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County Sponsored/Priority State Legislation

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
Item 9210 Local Government Financing	 Triple Flip Shortfall \$10.7M in State General Funds are being appropriated through the state budget process to the County as reimbursement for a FY 12-13 Triple Flip shortfall 	Support*	Assembly Sub 4 (3/25) & Senate Sub 4 (3/27)

Early Childhood Education

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
SB 837 (Steinberg)	Schools: transitional kindergarten • Would make one year of high quality, voluntary transitional kindergarten available to every four-year-old child in the state.	Watch	S—Education (4/9)
AB 1902 (Bonta)	California State Preschool Program: party-day preschool: fees Would eliminate family fees for children who attend a part-day state preschool program.	Support*	A—Education
AB 2302 (Mullin)	Child care and developmental services: facilities Would make changes to the Child Care Facilities Revolving Fund to improve its ability to provide critical funding for the renovation of existing buildings, the purchase of new buildings, to provide critical early education to low income children.	Support*	A—Education

Elections

Bill Number &			
Author	Description	Position	Status
SB 963 (Torres)	Elections: payment of expenses	Support/CSAC	S—Appropriations

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	Would provide that expenses incurred on or after 1/1/13 for elections proclaimed by the Governor to fill a vacancy in the office of Senator or Member of the Assembly or to fill a vacancy in Congress, shall be paid by the state.	& UCC	
AB 1873 (Gonzales)	Mail ballot elections Would authorize a board of supervisors to conduct a special election or special consolidated election to fill a congressional or legislative vacancy wholly by mail, under specified conditions.	Under review	A—Elections & Redistricting
AB 2028 (Mullin)	 All-mailed ballot election: counties Would authorize a special election to be conducted in a county, including a charter county, wholly by mail, under specified conditions. 	Under review	A—Elections & Redistricting

Environment

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
SB 1014 (Jackson)	Pharmaceutical waste: home-generated Would ask producers of pharmaceuticals to create, finance and manage a collection system for state consumers to safely and conveniently	Support*	S—Environmental Quality (3/26)
AB 1970 (Gordon)	dispose of expired and unwanted pharmaceuticals. California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Community Investment and Innovation Program Creates the Community Investment and Innovation Program that would provide financial support to local governments for projects that aim to reduce their carbon footprints and spur innovation.	Support*	A—Natural Resources (4/7)
AB 2371 (Mullin)	Solid waste: household hazardous waste Would require counties and cities to review its household hazardous waste element and program to determine its effectiveness in the collection, recycling, treatment, and disposal of household hazardous waste as part of its annual report to the Department of Resources Recycling & Recovery.	Support	A—Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials (4/8)
AB 2516 (Gordon)	 Sea level rise planning: database Would establish the Planning for Sea Level Rise Database to be a centrally located source of information on how California is preparing for, and adapting to, sea level rise. 	Support*	A—Natural Resources Supervisor Pine to testify in support on (4/28).

Health and Hospitals

Bill Number &			
Author	Description	Position	Status
AB 1621 (Lowenthal)	 Emergency medical services: data and information system Would facilitate the adoption and integration of electronic pre-hospital care reports for emergency medical services to improve the consistency and quality of data collection at the state level for EMS. 	Watch	A—Health (4/22)
AB 1644 (Medina)	Medi-Cal: Drug Medi-Cal Program Providers Would require a county or DHCS, before contracting with a certified Drug Medi-Cal provider, to obtain criminal background information to	Under review	A—Health (4/1)

	determine if the owner has been convicted of a felony or a crime involving fraud.		
AB 1725 (Maienschein)	 Mental health: conservatorship hearings for the gravely disabled Would, among other things, allow family members, friends or other interested persons to initiate Lanterman-Petris-Short Act (LPS) conservatorships and not just rely on the officer providing the investigation to initiate such proceedings. 	Watch	A—Health (4/8)
AB 1805 (Skinner)	Medi-Cal: reimbursement provider payments Would increase the reimbursement rates to doctors and others by 10 percent who provide healthcare services to Medi-Cal recipients.	Watch	A—Health (4/22)
SB 1005 (Lara)	Health care coverage: immigration status Would create the California Health Exchange Program For All Californians and would extend eligibility for full-scope Medi-Cal benefits to persons who are otherwise eligible for those benefits but for their immigration status.	Watch	S—Health (4/30)
SB 1054 (Steinberg)	Mentally III Offender Crime Reduction Grants Would require the BSCC to administer and award mentally ill offender crime reduction grants on a competitive basis to counties that expand or establish a continuum of swift, certain, and graduated responses to reduce crime and criminal justice costs.	Watch	S—Public Safety (4/22)
SB 1081 (Hernandez)	Would require the Department of Health Care Services to create a three-year Medi-Cal alternative payment methodology pilot project for county and community-based federally qualified health centers willing to participate in the program.	Support*	S—Health (4/23)

Land Use

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
AB 1799 (Gordon)	Would eliminate the requirement of an endowment or other financial mechanism for long-term stewardship of mitigation property, and replace that requirement with more flexible alternatives to finance mitigation obligations.	Support	A-Local Government (4/2)
AB 1961 (Eggman)	 Land use: planning: Sustainable Farmland Strategy Would require counties to adopt "Sustainable Farmland Strategies" to retain agricultural land, based on a map of their agricultural resources, and a review of their current goals, plans and policies related to the retention of farmland. 	Under review	A-Local Government (4/2)

Local Government

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
AB 194 (Campos)	Open meetings: actions for violations	Oppose/UCC	S-Government & Finance
	 Would allow a district attorney or interested party to seek "null and 		

	void" judicial determinations for violations of the Brown Act.		
AB 418 (Mullin)	 Local government: special tax, assessment, or property-related fee Would authorize the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo to pursue local funding on behalf of its member agencies for stormwater pollution prevention programs. 	Support*	A-Local Government (4/2)
AB 1448 (Mullin)	 Local government: part-time elected officials: lifetime healthcare benefits Would prohibit the legislature or governing body of a city, county and school board, special district, or any other entity of local government from granting lifetime healthcare benefits to an elected official who serve part time. 	Watch	A—Local Government
AB 2040 (Garcia)	Public official compensation Would require a local agency to report to the state Controller the annual compensation of its public officials, including separately listing the name and title of each public official and their monthly salary. Would also require a local agency that maintains its own website to either post the annual compensation of its public officials or post a link to the Controller's Government Compensation in California website.	Watch	A—Local Government (4/2)
SB 1337 (DeSaulnier)	 Public records: electronic copies and media requests Would require a state or local agency to provide an electronic copy of a public record when the public record is made available in response to a request and respond to the request within 14 days. 	Watch	S—Judiciary

Public Safety and Justice

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
SB 962 (Leno)	 Advanced mobile communication devices Would require any smartphone or tablet sold in the state to include a technological solution that renders the essential features of the device inoperable when stolen. 	Under review	S—Energy, Utilities and Communication (4/1)
SB 1388 (Lieu)	 Human Trafficking Would authorize the court to order a defendant convicted of a violation of purchasing a commercial sex act from a minor to pay an additional fine of not less than \$1.000 and not more than \$10,000 to be deposited into the newly created Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Services Fund. Funding would pay for child sexual exploitation and sexual abuse victim counseling centers and programs, as well as services for child victims of human trafficking. 	Under review	S—Public Safety (4/22)

Social Services

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
SB 899 (Mithchell)	 CalWORKs: eligibility Would repeal the Meximum Family Grant rule in the CalWORKs program to provide a newborn child with basic needs. 	Support*	S—Human Services (4/8)

SB 1029 (Hancock)	CalWORKs and CalFresh eligibility	Support*	S—Human Services (4/8)
	 Would allow persons previously convicted of a nonviolent drug felony, 		
	who meets all other eligibility rules, to receive basic needs services,		
	employment training and work support through CalWORKs and CalFresh		
	programs, provided they are complying with conditions of release		
05 1011 (111 1 11)	and/or have successfully completed their probation or parole.		
SB 1341 (Mitchell)	Medi-Cal: Statewide Automated Welfare System	Support	S—Health
	 Would codify the existing agreement between the Administration, 		
	Covered California and the counties regarding the respective roles of		
	the State Automated Welfare System (SAWS) and the California Health		
	Eligibility Enrollment and Retention System (CalHEERS).		
AB 1502 (Mullin)	CalWORKs Family Unity Act of 2014	Under	A-Human Services (4/8)
	Would repeal current law which penalizes two-parent families in the	review	
	CalWORKs program who work for low wages and clarifying exceptions to		
	the program work requirements for relative caregivers.		
AB 1614 (Stone)	Electronic benefits transfer cards	Support*	A-Human Services (4/8)
	Would make a number of statutory changes to impose better consumer		
	protections for EBT card recipients.		
AB 1653 (Garcia)	CalWORKs: victims of domestic violence	Support	A—Human Services (4/29)
	 Would require the DSS to establish a standard, statewide notice and 		
	process to ensure that applicants for or recipients of CalWORKs aid who		
	are past or present victims of domestic violence are not placed at		
	further risk or unfairly penalized by program requirements, rule or		
	procedures. Would also require human services agencies to develop a		
	domestic violence service plan consistent with federal law.		

Tax and Finance

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
SB 983 (Leno)	 Local sales tax: card lock fuel: place of sale Would designate the point of sale for fuel dispensed from card lock fuel systems, as the point of delivery of the fuel. 1156 	Watch	S—Governance and Finance (4/9)
SB 1156 (Steinberg)	 California Carbon Tax Law of 2014 Would raise a carbon tax, in lieu of some portion of the state's current cap and trade policy, for GHG reduction. A portion of the new tax would be used to fund a state Earned Income Tax Credit. 	Watch	S—Business, Professions & Economic Development (4/9)
AB 2231 (Gordon)	State Controller: property tax postponement Would restart the existing Senior Property Tax Postponement Law, which authorized a claimant to file a claim with the Controller to postpone the payment of ad valorem property taxes, based on household income.	Under review	A—Local Government (4/9)

Transportation

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SB 1430 (HiII)	Malicious mischief: airport property: transportation services	Watch	S—Transportation & Housing
	Would make the sale of transportation services to the airport property		
	to members of the public without written consent of the airport		
	governing board a misdemeanor.		

Other State Issues

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
SB 1226 (Correa)	Political Reform Act of 1974: local campaign finance Would enable the County of Orange to contract with the Fair Political	Watch	S—Elections & Constitutional Amendments (4/22)
	Practices Commission for the administration and enforcement of local campaign finance ordinance.		
SB 1262 (Correa)	 Medical marijuana: regulation of physicians, dispensaries and cultivation sites Would impose a tighter regulatory structure on medical marijuana, including greater oversight by local law enforcement and county health departments. 	Watch	S—Business, Professions & Economic Development
SB 1445 (DeSaulnier)	California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond Seeks to place a major library construction bond measure on the upcoming 2014 statewide ballot.	Watch	S—Education (4/2)
Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI)	Update on CCI Implementation in San Mateo County Periodic update on roll out of CCI in the County		Joint letter sent on (4/1) from the County & Health Plan of San Mateo to County's Delegation

FY 14-15 Proposed State Budget

Issue	Description	Position	Status
Cap & Trade	Sustainable Communities Allocation		
Expenditure Plan	 Advocacy for more funding either through the sustainable communities 		
	allocation of a separate funding stream directly to local governments.	Support	Urban Counties Caucus sent 2/26/14
Infrastructure	Local Economic Development Proposal		
Financing Districts	 Would, among other things, allow IFDs to be used as a local economic development tool as a replacement to RDAs and lower the vote 		
	threshold to create IFDs.	Watch	

Federal Issues

Issue	Description	Position	Status
Title IV-E for Court	Request to restore California Probation's authority to claim Title IV-E		
Dependents	administrative costs for eligible youth	Support	Letters sent to federal delegation members
Health System	Institutions for Mental Disease		Letter sent to Center for Medicaid & State
	Seeking changes to existing IMD language that makes claiming under	Support	Operations by Congresswoman Jackie Speier

Medi-Cal for certain AOD services ineligible	on behalf of the County.