



2020 Priority Legislation

AB 4 (Arambula) Health Care for All – This bill extends eligibility for full-scope Medi-Cal benefits to undocumented adults age 19 and above who are otherwise eligible for those benefits but for their immigration status. *(Held in Senate Health)*

AB 331 (Medina) High School Ethnic Studies – This bill requires, commencing with the graduating class of 2029-30, pupils enrolled in grades 9 to 12 to complete a semester-long course in ethnic studies in order to graduate from high school. It also requires local educational agencies and charter schools to offer a one-semester course in ethnic studies by the 2025-26 school year. *(Vetoed)*

AB 685 (Gomez Reyes) Occupational safety: COVID-19 exposure: notification – This bill requires employers to provide written notice and instructions to employees who may have been exposed to COVID-19 at their worksite and enhances the Division of Occupational Health and Safety's (Cal/OSHA) ability to enforce health and safety standards to prevent workplace exposure to and spread of COVID-19. *(Chapter 84, Statutes of 2020)*

AB 1593 (Gomez Reyes) Earned Income Tax Credit Expansion – This bill expands the California Earned Income Tax Credit (CalEITC) to cover taxpayers and qualifying children with a federal individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN) instead of a social security number (SSN). *(Policy was adopted through the state budget)*

AB 2043 (R. Rivas) Agricultural Employee COVID-19 Health and Safety Act – This bill directs the Division of Occupational Safety and Health (division) to disseminate information on best practices regarding COVID-19 infection prevention to agricultural employees by conducting a targeted outreach campaign in conjunction with community and employee organizations and to compile and report on its internet website information regarding investigations in agriculture of COVID-19 safety practices or conditions, as well as injuries and illnesses related to COVID-19. *(Chapter 212, Statutes of 2020)*

AB 2276 (Gomez-Reyes et al) Childhood lead poisoning: screening and prevention – This bill establishes accountability mechanisms for early childhood Medi-Cal lead testing. It requires a contract between Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) a Medi-Cal managed care (MCMC) plan to require the plan to identify every enrollee who is a child without a record of completing the blood lead screening tests required pursuant to state regulation, and to remind the contracting network health care provider responsible for performing the periodic health assessment of the child enrollee pursuant to state regulation of the requirement to perform required blood lead screening tests for that child, and the requirement to provide oral or written anticipatory guidance to a parent or guardian of the child, including the information that children may be harmed by exposure to lead. *(Chapter 216, Statutes of 2020)*

AB 2972 (Limón) AB 540/DACA/Undocumented Student Training – This bill requires the California Community Colleges (CCC) Board of Governors and the California State University (CSU) Trustees, and encourages the University of California (UC) Regents to create a system wide training program, for administrators, faculty, and staff, of those respective segments to complete annually, relating to undocumented students, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), federal and state laws related to immigration generally state law relating to exemption from nonresident tuition, and resources that the system or campus has for undocumented students. *(Held in Senate Education Committee)*

[AB 3075 \(Gonzalez\) Wage Theft Accountability](#) – This bill requires specified business entities to include an attestation in required business filings signed by the filers that no filer has an outstanding final judgment issued by the Department of Labor Standards Enforcement for a violation of a wage order or the labor code. Establishes liability related to wages, penalties, and damages owed pursuant to a final judgment for successors, as specified. (**Chapter 357, Statutes of 2020**)

[AB 3133 \(Aguiar-Curry\) California Refugee Resettlement Program](#) – This bill prohibits local governments from withholding consent to refugee resettlement within their jurisdictions where such withholding will have the purpose or effect of discriminating on the basis of a protected characteristic. (**Chapter 189, Statutes of 2020**)

[SB 29 \(Durazo\) Health Care for All](#) – This bill extends eligibility for full scope Medi-Cal benefits for individuals 65 years of age or older who do not have satisfactory immigration status, effective July 1, 2020 if the individual is otherwise eligible for Medi-Cal benefits (*Held on Assembly Floor*)

[SB 905 \(Archuleta\) Background Check Security Act](#) – This bill provides that a residence address shall not be required to be submitted to the Department of Justice (DOJ) for a background check of an individual applying to work with a minor and makes other technical amendments regarding federal background checks. (**Chapter 191, Statutes of 2020**)

[SB 1130 \(Gonzalez\) Broadband for California](#) – This bill makes numerous changes to the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) – the state program to encourage deployment of broadband technology to all areas of the state. This includes revising the CASF program goal, so that the program is to, by the end of 2024, approve funding for infrastructure projects that will provide high-capacity, future-proof infrastructure to no less than 98% of California households in each consortia region. It also directs the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), in approving CASF program infrastructure projects, to approve certain infrastructure projects in unserved areas and unserved high-poverty areas, and to prioritize projects in such areas where internet connectivity is available but only below certain technical downstream, upstream and latency standards. (*Held on Assembly Floor*)

[SB 1257 \(Durazo\) Domestic Worker Health & Safety](#) – This bill, beginning on January 1, 2022, (1) removes the “household domestic service” exemption from the Occupational Safety and Health Act definition of employment (thereby applying all of its requirements and obligations on domestic service employers); (2) requires the Chief of the Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) to convene an advisory committee to make findings and recommendations to the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board (Standards Board) for industry-specific regulations related to household domestic service; (3) requires the Standards Board to adopt such regulations by January 1, 2022; and (4) authorizes Cal/OSHA to enforce occupational safety and health laws to protect domestic service employees at private residential dwellings. (*Vetoed*)

Multi-Caucus and Other Key Bills

[AB 826 \(Santiago\) Emergency Food Assistance](#) – This bill requires the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), upon appropriation of funds by the Legislature, or upon a determination by the Governor that funds may be used for this purpose, to contract with a Feeding America partner state organization or another nonprofit to issue a food assistance benefit to individuals who meet certain eligibility criteria. (*Vetoed*)

[AB 979 \(Holden\) Corporate Board of Directors](#) – This bill requires each publicly held corporation whose principal executive offices are located in California to have a minimum number of directors from underrepresented communities on its board of directors, as specified. (**Chapter 316, Statutes of 2020**)

[AB 1460 \(Weber\) CSU Ethnic Studies](#) – This bill requires the California State University (CSU), commencing with the 2021-22 academic year, to 1) provide courses in ethnic studies at each CSU campus; and, 2) require, as part of

the CSU graduation requirements commencing with students graduating in the 2024-25 academic year, the completion of, at a minimum, one three-unit course in ethnic studies. (**Chapter 32, Statutes of 2020**)

[AB 1876 \(Budget\)](#) EITC Expansion – This bill is the California Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and Young Child Tax Credit (YCTC) trailer bill associated with the 2020 Budget Act. As part of this bill, (**Chapter 87, Statutes of 2020**)

[AB 3088 \(Chiu\)](#) Evictions Moratorium – This bill establishes a moratorium on evictions for non-payment of rent due to COVID-19 financial hardship, subject to numerous conditions, until January 31, 2021. (**Chapter 37, Statutes of 2020**)

[AB 3216 \(Kalra/Gonzalez\)](#) Rehiring and retention: state of emergency – This bill provides a right of recall and retention rights for workers who have been laid off due to a state of emergency and who work in a hotel, private club, event center, airport, or provide building services to office, retail or other commercial buildings. (*Vetoed*)