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2014 Priority Legislation

SB 873 (Senate Budget Committee) Unaccompanied Minors: This bill eliminates any ambiguity regarding the jurisdiction of state courts to make findings necessary to enable the federal government to grant unaccompanied minors Special Immigrant Juvenile Status. The bill also affirms the courts' authority to provide interpreters in these sorts of proceedings. Lastly, to ensure that the due process rights of these children are protected, the budget bill appropriates \$3 million for legal counsel and related services. *Signed Into Law 9/27/14 (Chapter 685, Statutes of 2014)*

SB 972 (Torres) Improving Covered California. This bill increases the number of board members on the California Health Benefit Exchange Board from 5 to 7, and adds additional desired qualifications and expertise for future Board Members. *Signed Into Law 7/21/14 (Chapter 172, Statutes of 2014)*

SB 1174 (Lara) Multilingual Education at Schools. This bill places an initiative before voters on the November 2016 ballot to repeal Proposition 227 and allow public schools to teach foreign language immersion classes. *Signed Into Law 9/28/14 (Chapter 753, Statutes of 2014)*

SB 1213 (Hueso) California Enhanced Driver's License. This bill allows for the creation of an Enhanced Driver's License to reduce border wait times and increase economic gain produced by efficient and secure cross-border travel. *Held in Committee 4/8/14*

SB 1365 (Padilla) California Voting Rights Act. This bill strengthens the California Voting Rights Act to make it illegal for election districts to be drawn in a manner that inhibits or dilutes the ability of a protected class from influencing an election. *Vetoed By Governor 9/30/14*

SCA 5 (Hernández) Equal Opportunity Programs in Public Universities. This bill places an initiative before voters on the November 2016 ballot to repeal portions of Proposition 209 which eliminated equal opportunity in public colleges and universities nearly 20 years ago. *Held in Senate 3/7/14*

AB 1331 (Rendon) Water Bond. This bill, the Clean and Safe Drinking Water Act of 2014, places an \$8 billion water bond on the November 2014 ballot to address our state's major water infrastructure needs. *Approved as AB 1471 (Rendon) Signed Into Law 7/21/14 (Chapter 172, Statutes of 2014)*

AB 1522 (Gonzalez) Paid Sick Leave for Employees. This bill allows workers in California to accrue one hour of paid sick leave for every 30 hours worked and provides employers with the option of capping an employee's paid sick leave at 24 hours, or 3 days. *Signed Into Law 9/10/14 (Chapter 317, Statutes of 2014)*

AB 1538 (Eggman) Cal Grant Eligibility. This bill amends Cal Grant eligibility criteria so that those academic institutions, which serve a low-income student population and have higher graduation rates, do not unnecessarily lose their eligibility. *Held in Committee 5/23/14*

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