

2023 PRIORITY LEGISLATION

Economic Equity/Health/Housing:

AB 4 (*Arambula*) **Health4All—Expanding Access to Covered California:** This bill will require Covered California to apply to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for a Section 1332 Waiver to allow individuals to obtain coverage through Covered California, regardless of immigration status.

AB 365 (Aguiar-Curry) Covering Continuous Glucose Monitors for Medi-Cal Recipients: This bill requires that The Department of Healthcare Services (DHCS) base the Medi-Cal coverage criteria for CGMs on medical standards of care for the treatment of diabetes. This bill will ensure that Medi-Cal rightfully covers all prescribed uses of CGMs and that Medi-Cal recipients can access the tools they need to manage their diabetes, regardless of the type of diabetes they experience.

AB 412 (Soria) Financially Distressed Hospital Emergency Loan Program: This bill creates a dedicated program within CHFFA to help financially distressed hospitals and includes strong accountability measures to ensure that any hospitals receiving loan money from the program have developed a plan to use the loan money to regain viability and ultimately pay back the taxpayer. This important measure will help ensure that California's hospitals continue to provide life-saving healthcare services to our state's communities for generations to come.

AB 470 (Valencia) **Expanding Cultural Medical Equity**: This bill will allow our healthcare professionals to better understand, communicate with, and effectively interact with patients from diverse backgrounds by updating continuing medical education standards to promote cultural and linguistic competency further and enhance the quality of physician-patient communication.

AB 1508 (*Ramos*) **First Time Homebuyer Plan:** This bill amends Section 50426 of the Health and Safety Code to include a goal to increase homeownership among first-time home buyers in the state by at least 20 percent above the average homeownership rates among home buyers over the prior 4-year period.

SB 616 (Gonzalez) **Paid Sick Days for All Working Californians:** This bill would increase paid sick leave days an employer must provide employees from three to seven.

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SB 846 (*Limón*) **Automatic Backend Voter Registration**: This bill creates a back-end automated voter registration system for registering voters via the California New Motor Voter Program (CNMVP) at the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), as specified.

Education:

AB 278 (*Reyes*) **High School Dream Resource Centers:** This bill establishes the Dream Resource Center Grant Program to create new and support existing Dream Resource Centers in public high schools across the state. Administered by the California Department of Education, grant funding will be provided to school districts through an application process. School districts will then disseminate funds to high schools seeking to establish or support an existing Dream Resource Center.

AB 393 (L. Rivas) **Identifying Dual Language Learners in Child**: This bill requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) to develop procedures for General Childcare and Development (CCTR) or Migrant Childcare and Development program (CMIG) contractors to identify and report data on dual language learners (DLLs), including a family language instrument and criteria for a family language and interest interview, and requires providers in those programs to use those procedures and report data on DLLs to the DSS.

AB 1255 (W. Carrillo) **Ethnic Studies Task Force:** This bill would require the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to convene a statewide Task Force beginning in March 2024 comprised of stakeholders to develop recommendations for the creation of a pathway for an Ethnic Studies credential for K-12 teachers.

Environment:

AB 1567 (Garcia) **Climate and Resource Bond:** This bill would enact the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, and Workforce Development Bond Act of 2023, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$15,105,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for safe drinking water, wildfire prevention, drought preparation, flood protection, extreme heat mitigation, and workforce development programs.

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Immigration/New Americans:

AB 311 (Santiago) **Food For All:** This bill would expand access to the California Food Assistance Program (CFAP) to income eligible Californians of all ages, regardless of immigration status.

AB 1536 (J. Carrillo) Expanding the Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI) for Senior Aged Immigrants: This bill will expand the currently existing Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI) to allow access to the program regardless of immigration status.

SB 227 (Durazo) **The Safety Net for All:** This bill will establish the Safety Net for All Workers Act, which would create an Excluded Workers Program to be administered by the Employment Development Department. The program would provide workers who are excluded from Unemployment Insurance solely due to their immigration status with \$300 per week, for up to 20 weeks, for each week they are unemployed between January 1, 2025 and December 21, 2025.

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