 4, by Assembly Member Joaquin Arambula, would continue California’s efforts to expand health care coverage to all by focusing on Covered California eligibility. Specifically, AB 4 would authorize Covered California to apply for a federal waiver to allow undocumented residents to obtain coverage through the Exchange. Under the bill, undocumented individuals would be able to purchase coverage through Covered California beginning in plan year 2026. The Assembly Health Committee is hearing the bill on April 11.

SB 525 (Durazo) – Health Care Minimum Wage

SB 525, by Senator Maria Elena Durazo, would create a health care minimum wage of \$25 per hour and set a new floor for salaried health workers of \$104,000. The sponsor, SEIU State Council, has focused their messaging around the lowest wage health care workers – who are primarily women of color – and the health care workforce shortage.

Several organizations are opposing the bill or taking oppose unless amended positions, including the California Nurses Association, the California Hospital Association, the California Primary Care Association, the California Medical Association, Urban Counties of California (UCC), the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), and the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC).

SB 525 will be heard in Senate Labor Committee on April 12.

AB 1168 (Bennett) – Emergency Medical Services

AB 1168 by Assembly Member Bennett was recently amended to overturn an extensive statutory and case law record that has repeatedly affirmed county responsibility for the administration of emergency medical services and with that the flexibility to design systems to equitably serve residents throughout their jurisdiction.

AB 1168 seeks to abrogate unsuccessful legal action that attempted to challenge an agency’s .201 authorities – that is, the regulation that allows agencies that have continuously served a defined area since the 1980 EMS Act to continue serving that area as the sole provider. In the case of the City of Oxnard v. County of Ventura, the court determined that their case “would disrupt the status quo, impermissibly broaden Health and Safety Code section 1797.201’s exception in a fashion that would swallow the EMS Act itself, fragment the long-integrated emergency medical system, and undermine the purposes of the EMS Act.”

Proponents of the bill include the League of California Cities, California Fire Chiefs Association, and the California Professional Firefighters. Opponents include UCC, CSAC, RCRC, the County Health Executives Association of California, the Health Officers Association of California, ambulance providers, and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME). The Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors has taken an Oppose position on the bill.

AB 1168 is set for hearing April 11 in Assembly Health Committee.

Bills Related to 2011 Public Safety Realignment

AB 702 (Jackson) – Redirection of JJCPA Resources

[AB 702](#), by Assembly Member Corey Jackson, would redirect Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) funds, revise the composition of local Juvenile Justice Coordinating Councils (JJCC), and recast various elements of required multiagency juvenile justice plans. This measure largely mirrors previous legislative efforts – AB 1007 (Jones-Sawyer, 2020) and SB 943 (Bradford, 2021).

UCC, RCRC, and CSAC have weighed in as a coalition in opposition to this measure, primarily because of provisions that would require redirection of 95 percent of JJCPA funds, which today are – in many instances – dedicated to staffing and personnel costs that make up the backbone of our juvenile probation departments. These expenditures have been and continue to be wholly eligible and lawful under JJCPA. Most problematic about this approach is that the proposed redirection appears to ignore constitutional protections enacted under Proposition 30 (2012) that ensure certainty and stability for all programs realigned in 2011, including JJCPA. The proposal also is troubling given that counties are working diligently toward full implementation of SB 823, which shifted responsibility for the care and custody of all system-involved youth to county responsibility, and will be working to support the transition of and subsequent care for several hundred young people who will remain in the jurisdiction of the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) once all state facilities close on June 30, 2023.

This measure awaits hearing in the Assembly Public Safety Committee.

AB 1080 (Ta) – Criminal Justice Realignment (AB 109) Evaluation

[AB 1080](#), by Assembly Member Tri Ta, would require the Legislative Analyst’s Office to prepare a report – due to the Legislature by June 30, 2026 – that would evaluate results over a period of 10 years of AB 109 (2011) implementation. The bill, as recently amended, would require that the report address the following fiscal and programmatic data elements:

- Funding received by county for AB 109 implementation (i.e., funds into the local Community Corrections Subaccount) and how those funds were deployed locally;
- Details on local sentencing practices, including the use of straight sentencing, split sentencing, probation, diversion, and other custody alternatives;
- Changes to the county jail population, including any amendments to jail release policies and whether the county was subject to a court-ordered population cap;
- Information on post-release community supervision practices, including probation caseloads, responses to supervision violations, and programming and services offered; and
- Recidivism outcomes, as defined.

AB 1080 would authorize the LAO to prepare the report based on data from every county, or alternatively, a multicounty study using data from at least 15 counties representative of the state.

The measure passed the Assembly Public Safety Committee on the consent calendar and now awaits a fiscal review before the Assembly Appropriations Committee. AB 1080 is supported by the California District Attorneys’ Association, the Peace Officers Research Association of California, and more than a dozen local peace officer associations; no opposition to the bill has been recorded.

Additional Details Emerge on Governor’s MHSA Modernization and Bond Proposal

In the days following the Governor’s announcement, more details have been released regarding the Administration’s plans to modernize the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) and to seek bond funding to support behavioral health treatment capacity. Although specific language has yet to be drafted, the Governor’s Office released a [fact sheet](#), and the California Health and Human Services Agency ([CalHHS](#)) hosted a webinar as part of its initial rollout of information.

The Administration is planning for a November 2024 ballot measure that will include three primary elements:

1. Address the current shortage of nearly 6,000 behavioral health treatment beds through a \$3 to \$5 billion general obligation bond to fund behavioral health care expansion in distinct community residential settings:

- Multi-property: unlocked and community-based, campus-like settings with robust onsite supportive services.
- Cottage style: smaller residential settings with access to existing community benefits and services.
- Home-like: Permanent Supporting Housing and Scattered Site Housing, which would include home-like or single units to integrate individuals into the community and offer long-term housing stability.
- Veterans: Some unspecified portion of the bond funds would be used to address housing for homeless veterans.

2. Propose reforms to the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) of 2004 to:

- Redirect up to 30 percent annually to pay for housing and other community-based residential solutions and serve as an ongoing source of funding for new and existing housing and residential settings, with a focus on homeless individuals.
- Recast local categorical funding buckets and focus 35% of funding on Full-Service Partnerships and other services for the most seriously ill.
- Require counties to bill Medi-Cal first, prior to MHSA, for reimbursable services.
- Expand target population to include those with substance use disorders.
- Make various changes to county accountability and overall transparency, including (1) paring back the Three-Year County Plan, (2) reducing the “prudent reserve” (from 33% to 20% for large counties and 25% for small counties), and (3) moving the Mental Health Services Oversight Act Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSAOAC) under CalHHS.

3. Seek reforms to stabilize and strengthen core behavioral health systems:

- Align behavioral health benefits across all health plans.
- Increase accountability for services provided and outcomes achieved through increased reporting by county behavioral health plans.

The proposals are still in development, and the Administration will be seeking input on how various mechanisms are structured.

Attachments

Attachment A: Contra Costa County Master List of Bills

Attachment B: Contra Costa County Advocacy Letters 2023

Attachment C: Draft Talking Points

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

PROVIDE direction to staff and the County's lobbyists on state legislation and advocacy priorities.

Attachments

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Contra Costa County Master List of Bills of Interest 04/06/23

AB 13	<p>AUTHOR: Essayli [R] TITLE: Elections: Election Day Holiday: Voting by Mail FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes URGENCY CLAUSE: no INTRODUCED: 12/05/2022 LAST AMEND: 01/26/2023 DISPOSITION: Failed LOCATION: ASSEMBLY SUMMARY: Authorizes a voter to request a vote by mail ballot for any election. Authorizes a voter to apply to become a permanent vote by mail voter, in which case the voter would receive a vote by mail ballot for every election. STATUS: 03/20/2023 From ASSEMBLY Committee on ELECTIONS without further action pursuant to JR 62(a).</p>
AB 30	<p>AUTHOR: Ward [D] TITLE: Atmospheric Rivers: Research, Mitigation, and Climate FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes URGENCY CLAUSE: no INTRODUCED: 12/05/2022 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: Assembly Appropriations Committee SUMMARY: Requires the Department of Water Resources to research, develop, and implement new observations, prediction models, novel forecasting methods, and tailored decision support systems to improve predictions of atmospheric rivers and their impacts on water supply, flooding, post-wildfire debris flows, and environmental conditions. STATUS: 03/14/2023 In ASSEMBLY. Coauthors revised. 03/14/2023 From ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS. (15-0) BOS: Support ATTACHMENTS: LOS</p>
AB 52	<p>AUTHOR: Grayson [D] TITLE: Income Tax Credit: Sales and Use Taxes Paid FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes URGENCY CLAUSE: no INTRODUCED: 12/05/2022 LAST AMEND: 03/16/2023 DISPOSITION: Pending COMMITTEE: Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee HEARING: 04/17/2023 2:30 pm SUMMARY:</p>

Relates to manufacturing, research, and development equipment. Relates to the Personal Income Tax Law and the Corporation Tax Law. Allows, for a taxable year beginning on or after specified date, and before specified date, a tax credit against those taxes to a taxpayer in a specified amount.

STATUS:

03/16/2023 To ASSEMBLY Committee on REVENUE AND TAXATION.
 03/16/2023 From ASSEMBLY Committee on REVENUE AND TAXATION
 with author's amendments.
 03/16/2023 In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended.
 Re-referred to Committee on REVENUE AND TAXATION.

AB 55

AUTHOR: Rodriguez [D]
TITLE: Medi-Cal: Workforce Adjustment for Ground Ambulance
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 12/05/2022
LAST AMEND: 03/30/2023
DISPOSITION: Pending
COMMITTEE: Assembly Health Committee
HEARING: 04/18/2023 1:30 pm
SUMMARY:

Establishes, for dates of service on or after specified date, a workforce adjustment, serving as an additional payment, for each ground ambulance transport performed by a provider of medical transportation services, excluding the specified public entity providers. Varies the rate of adjustment depending on federal maximum allowances based on the point of pickup and whether the service was for an emergency or nonemergency.

STATUS:

03/30/2023 From ASSEMBLY Committee on HEALTH with author's
 amendments.
 03/30/2023 In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended.
 Re-referred to Committee on HEALTH.

AB 67

AUTHOR: Muratsuchi [D]
TITLE: Homeless Courts Pilot Program
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 12/07/2022
LAST AMEND: 03/13/2023
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Assembly Appropriations Committee
SUMMARY:

Creates the Homeless Courts Pilot Program. Requires applicant cities or counties seeking grant funds to provide a number of specified services or program components, including, but not limited to, a diversion program enabling participating defendants to have specified charges dismissed upon completion of a program, provision of temporary, time-limited, or permanent housing during the duration of the program, and a dedicated representative to assist defendants with housing needs.

STATUS:

03/21/2023 From ASSEMBLY Committee on JUDICIARY: Do pass to
 Committee on APPROPRIATIONS. (9-0)

- AB 78 **AUTHOR:** Ward [D]
TITLE: Grand Juries
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 12/15/2022
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Assembly Appropriations Committee
SUMMARY:
Requires the fee for grand jurors to be equal to 70% of the county median daily income for each day's attendance. Requires the list of grand jurors to contain the person's gender, age, race or ethnicity, and residential ZIP Code or supervisorial district of the respective counties. Requires a separate list to be published in a newspaper containing each person's name and the name of the judge who selected the jurors.
STATUS:
03/22/2023 In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: To Suspense File.
- AB 240 **AUTHOR:** Kalra [D]
TITLE: Dogs and Cats: California Spay-Neuter Fund
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 01/13/2023
LAST AMEND: 02/28/2023
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Assembly Agriculture Committee
SUMMARY:
Requires the Department of Food and Agriculture to collect, on an annual basis, a charge of a specified amount from a manufacturer of dog and cat food for each label submitted by the manufacturer to the State Department of Public Health for dog and cat food. Requires a manufacturer of dog and cat food that has less than a specified amount in verifiable gross annual sales to instead only pay a single annual charge of a specified amount to the Department of Food and Agriculture; appropriates funds.
STATUS:
03/29/2023 In ASSEMBLY Committee on AGRICULTURE: Not heard.
BOS: Support
ATTACHMENTS: [AB 240 \(Kalra\) California Spay-Neuter Fund--SUPPORT to Agriculture](#)
- AB 400 **AUTHOR:** Rubio [D]
TITLE: Local Agency Design-Build Projects: Authorization
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 02/02/2023
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Assembly Local Government Committee
SUMMARY:
Removes the repeal date of provisions authorizing local agencies to use the design-build procurement process for specified types of projects, thereby making these provisions operative indefinitely.
STATUS:
02/09/2023 To ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

BOS: Support
ATTACHMENTS: [LOS](#)

AB 482 **AUTHOR:** Wilson [D]
TITLE: Air Ambulance Services
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 02/07/2023
LAST AMEND: 03/09/2023
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Assembly Health Committee
SUMMARY:
Annually transfers a specified amount from the Aeronautics Account to the Emergency Medical Air Transportation and Children's Coverage Fund and continuously appropriates those moneys to augment Medi-Cal reimbursement for emergency medical air transportation and related costs.
STATUS:
03/09/2023 To ASSEMBLY Committee on HEALTH.
03/09/2023 From ASSEMBLY Committee on HEALTH with author's amendments.
03/09/2023 In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended.
Re-referred to Committee on HEALTH.
BOS: Support
ATTACHMENTS: [AB 482 \(Wilson\) Air Ambulance Services--SUPPORT Asm Health](#)

AB 504 **AUTHOR:** Reyes [D]
TITLE: State and Local Public Employees: Labor Relations
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 02/07/2023
LAST AMEND: 03/30/2023
DISPOSITION: Pending
COMMITTEE: Assembly Public Employment and Retirement Committee
HEARING: 04/12/2023 9:00 am
SUMMARY:
Provides that it is not unlawful or a cause for discipline or other adverse action against a State or local public employee for that employee to refuse to enter property that is the site of a primary labor dispute, perform work for an employer involved in a primary labor dispute, or go through or work behind a primary picket line. Exempts certain State or local public employees of fire departments from these provisions.
STATUS:
03/30/2023 From ASSEMBLY Committee on PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AND RETIREMENT With author's amendments.
03/30/2023 In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended.
Re-referred to Committee on PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AND RETIREMENT.

AB 505 **AUTHOR:** Ting [D]
TITLE: The Office of Youth and Community Restoration
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no

INTRODUCED: 02/07/2023
LAST AMEND: 03/23/2023
DISPOSITION: Pending
COMMITTEE: Assembly Public Safety Committee
HEARING: 04/18/2023 9:00 am
SUMMARY:

Transfers all authority, responsibilities, and duties on the Board of State and Community Corrections regarding juvenile justice to the Office of Youth and Community Restoration, including, but not limited to, conducting inspections and developing and enforcing minimum standards for local facilities. Makes conforming changes to remove references to delinquent conduct from provisions relating to the board's authority regarding the minimum standards and training for corrections and probation officers.

STATUS:

03/23/2023 To ASSEMBLY Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY.
03/23/2023 From ASSEMBLY Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY with author's amendments.
03/23/2023 In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY.

AB 540

AUTHOR: Wicks [D]
TITLE: **Social Service Transportation Improvement Act**
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 02/08/2023
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Assembly Transportation Committee
SUMMARY:

Requires the coordination, rather than the consolidation, of social service transportation services under the Social Service Transportation Improvement Act and would recharacterize consolidated transportation service agencies in the act as coordinated transportation service agencies. Authorizes a coordinated transportation service agency to review and comment on specified plans and projects relevant to its jurisdiction, and would require specified agencies to respond to the comments.

STATUS:

03/27/2023 In ASSEMBLY Committee on TRANSPORTATION: Not heard.

John Cunningham:

Sending LOS, consistent with Platform.

BOS: Support

ATTACHMENTS: [LOS](#)

AB 592

AUTHOR: Wilson [D]
TITLE: **Vehicles: Waste Hauling**
FISCAL COMMITTEE: no
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 02/09/2023
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Assembly Local Government Committee
SUMMARY:

Authorizes the County of Contra Costa and any other county to create a program to regulate nonfranchise waste hauling operations within the county.

	STATUS:	
	03/16/2023	To ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
	Commentary001:	
		Our SPONSORED bill.
	BOS:	Support
	ATTACHMENTS:	Sponsor Letter
AB 595	AUTHOR:	Essayli [R]
	TITLE:	Animal Shelters: 72-Hour Public Notice: Euthanasia
	FISCAL COMMITTEE:	yes
	URGENCY CLAUSE:	no
	INTRODUCED:	02/09/2023
	LAST AMEND:	03/21/2023
	DISPOSITION:	Pending
	COMMITTEE:	Assembly Business and Professions Committee
	HEARING:	04/11/2023 9:30 am
	SUMMARY:	
		Provides for Bowie's Law, which would require all animal shelters to provide public notice on their internet website at least a specified number of hours before euthanizing any animal and include the date that an animal is scheduled to be euthanized, with specified exceptions.
	STATUS:	
	03/21/2023	From ASSEMBLY Committee on BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS with author's amendments.
	03/21/2023	In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS.
AB 702	AUTHOR:	Jackson [D]
	TITLE:	Local Government Financing: Juvenile Justice
	FISCAL COMMITTEE:	yes
	URGENCY CLAUSE:	no
	INTRODUCED:	02/13/2023
	LAST AMEND:	03/23/2023
	DISPOSITION:	Pending
	LOCATION:	Assembly Public Safety Committee
	SUMMARY:	
		Revises and recasts required components of the multiagency juvenile justice plan to, among other things, additionally require a plan to include an assessment of existing community-based youth development services, identification and prioritization of areas of the community that are vulnerable to court system involvement due to high rates of poverty and the incarceration of at-promise youth's family members, among other things, and a description of the target population funded under these provisions.
	STATUS:	
	03/23/2023	To ASSEMBLY Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY.
	03/23/2023	From ASSEMBLY Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY with author's amendments.
	03/23/2023	In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY.
AB 730	AUTHOR:	Lowenthal [D]
	TITLE:	Public Records Act: Public Agency Employees
	FISCAL COMMITTEE:	yes

URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 02/13/2023
LAST AMEND: 03/09/2023
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Assembly Judiciary Committee
SUMMARY:

Requires an agency to promptly provide a public agency employee with written notice of a request to disclose a record related to personnel, medical, or similar information of that employee. Requires the agency, before disclosing or making those records available, to provide not less than a specified number of days written notice to the employee of its intent to disclose or make the records available. Expands the definition of unusual circumstances.

STATUS:

03/09/2023 To ASSEMBLY Committees on JUDICIARY and PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AND RETIREMENT.
03/09/2023 From ASSEMBLY Committee on JUDICIARY with author's amendments.
03/09/2023 In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on JUDICIARY.

AB 817

AUTHOR: Pacheco [D]
TITLE: **Open Meetings: Teleconferencing: Subsidiary Body**
FISCAL COMMITTEE: no
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 02/13/2023
LAST AMEND: 03/16/2023
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Assembly Local Government Committee
SUMMARY:

Relates to the Ralph Brown Act. Authorizes a subsidiary body to use alternative teleconferencing provisions similar to the emergency provisions indefinitely and without regard to a state of emergency.

STATUS:

03/16/2023 To ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
03/16/2023 From ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT with author's amendments.
03/16/2023 In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

BOS:

BOS supported on 4/4. C.47

ATTACHMENTS: [AB 817 \(Pacheco\) Open Meetings. Teleconferencing. Subsidiary Body--SUPPORT to Local Gov](#)

AB 909

AUTHOR: Hoover [R]
TITLE: Solid Waste Disposal and Codisposal Site Cleanup
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 02/14/2023
LAST AMEND: 03/30/2023
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Assembly Appropriations Committee
SUMMARY:

Authorizes the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, beginning on

specified date, and upon appropriation by the Legislature, to collect and properly manage illegally disposed hazardous waste and household hazardous waste, regardless of whether they were codisposed with nonhazardous solid waste. Requires the department to annually seek up to a specified amount from the Department of Toxic Substances Control in reimbursement for grants awarded and program costs incurred.

STATUS:

03/30/2023 In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended.
Re-referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.

AB 1090

AUTHOR: Jones-Sawyer [D]
TITLE: **County Officers: Sheriffs**
FISCAL COMMITTEE: no
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 02/15/2023
LAST AMEND: 04/04/2023
DISPOSITION: Pending
COMMITTEE: Assembly Public Safety Committee
HEARING: 04/11/2023 9:00 am
SUMMARY:

Provides for the removal of public officers for willful or corrupt misconduct in office. Authorizes the board of supervisors to remove a sheriff from office for cause, by a specified vote, after the sheriff is served with a written statement of the alleged grounds for removal and the sheriff is provided a reasonable opportunity to be heard regarding an explanation or defense at a removal proceeding. Authorizes the board of supervisors to establish procedures for a removal proceeding.

STATUS:

04/04/2023 From ASSEMBLY Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY with author's amendments.

04/04/2023 In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended.
Re-referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY.

AB 1168

AUTHOR: Bennett [D]
TITLE: **Emergency Medical Services (EMS): Prehospital EMS**
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 02/16/2023
LAST AMEND: 03/16/2023
DISPOSITION: Pending
COMMITTEE: Assembly Health Committee
HEARING: 04/11/2023 1:30 pm
SUMMARY:

Requires a city or fire district that contracted for or provided, as of specified date, prehospital EMS, to be deemed to retain its authorities regarding the prehospital EMS when a city or district enters into an agreement with a county for the joint exercise of powers regarding prehospital EMS, or that ceased to contract for, provide, or administer prehospital EMS as a result of a judicial finding, or that contracts with a county to provide prehospital EMS in areas outside of that city or district.

STATUS:

03/16/2023 To ASSEMBLY Committees on HEALTH and EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.

	03/16/2023	From ASSEMBLY Committee on HEALTH with author's amendments.
	03/16/2023	In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on HEALTH.
	BOS:	Oppose
AB 1348	AUTHOR:	Grayson [D]
	TITLE:	State Government: Controller: Claims Audits
	FISCAL COMMITTEE:	yes
	URGENCY CLAUSE:	no
	INTRODUCED:	02/16/2023
	LAST AMEND:	03/20/2023
	DISPOSITION:	Pending
	COMMITTEE:	Assembly Accountability and Administrative Review Committee
	HEARING:	04/19/2023 9:30 am
	SUMMARY:	Requires the Controller to conduct, unless prohibited by the provisions of a State ballot proposition passed by the electorate, financial and compliance audits as the Controller's office deems as necessary for purposes of ensuring that any expenditures, regardless of the source or fund from which the warrants for claims are drawn, are expended in a manner consistent with the law and the voters' intent.
	STATUS:	
	03/20/2023	From ASSEMBLY Committee on ACCOUNTABILITY AND ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW with author's amendments.
	03/20/2023	In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on ACCOUNTABILITY AND ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW.
AB 1376	AUTHOR:	Carrillo J [D]
	TITLE:	Emergency Medical Services: Liability Limitation
	FISCAL COMMITTEE:	no
	URGENCY CLAUSE:	no
	INTRODUCED:	02/17/2023
	LAST AMEND:	03/16/2023
	DISPOSITION:	Pending
	LOCATION:	Assembly Judiciary Committee
	SUMMARY:	Provides that a private provider of ambulance services, and their employees, when operating in accordance with the standards, regulations, policies, and protocols of local emergency medical services agencies, shall not be criminally or civilly liable for the continued detainment of a person when that detainment is requested by specified persons authorized to detain persons in circumstances involving the transport and continued containment of a person who requires mental health evaluation and treatment.
	STATUS:	
	03/16/2023	To ASSEMBLY Committee on JUDICIARY.
	03/16/2023	From ASSEMBLY Committee on JUDICIARY with author's amendments.
	03/16/2023	In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on JUDICIARY.

AB 1465

AUTHOR: Wicks [D]
TITLE: Nonvehicular Air Pollution: Civil Penalties
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 02/17/2023
LAST AMEND: 03/16/2023
DISPOSITION: Pending
COMMITTEE: Assembly Natural Resources Committee
HEARING: 04/17/2023 2:30 pm
SUMMARY:

Relates to the maximum civil penalties for a person who violates air pollution laws from nonvehicular sources. Triples specified civil penalties if the violation results from a discharge from a stationary source required by federal law to be included in an operating permit program established pursuant to specified provisions of the federal Clean Air Act, the stationary source is a refinery, and the discharge contains one or more toxic air contaminants, as identified by the State Air Resources Board.

STATUS:

03/16/2023 To ASSEMBLY Committees on NATURAL RESOURCES and JUDICIARY.
03/16/2023 From ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES with author's amendments.
03/16/2023 In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended.
Re-referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.

AB 1637

AUTHOR: Irwin [D]
TITLE: Local Government: Internet Websites and Email Addresses
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 02/12/2023
LAST AMEND: 03/16/2023
DISPOSITION: Pending
COMMITTEE: Assembly Local Government Committee
HEARING: 04/19/2023 1:30 pm
SUMMARY:

Requires a local agency that maintains an internet website for use by the public to ensure that the internet website utilizes a .gov top-level domain or a .ca.gov second-level domain, and requires a local agency that maintains an internet website that is noncompliant with that requirement to redirect that internet website to a domain name that does utilize a .gov or .ca.gov domain.

STATUS:

03/16/2023 To ASSEMBLY Committees on LOCAL GOVERNMENT and PRIVACY AND CONSUMER PROTECTION.
03/16/2023 From ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT with author's amendments.
03/16/2023 In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended.
Re-referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

AB 1672

AUTHOR: Haney [D]
TITLE: **In-Home Supportive Services Employer-Employee Relations**
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no

INTRODUCED: 02/17/2023
DISPOSITION: Pending
COMMITTEE: Assembly Public Employment and Retirement Committee
HEARING: 04/12/2023 9:00 am
SUMMARY:

Expands the definition of public employer to include an employer who is subject to the In-Home Supportive Services Employer-Employee Relations Act, which the bill would create. Establishes a method for resolving disputes regarding wages, benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment between the state and recognized employee organizations representing independent providers.

STATUS:

03/09/2023 To ASSEMBLY Committee on PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AND RETIREMENT.

CSAC and UCC:

flagged as hot bill

SB 43

AUTHOR: Eggman [D]
TITLE: Behavioral Health
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 12/05/2022
LAST AMEND: 03/30/2023
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Senate Judiciary Committee
SUMMARY:

Expands the definition of gravely disabled to include a condition that will result in substantial risk of serious harm to the physical or mental health of a person due to a mental health disorder or a substance use disorder or both. Defines serious harm to mean significant deterioration, debilitation, or illness due to a person's failure to meet certain conditions, including, among other things, attend to needed personal or medical care and attend to self-protection or personal safety.

STATUS:

03/30/2023 In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on JUDICIARY.

ATTACHMENTS:

[SB 43 \(Eggman\) CBHDA Letter of Opposition 3.12.23](#)

SB 287

AUTHOR: Skinner [D]
TITLE: **Features that Harm Child Users: Civil Penalty**
FISCAL COMMITTEE: no
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 02/02/2023
LAST AMEND: 03/27/2023
DISPOSITION: Pending
COMMITTEE: Senate Judiciary Committee
HEARING: 04/11/2023 1:30 pm
SUMMARY:

Prohibits a social media platform from using a design, algorithm, practice, affordance, or feature that the platform knows, or which by the exercise of reasonable care should have known, causes child users to do any of certain things, including experience addiction to the social media platform.

STATUS:

	03/27/2023	From SENATE Committee on JUDICIARY with author's amendments.
	03/27/2023	In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on JUDICIARY.
	BOS:	Support
	ATTACHMENTS:	SB 287 (Skinner) social media--SUPPORT to Judiciary
SB 411	AUTHOR:	Portantino [D]
	TITLE:	Open Meetings: Teleconferences: Appointed Membership
	FISCAL COMMITTEE:	no
	URGENCY CLAUSE:	yes
	INTRODUCED:	02/09/2023
	DISPOSITION:	Pending
	COMMITTEE:	Senate Governance and Finance Committee
	HEARING:	04/19/2023 9:00 am
	SUMMARY:	Authorizes a legislative body to use alternate teleconferencing provisions similar to the emergency provisions indefinitely and without regard to a state of emergency. Defines a legislative body for this purpose to mean a board, commission, or advisory body of a local agency, the membership of which board, commission, or advisory body is appointed and which board, commission, or advisory body is otherwise subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act.
	STATUS:	
	02/22/2023	To SENATE Committees on GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE and JUDICIARY.
SB 423	AUTHOR:	Wiener [D]
	TITLE:	Land Use: Streamlined Housing Approvals: Multifamily
	FISCAL COMMITTEE:	yes
	URGENCY CLAUSE:	no
	INTRODUCED:	02/13/2023
	LAST AMEND:	03/28/2023
	DISPOSITION:	Pending
	LOCATION:	Senate Governance and Finance Committee
	SUMMARY:	Relates to the Planning and Zoning Law, which authorizes a development proponent to submit an application for a multifamily housing development that is subject to a streamlined, ministerial approval process. Requires all departments of a local government that are required to issue an approval of the development prior to the granting of an entitlement to also comply with specified streamlined approval requirements within specified time periods.
	STATUS:	
	03/28/2023	From SENATE Committee on GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE with author's amendments.
	03/28/2023	In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE.
SB 511	AUTHOR:	Blakespear [D]
	TITLE:	Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventories
	FISCAL COMMITTEE:	yes
	URGENCY CLAUSE:	no
	INTRODUCED:	02/14/2023
	DISPOSITION:	Pending

	LOCATION:	Senate Environmental Quality Committee
	SUMMARY:	Requires the State Air Resources Board, before January 1, 2028, to develop and publish, on its internet website, a report on greenhouse gas emission inventories for the calendar year 2025 for each city, county, city and county, and special district, as provided.
	STATUS:	
	02/22/2023	To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.
	Commentary001:	
	Our SPONSORED bill	
	BOS:	Support
	ATTACHMENTS:	SB 511 (Blakespear) GHG Emissions Inventories-SUPPORT to Sen EQ Sponsor letter
SB 577	AUTHOR:	Hurtado [D]
	TITLE:	California Fire Service Training and Education Program
	FISCAL COMMITTEE:	yes
	URGENCY CLAUSE:	no
	INTRODUCED:	02/15/2023
	DISPOSITION:	Pending
	COMMITTEE:	Senate Appropriations Committee
	HEARING:	04/10/2023 10:00 am
	SUMMARY:	Authorizes the State Fire Marshal to establish and collect the admission fees and other fees associated with the California Fire Service Training and Education Program, and to establish the fees to implement the California Fire and Arson Training Act, only to the extent that state appropriations and other funding sources are insufficient to cover the necessary costs of the activities eligible to be paid from those fees.
	STATUS:	
	03/28/2023	From SENATE Committee on GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS. (14-0)
SB 654	AUTHOR:	Jones [R]
	TITLE:	Local Agencies: Public Property: Airport Leases
	FISCAL COMMITTEE:	no
	URGENCY CLAUSE:	no
	INTRODUCED:	02/16/2023
	LAST AMEND:	03/29/2023
	DISPOSITION:	Pending
	COMMITTEE:	Senate Governance and Finance Committee
	HEARING:	04/12/2023 9:30 am
	SUMMARY:	Relates to law that authorizes a local agency to lease or sublease property owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by it for a period not to exceed a specified number of years for airport purposes or purposes incidental to aircraft. Authorizes an airport sponsor and the leaseholder to amend the lease or sublease to extend the duration of the lease or sublease, to terminate the lease or sublease and enter into a new lease or sublease, or to transfer an existing lease or sublease.
	STATUS:	

03/29/2023 From SENATE Committee on GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE with author's amendments.

03/29/2023 In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE.

SB 687

AUTHOR: Eggman [D]
TITLE: Water Quality Control Plan: Delta Conveyance Project
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 02/16/2023
LAST AMEND: 03/20/2023
DISPOSITION: Pending
COMMITTEE: Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee
HEARING: 04/11/2023 9:00 am
SUMMARY:
 Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to adopt a final update of the 1995 Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary before the board may consider a change in point diversion or any other water rights permit or order associated with the Delta Conveyance Project.

STATUS:
 03/29/2023 Re-referred to SENATE Committees on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER and ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.

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STATE LEGISLATION and GRANTS

	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Status</u>	
1	AB 1168 (Bennett)	Emergency Medical Services (EMS): Prehospital EMS	OPPOSE	3/16/2023In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on HEALTH
2	AB 482 (Wilson)	Air Ambulance Services	Support	04/11/2023 1:30 pm, 1021 O Street, Room 1100
3	AB 240 (Kalra)	Dogs and Cats: California Spay-Neuter Fund	Support	03/29/2023In ASSEMBLY Committee on AGRICULTURE: Not heard
4	AB 30 (Ward)	Atmospheric Rivers: Research, Mitigation, Climate	Support	03/14/2023From ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS
5	AB 400 (Rubio)	Local Agency Design-Build Projects: Authorization	Support	02/09/2023To ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
6	AB 540 (Wicks)	Social Service Transportation Improvement Act	SPONSOR	03/27/2023In ASSEMBLY Committee on TRANSPORTATION: Not heard
7	AB 592 (Wilson)	Vehicles: Waste Hauling	SPONSOR	02/09/2023INTRODUCED.
8	AB 817 (Pacheco)	Open Meetings: Teleconferencing: Subsidiary Body	Support	03/16/2023In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT
9	SB 1121 (Gonzalez)	Request of Senate Transportation Committee regarding accessible transportation	<i>Comments</i>	
10	SB 287 (Skinner)	Features that Harm Child Users: Civil Penalty	Support	04/11/2023 1:30 pm, 1021 O Street, Room 2100
11	SB 511 (Blakespear)	Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventories	CO-SPONSOR	02/22/2023To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
	1	Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory's UPGRADE project	Support	California Energy Commission
	2	CCTA Application for 2023 Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program: 680 Express B	Support	California State Transportation Agency
	3	Contra Costa County Behavioral Health Services' BHCIP Applications	Support	Department of Health Care Services

STATE BUDGET REQUESTS

- 1 Governor's Proposal to Cut \$49.8 Million in Public Health Workforce Development and Training Programs--OPPOSE
- 2 Governor's Proposal to Provide \$35.8 million to Child Support Services--SUPPORT

FEDERAL

- 1 Bipartisan Call to Fund Local Election Departments
- 2 Non-Congregate Shelter Reimbursement by FEMA

Contra Costa County

Draft Talking Points for Delegation Visits

- Contra Costa's sponsored bills

- **AB 592** (Wilson) – Illegal Dumping
 - Illegal dumping continues to be a problem in the county.
 - This bill would help us stop illegal dumping before it happens by catching unpermitted waste haulers.
- **SB 511** (Blakespear) – GHG inventory, co-sponsoring with CivicWell
 - This bill would have CARB provide counties and cities with their local GHG inventories.
 - The information will give us the information we need to focus our GHG-reduction efforts where they're most needed.
- **AB 540** (Wicks) – Social Service Transportation Improvement Act
 - Improves coordination and provides revenue for mobility options for seniors and those with disabilities.
 - These populations are increasing, but funding has long stagnated and the system can be confusing to use, both of which this bill would fix.

- Major statewide county issues

- **Behavioral Health and Homelessness**
 - These are long-term, systemic issues that require focused efforts, clear responsibilities, and accountability at all levels of government.
 - The Governor's recent plans have merit, especially the bond for new psychiatric beds, but they also create new problems.
 - Simply expanding eligibility for existing programs and reallocating existing funds will not move the needle on these difficult issues.

- Without significant new resources, moving funding around just changes who is being served, without increasing the overall number of people receiving the services they need.
- There is also a large and growing shortage of health and behavioral health workforce; Contra Costa is opposed to the Governor's proposal to cut \$49.8 million from various public health workforce programs.

- Other possible topics:

- **IST Penalties** (incompetent to stand trial) – recent legislation sets unrealistic goals that counties aren't in control of, then penalizes the county and directs spending of local funds for state purposes.
- **DJJ Realignment** – insufficient resources and local facilities/programs
- **AB 1484** – would make it harder and more expensive to hire temporary employees, similar to efforts in past years to make it nearly impossible to contract out for any services

- Bills Contra Costa supports:

- AB 240 (Kalra) – SUPPORT – spay-neuter fund – tax on pet food labels
- AB 400 (Rubio) – SUPPORT – design-build authorization – remove sunset
- AB 482 (Wilson) – SUPPORT – ongoing funding for air ambulance services
- AB 817 (Pacheco) – SUPPORT – open meetings – teleconferencing for subsidiary bodies
- SB 287 (Skinner) – SUPPORT – social media features that harm child users

- Bills Contra Costa opposes:

- AB 1168 (Bennett) – OPPOSE – fragmentation of EMS
- Budget proposal – OPPOSE – \$49.8 million cut to Public Health Workforce Development



Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors

Subcommittee Report

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

6.

Meeting Date: 04/10/2023

Subject: Elections Related Policy Discussion

Submitted For: LEGISLATION COMMITTEE,

Department: County Administrator

Referral No.: 2023-11

Referral Name: Elections Policy

Presenter: Kristin Connelly, Clerk-Recorder and Registrar of Voters **Contact:** L. DeLaney, (925) 655-2057

Referral History:

The County's new Clerk-Recorder and Registrar of Voters, Kristin Connelly, has reviewed the County's adopted [2023-24 State and Federal Legislative Platforms](#), noting that they contain only one policy: SUPPORT full state reimbursement for state mandates imposed upon local registrars by the Secretary of State, including special state elections.

Ms. Connelly has requested a discussion with the Legislation Committee about the important advocacy issues for both the Elections Division and the Clerk-Recorder Division of her office.

Referral Update:

The County's Clerk-Recorder and Registrar of Voters, Kristin Connelly, has provided an attachment that outlines her policy recommendations for the Board's State and Federal Legislative Platforms. She will be present at the Legislation Committee meeting to elaborate on these recommendations and engage in discussion with the Committee and public.

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

CONSIDER elections related policy recommendations for the County's State and Federal Legislative Platforms from the County Clerk-Recorder and Registrar of Voters and provide direction, as needed.

Attachments

Attachment A

Contra Costa County

Clerk-Recorder-Elections

Kristin B. Connelly



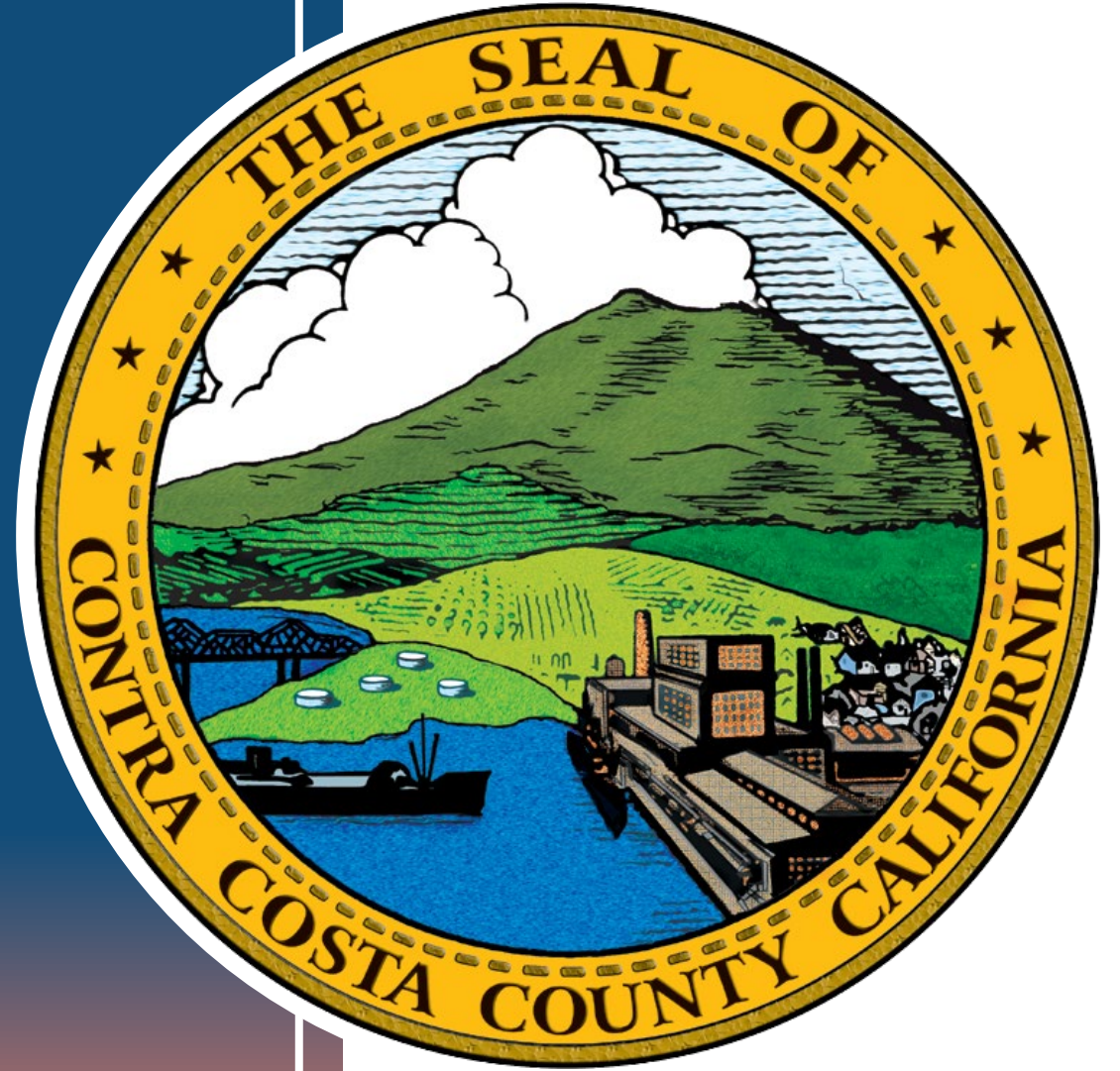
County Clerk-Recorder-Registrar



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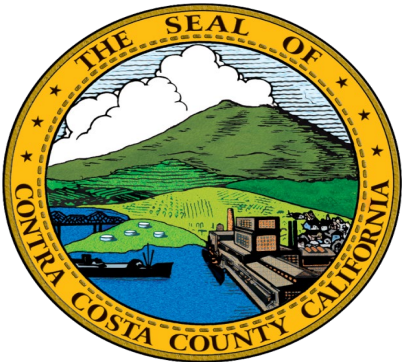
Grateful

We are grateful for the support of the Board of Supervisors for the bipartisan call for federal election funding. As explained in that letter, the floor has been too low and it's insufficient to respond to new threats.

Areas to Include in both Federal and State Platforms

Adequate Funding

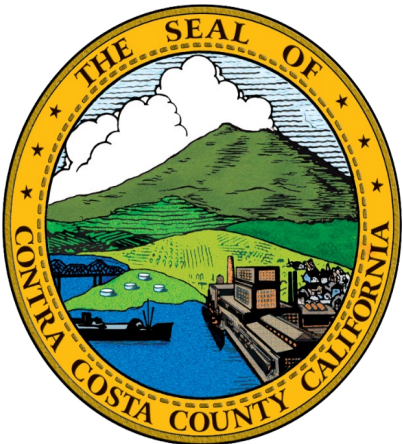
From both State and Federal sources



Philanthropy has filled an important void, but it should be the government's responsibility to protect and support democracy by adequately funding elections.

Areas to Include in both Federal and State Platforms

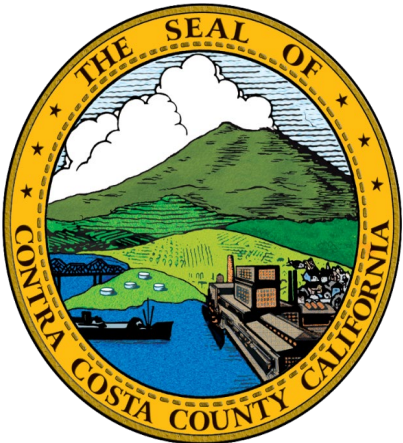
Physical Security



*Legislation, policies, regulation, and funding that support the **PHYSICAL** safety and integrity of election operations and administrators.*

Areas to Include in both Federal and State Platforms

Cyber Security



Legislation, policies, regulation, and funding that support the CYBER safety and integrity of election operations.