



® **Government Finance and Administration Policy Committee Meeting**
CSAC Legislative Conference
Thursday, April 18 — 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
SAFE Credit Union Convention Center, Ballroom B3
Sacramento County, California

Supervisor Mani Grewal, Stanislaus County, Chair
Supervisor Ryan Campbell, Tuolumne County, Vice Chair
Supervisor Nathan Magsig, Fresno County, Vice Chair

- 1:00 pm** **I. Welcome and Introductions**
Supervisor Mani Grewal, Stanislaus County, Chair
Supervisor Ryan Campbell, Tuolumne County, Vice Chair
Supervisor Nathan Magsig, Fresno County, Vice Chair
- 1:05 pm** **II. Modern Perspectives on State-Mandated Programs and the State and Local Relationship**
Camille Shelton, Chief Legal Counsel, Commission on State Mandates
Lee Adams, Sierra County Supervisor & Commissioner for Commission on State Mandates
Jacqueline Wong-Hernandez, Chief Policy Officer, California State Association of Counties
- Q&A**
- 2:00 pm** **III. Perspectives on Initiative 21-0042A1 “Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act”**
Keely Martin Bosler, Founder and CEO, Keely MB Strategies & Former Director of Finance
Kyle Packham, Director of Advocacy & Public Affairs, California Special Districts Association
Matthew Slentz, Associate, Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley
- Q&A**
- 2:40 pm** **V. Legislative Update**
Kalyn Dean, CSAC Legislative Advocate
Eric Lawyer, CSAC Legislative Advocate
- 3:00 pm** **VI. Adjournment**

ATTACHMENTS

State Mandates Panel

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and the State and Local Relationship

California Business Roundtable: Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act Panel

Attachment TwoPerspectives on Initiative 21-0042A1 “Taxpayer
Protection and Government Accountability Act”

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Attachment One

**CSAC Memo: Modern Perspectives on State-Mandated Programs and the State and
Local Relationship**



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April 18, 2024

To: CSAC Government Finance and Administration Policy Committee

From: Eric Lawyer, Legislative Advocate
Kalyn Dean, Legislative Advocate
Stanicia Boatner, Legislative Analyst

Re: Modern Perspectives on State-Mandated Programs and the State and Local Relationship – INFORMATIONAL ITEM

Summary: CSAC has convened a cross-section of state and local government perspectives on the state-mandate claiming and reimbursement process in California to explore opportunities for a stronger state and local relationship to better support counties to serve our shared constituency and continue carrying out our responsibility to all Californians.

Guest Speakers:

- Lee Adams, Supervisor, Sierra County and Commissioner, Commission on State Mandates
- Camille Shelton, Chief Legal Counsel, Commission on State Mandates
- Jacqueline Wong-Hernandez, Chief Policy Officer, California State Association of Counties and former Chairperson of the Commission on State Mandates as the Representative of the Director of the Department of Finance

Background: Today, and for decades past, counties have been responsible for delivering the state’s priorities. Counties in California serve a unique role in providing both state and local government services including state-mandated programs concerning governance and operations of elections, public safety, behavioral health programs, and more. Moreover, counties provide the staff and brick-and-mortar facilities necessary to carry out the state’s programs. As the state and county budgets are woven together, close collaboration and partnership are the only way to achieve our shared goals.

The layers of intersection between the state budget and county budgets is further complicated by the structure and process of filing claims with the State Controller’s Office to receive reimbursement for incurring costs to carry out state-mandated programs, as designated by the Commission on State Mandates. State-mandated programs are requirements imposed on local governments by the Legislature or a state agency. They include notable programs such as vote-by-mail ballots, testing of sexual assault evidence kits, and behavioral health crisis training for law enforcement. The Commission on State Mandates determines whether a state requirement meets the definition of a reimbursable state mandate.

According to data obtained from the State Controller’s Office, as of mid-February 2024, the state owes counties \$363.9 million, not including estimated accrued interest, for costs incurred to carry out the state’s programs.

Attachment Two

**Perspectives on Initiative 21-0042A1 “Taxpayer Protection and Government
Accountability Act”**



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Re: Perspectives on Initiative 21-0042A1 "Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act" – INFORMATIONAL ITEM

Summary: This panel will discuss the provisions of a measure sponsored by the California Business Roundtable, titled the "Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act," by its sponsors. The panel will discuss the provisions of the measure and what they could mean for local governments and the state if it is passed by voters later this year.

Guest Speakers:

- Keely Martin Bosler, Founder and CEO, Keely MB Strategies & Former Director of Finance
- Kyle Packham, Director of Advocacy & Public Affairs, California Special Districts Association
- Matthew Slentz, Associate, Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley

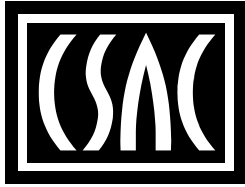
Background: The "Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act" would revise the constitution to restrict the ability of the state, counties, other local agencies, and the electorate to approve or collect taxes, fees, and other revenues.

It would require voter approval of all state taxes, would further restrict local fee authority by limiting it to the "minimum amount necessary" to provide government services, and would require voter approval for some local fees such as franchise fees. Its provisions would make it easier to challenge local revenue measures by increasing the burden of proof on local agencies while disallowing an agency's characterization of a measure from being considered in court.

The measure would prohibit county charter amendments that provide for revenue from being submitted to the electorate, disallow local agencies from placing advisory measures on the same ballot as any general revenue measure and raise the threshold for voter approval of local revenue measures proposed by the initiative to two-thirds. The California Business Roundtable, the California Business Properties Association and the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association sponsor the proposed constitutional initiative.

Attachment Three

Government Finance and Administration Legislative Update



Government Finance and Administration 2023-24 Legislative Session Tracking

The following Government Finance and Administration legislative bills were introduced in the 2023-24 legislative session and are being tracked by CSAC GFA staff. For more information, please contact Kalyn Dean, Legislative Advocate, at kdean@counties.org, Eric Lawyer, Legislative Advocate at elawyer@counties.org, or Stanicia Boatner, Legislative Analyst, at sboatner@counties.org.

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Finance and Operations			
MEASURE	ISSUE	BRIEF SUMMARY	POSITION
AB 1782 (Ta)	Redevelopment: successor agencies: Low and Moderate Income Housing Asset Fund.	This bill would increase the amount allowed to be spent on homeless prevention and rapid rehousing services from \$250,000 to \$500,000 each fiscal year. The bill would also let two or more housing successors in the same county agree to transfer up to \$1 million each year to help develop specific projects like transit priority projects and regional homeless shelters.	Pending
SB 1100 (Portantino)	Discrimination: driver's license and car ownership.	This bill would make it illegal for employers to require applicants to have a driver's license unless the job actually requires driving and the use of alternate transportation would not be as convenient or cost-effective for the employer. This bill would also add the lack of a driver's license or car ownership as a protected characteristic in housing discrimination cases.	Pending
SB 1375 (Durazo)	Workforce development: poverty-reducing standards: funds, programs, reporting, and analyses.	This bill would create a fund to support equity, climate resilience, and quality jobs, funded by a small portion of federal grant money. State and local agencies receiving federal grants must work with the board to develop standards and provide technical assistance, and report on their investments to a research institution.	Pending
Personal Income Tax			
MEASURE	ISSUE	BRIEF SUMMARY	POSITION
SB 227 (Durazo)	Unemployment: Excluded Workers Program.	This bill would establish the Excluded Workers Program to provide income assistance of \$300 per week for unemployed people who are not eligible for other state or federal unemployment benefits.	Pending
Property Tax			
MEASURE	ISSUE	BRIEF SUMMARY	POSITION
AB 2564 (Boerner)	Property tax postponement: Senior Citizens and Disabled Citizens Property Tax Postponement Fund.	This bill would reinstate General Fund support for the Senior Citizens and Disabled Citizens Property Tax Postponement Program (PTP), by requiring an annual transfer of General Fund money when the balance of the Senior Citizens and Disabled Citizens Property Tax Postponement Fund (Fund) is less than \$15 million.	Support
AB 3134 (Chen)	Property taxation: refunds.	Current law caps the dollar amount of refund that can be sent to a taxpayer without first receiving an application for	Support

		that refund; the cap is set at five thousand dollars. This measure increases that amount to ten thousand dollars. Events occur, such as a reassessment or lowering of the value of a property, and could create a circumstance where a refund is due to the taxpayer on taxes due. If that amount is under five thousand dollars, the County can proactively reach out to the taxpayer and issue a refund. This measure permits counties to initiate refunds of up to \$10,000 without the taxpayer first filing a claim for the refund	
SB 964 (Seyarto)	Property tax: tax-defaulted property sales.	This measure would substantially revise the longstanding process for sales of tax-defaulted properties by county governments.	Pending
SB 1164 (Newman)	Property taxation: new construction exclusion: accessory dwelling units.	This bill would negatively impact local government property tax revenue by exempting newly constructed accessory dwelling units (ADUs) from property tax assessment, if certain conditions are met, for fifteen years from the date of completion or until the property changes owners, whichever comes first.	Oppose
Local Revenues			
MEASURE	ISSUE	BRIEF SUMMARY	POSITION
AB 2257 (Wilson)	Local government: property-related water and sewer fees and assessments: remedies.	This measure would provide new opportunities for ratepayers to participate in property-related water and sewer assessments and help local agencies avoid costly lawsuits related to Proposition 218 disputes.	Support
Local Finance			
MEASURE	ISSUE	BRIEF SUMMARY	POSITION
AB 2813 (Aguiar-Curry)	Government Investment Act.	This bill would provide technical amendments and further specify the intent of your ACA 1, a measure that would empower local communities to address critical housing and infrastructure needs.	Support
Broadband			
MEASURE	ISSUE	BRIEF SUMMARY	POSITION
AB 2239 (Bonta)	Digital discrimination of access: prohibition.	This bill would adopt into California’s Civil Rights code a definition of “digital discrimination of access” that echoes the definition adopted by the Federal Communications Commission in fall 2023.	Pending
SB 1179 (Durazo)	Affordable Internet and Net Equality Act of 2024.	This measure would require the California Department of Technology (CDT) to only enter into a procurement contract with a qualified internet service provider (ISP) that offers affordable internet services for eligible households and will require the CDT to establish and meet state internet coverage expansion goals for all eligible households.	Pending
Miscellaneous			
MEASURE	ISSUE	BRIEF SUMMARY	POSITION
AB 972 (Maienschein)	Local Assistance and Grant Program	This bill would coordinate, align, and streamline local government assistance resources to ensure that every	Support

	Streamlining Workgroup.	community has the same opportunity to compete for state funding opportunities by convening a statewide, cross-agency Local Assistance and Grant Program Streamlining Workgroup.	
AB 1713 (Gipson)	Local agencies: federal funds: reports.	This bill would require local agencies that receive federal funds subject to an expiration date to submit a written report to its legislative body no later than one year after the funding expiration date with an enumeration of the amount of funds returned, a summary of the reasons the funds were returned, and an analysis of policy or operational changes required to ensure that relevant funds are spent timely in the future. The bill would place this requirement on local agencies that fail to spend at least 25 percent of non-formula-funded, competitive, and discretionary federal grant programs at least two of three consecutive allocations from the same federal grant program.	Oppose
Conflict of Interest/FPPC			
MEASURE	ISSUE	BRIEF SUMMARY	POSITION
AB 2631 (Fong, Mike)	Local agencies: ethics training.	This bill would require the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) to maintain a local ethics training course that local officials can take to satisfy their obligations to complete ethics training, contingent on an appropriation for that purpose.	Sponsor
Elections			
MEASURE	ISSUE	BRIEF SUMMARY	POSITION
AB 884 (Low)	Elections: language accessibility.	This bill expands the circumstances under which the Secretary of State (SOS) and county elections officials must provide translated election materials and language assistance to voters.	Pending
AB 2050 (Pellerin)	Voter registration database: Electronic Registration Information Center	This measure would allow California to enroll in the voter registration database: Electronic Registration Information Center.	Support
AB 2095 (Maienschein)	Publication: newspapers of general circulation.	This bill would require public notices to be published in a newspaper of general circulation, on the newspaper's internet website, if one exists, and on a statewide internet website maintained as a repository for notices by a majority of California newspapers of general circulation.	Pending
AB 2915 (Low)	Voter notifications.	Under current law, a county elections official is required to send a notification by mail to a voter in certain situations such as completing a registration form, changing their address, or changing their political party preference. This bill adds an additional requirement for the county elections official to send a notification for any changes or updates to a voter's registration, including a return form. This notification must include the reason for the change, the contact information for the county elections office, and instructions for correcting any errors.	Pending

SB 251 (Newman)	Candidates’ statements: false statements.	This bill increases the maximum fine for knowingly making a false statement of a material fact in a candidate’s statement from \$1,000 to \$5,000.	Support
SB 1441 (Allen)	Examination of petitions: time limitations and reimbursement of costs.	This measure would preserve local election resources by establishing reasonable timeframes for the examination of failed petitions. The bill would also protect those vital public resources by allowing local election officials to recover the costs of the examinations.	Support
County Governance			
MEASURE	ISSUE	BRIEF SUMMARY	POSITION
AB 1827 (Papan)	Local government: fees and charges: water: higher consumptive water parcels.	This measure would provide that fees or charges for property-related water service may include any combination of incrementally higher costs of water service due to higher water demand, maximum potential water use of parcels, or projected peak water usage.	Pending
AB 1879 (Gipson)	Electronic signatures.	This measure would allow the acceptance of electronic signatures by county assessors.	Support
AB 2455 (Gabriel)	Whistleblower protection: state and local government procedures.	This measure would modernize the Whistleblower Protection Act, which will help local agencies prevent the misuse of government resources by extending its protections to activities related to government contractors, among other changes.	Support
AB 2946 (Valencia)	Discretionary funds: County of Orange.	This bill would require the board of supervisors of the County of Orange to only appropriate and expend discretionary funds if the board of supervisors approves, by a majority vote, appropriating and expending the discretionary funds. The bill would require the board of supervisors of the county to post on its internet website a log of appropriated and expended discretionary funds at the end of each quarter.	Pending
SB 964 (Seyarto)	Property tax: tax-defaulted property sales.	This measure would substantially revise the longstanding process for sales of tax-defaulted properties by county governments	Pending
SB 1515 (Committee on Local Government)	Validations.	This bill, named the First Validating Act of 2024, seeks to affirm the institutional structure, geographical limits, actions, proceedings, and public debt obligations of the state, along with those of counties, cities, and certain specified districts, agencies, and entities.	Support
SB 1516 (Committee on Local Government)	Validations.	This measure, known as the Second Validating Act of 2024, aims to validate the boundaries, actions, and bonds of state and local government entities. This means that any past decisions made by these entities will be officially recognized.	Support
SB 1517 (Committee on Local Government)	Validations.	This bill, known as the Third Validating Act of 2024, aims to validate and approve the organizational boundaries, actions, and financial transactions of the state, counties, cities, and designated districts, agencies, and entities. This means that any questionable or disputed decisions or contracts made by these governmental bodies before 2024 would be officially recognized and deemed valid. It is an important	Support

measure to ensure the proper functioning and legitimacy of these entities.

Retirement

MEASURE	ISSUE	BRIEF SUMMARY	POSITION
AB 2284 (Grayson)	County employees' retirement: compensation.	This bill would authorize a retirement system, to the extent it has not defined "grade" in the above-described circumstances, to define "grade" to mean a number of employees considered together because they share similarities in job duties, schedules, unit recruitment requirements, work location, collective bargaining unit, or other logical work-related grouping.	Pending
AB 2474 (Lackey)	Retirement: County Employees Retirement Law of 1937: benefit payments and overpayments.	This bill would authorize the monthly warrant, check, or electronic fund transfer for the retirement allowance or benefit to be delivered to a prepaid account, as defined. The bill would also define "account of the retired member or survivor of a deceased retired member" to include an account held in a living trust or an income-only trust, as specified.	Pending
AB 3025 (Valencia)	County employees' retirement: disallowed compensation: benefit adjustments.	This bill would require a retirement system to stop reporting disallowed compensation for a member and credit their contributions towards future ones. It would also adjust benefits for retired members, survivors, and beneficiaries whose final compensation was based on disallowed compensation. The bill would require certain information to be kept confidential and allows employers to submit proposed compensation items for review. It would not affect parties' right to appeal any determination by the system regarding disallowed compensation. The bill also makes legislative findings regarding the need to protect certain interests when limiting access to public meetings or records.	Pending
SB 252 (Gonzalez)	Public retirement systems: fossil fuels: divestment.	This bill prohibits the CalPERS and CalSTRS boards from making additional or new investments or renewing existing investments in a fossil fuel company, defined as one of the 200 largest publicly traded fossil fuel companies, as established by carbon content in the companies' proven oil, gas, and coal reserves. The bill requires divestment from such investments by July 1, 2031, unless that requirement is suspended upon a good faith determination by the board that an act of God, war, or other unforeseeable event creates conditions that materially impact normal market mechanisms for pricing assets. The authority to make such suspensions ends on January 1, 2035.	Oppose
Labor			
MEASURE	ISSUE	BRIEF SUMMARY	POSITION
AB 2404 (Lee)	State and local public employees: labor relations: strikes.	This measure is a re-introduction of last year's AB 504 (Reyes), which would declare the acts of sympathy striking and honoring a strike line a human right and thereby disallow provisions in public employer policies or collective	Oppose

		bargaining agreements going forward that would limit or prevent an employee's right to sympathy strike.	
AB 2561 (McKinnor)	Local public employees: vacant positions.	This measure requires local agencies with bargaining unit vacancy rates exceeding 10% for more than 180 days (approximately 6 months) to produce, implement, and publish a plan to reduce their vacancy rates to 0% within the subsequent 180 days. The bill also requires the public agency to present this plan during a public hearing to the governing legislative body and to publish the plan on its internet website for public review for at least one year.	Oppose
AB 2421 (Low)	Employer-employee relations: confidential communications.	This bill would restrict an employer's ability to conduct internal investigations to the detriment of employees' and the public's safety and well-being. The bill also states its intent to establish an employee-union representative privilege in the context of California public employment and to supersede <i>American Airlines, Inc. v. Superior Court</i> , 114 Cal.App.4th 881 (2003).	Oppose
AB 2489 (Ward)	Local agencies: contracts for special services and temporary help.	This bill would require the board or a representative, at least 10 months before beginning a procurement process to contract with persons for special services that are currently, or were in the previous 10 years, performed by employees of the county represented by an employee organization, to notify, in writing, the exclusive employee representative of the workforce affected by the contract of its determination to begin that process. The bill would require persons with whom the board of supervisors enter into a contract for special services to perform functions that are currently, or were in the previous 10 years, performed by employees of the county, any county officer or department, or any district or court in the county represented by an employee organization to use employees who meet or exceed the minimum qualifications and standards required of bargaining unit civil service employees who perform or performed the same job functions, as specified. The bill would also require those persons to provide information to the county sufficient to show that their employees meet the minimum qualifications and standards. The bill would specify that these provisions do not apply to contracts between governmental entities.	Oppose
AB 2557 (Ortega)	Local agencies: contracts for special services and temporary help: performance reports.	This bill would require each contract for special services to include specific performance standards and requirements. The bill would require the board or a representative, at least 10 months before beginning a procurement process to contract with persons for special services that are currently, or were in the prior 10 years, performed by employees of the county represented by an employee organization, to notify, in writing, the exclusive employee representative of the workforce affected by the contract of its determination to begin that process. The bill would require each person who enters into such a contract with the board of supervisors to submit quarterly performance reports, as prescribed, every 90 days, to the board of supervisors and	Oppose

		<p>the exclusive representative of the employee organization. The bill would require the board or its representative to monitor quarterly performance reports to evaluate the quality of services and withhold payments to the contractor under prescribed circumstances, which circumstances the bill would deem to be a breach of contract. The bill would require contract terms exceeding 2 years to undergo a performance audit, as prescribed, by an independent auditor approved by the board to determine whether the performance standards are being met.</p>	
AB 2587 (Aguiar-Curry)	Sexual assault: statute of limitations.	<p>Current law authorizes a cause of action for any such sexual assault claim to proceed if already pending in court on January 1, 2023 or, if not filed by that date, to be commenced between January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023. This bill would recast those provisions by reviving different claims seeking to recover damages suffered as a result of a sexual assault that occurred on or after the plaintiff's 18th birthday that would otherwise be barred before January 1, 2025, solely because the applicable statute of limitations has or had expired. The bill would eliminate the requirement that the revived claims allege that one or more entities are legally responsible for damages and that the entity or their agents engaged in a cover-up.</p>	Pending
AB 2693 (Wicks)	Childhood sexual assault: statute of limitations.	<p>This bill would, notwithstanding any other law, revive claims for damages suffered as a result of childhood sexual assault by an employee of a juvenile probation camp or detention facility owned and operated by a county, that would otherwise be barred as of January 1, 2025, by the applicable statute of limitations, claim presentation deadline, or other time limit, as specified.</p>	Pending
AB 2751 (Haney)	Employer communications during nonworking hours.	<p>This bill would require a public or private employer to establish a workplace policy that provides employees the right to disconnect from communications from the employer during nonworking hours, except as specified. The bill would define the "right to disconnect" to mean that, except for an emergency or for scheduling, as defined, an employee has the right to ignore communications from the employer during nonworking hours. The bill would require nonworking hours to be established by written agreement between an employer and employee. The bill would authorize an employee to file a complaint of a pattern of violation of the bill's provisions with the Labor Commissioner, punishable by a specified civil penalty.</p>	Oppose
SB 399 (Wahab)	Employer communications: intimidation.	<p>This measure would prohibit an employer from subjecting, or threatening to subject, an employee to any adverse action because the employee declines to attend an employer-sponsored meeting or affirmatively declines to participate in, receive, or listen to any communications with the employer, the purpose of which is to communicate the employer's opinion about religious or political matters. This bill would apply to all employers, including private</p>	Oppose

		employers as well as public employers such as local governments and the State of California.	
SB 1116 (Portantino)	Unemployment insurance: trade disputes: eligibility for benefits.	This measure would provide employees who remain on strike for more than two weeks with Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits, thus requiring employers (via UI) to fund ongoing labor disputes.	Oppose
SB 1205 (Laird)	Workers' compensation: medical benefits.	This measure would increase costs and administrative friction in California's workers' compensation system by broadly expanding the payment of temporary disability benefits in a way that fundamentally undermines its purpose, which is to be available as wage replacement in situations where the worker is temporarily disabled and unable to work while recovering from an industrial injury.	Oppose
SB 1346 (Durazo)	Workers' compensation: aggregate disability payments.	This measure is a reintroduction of the extremely flawed AB 1213 (Ortega, 2023) that was vetoed by Governor Newsom. It would further complicate California's onerous claims-handling process and create an incentive to unnecessarily challenge Utilization Review (UR) decisions through Independent Medical Review (IMR).	Oppose
Workers Compensation			
MEASURE	ISSUE	BRIEF SUMMARY	POSITION
AB 2337 (Dixon)	Workers' compensation: electronic signatures.	This measure would authorize the use of certain electronic signatures in workers' compensation proceedings permanently, a practice that was temporarily permitted by Governor Newsom's emergency order during the COVID-19 state of emergency.	Support
Brown Act			
MEASURE	ISSUE	BRIEF SUMMARY	POSITION
AB 817 (Pacheco)	Open meetings: teleconferencing: subsidiary body.	This measure allows, until January 1, 2026, a subsidiary body of a local agency to teleconference without meeting all the teleconferencing requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Brown Act).	Sponsor
AB 2715 (Boerner)	Ralph M. Brown Act: closed sessions.	The Ralph M. Brown Act generally requires that all meetings of a legislative body of a local agency be open and public and that all persons be permitted to attend and participate. Current law authorizes a legislative body to hold a closed session on, among other things, matters posing a threat to the security of essential public services, as specified. This bill would additionally authorize a closed session to consider or evaluate matters related to cybersecurity, as specified, provided that any action taken on those matters is done in open session.	Support
Public Records Act			
MEASURE	ISSUE	BRIEF SUMMARY	POSITION
AB 1785 (Pacheco)	California Public Records Act.	This measure would prohibit local agencies from posting an assessor's parcel number associated with an elected or appointed official on the internet without their written permission.	Concerns

AB 2153 (Lowenthal)	California Public Records Act: public agency employees: notice requirements: personnel and medical information.	This bill would require each agency, upon receipt of a request for a copy of, or the inspection of, any personnel, medical, or similar records of a public agency employee or any record that would disclose a public agency employee's personal identity in connection with the performance of that employee's work duties, to promptly and prior to the release of the records, provide written notice of the request to that public agency employee.	Pending
AB 2283 (Pacheco)	Public Records: employee personnel records: notice.	This bill would require a public agency that receives a request for the personnel records of one of the public agency's employees to provide written notice, as prescribed, to the employee within 48 hours of receipt of the request if specified conditions are met. By imposing new duties on local agencies, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.	Pending
SB 1034 (Seyarto)	California Public Records Act: state of emergency.	This measure would amend the definition of "unusual circumstances," in the California Public Records Act (PRA) to include the need to respond to a PRA request during a state of emergency.	Support
Veterans Services			
MEASURE	ISSUE	BRIEF SUMMARY	POSITION
AB 2289 (Low)	Vehicles: parking placards and special license plates for disabled veterans and persons with disabilities.	This measure authorizes a licensed physical therapist to certify certain disabled persons to receive a disability placard, plate or temporary disability placard from the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).	Support
AB 2736 (Carrillo, Juan)	Veterans: benefits.	This bill eliminates a prohibition against the concurrent receipt of specified federal and state education benefits for the spouse and children of both currently serving members of the Armed Forces of the United States and veterans, in such instances where the servicemember or veteran is permanently and totally disabled due to a service-connected disability, or died while on active duty or as a result of a service-connected disability	Support
SB 1124 (Menjivar)	Deceptive practices: service members and veterans.	This bill provides additional protection for veterans in California in connection with fees charged for assistance applying for veterans' benefits and the privacy of their information. The bill requires persons to be federally accredited before preparing, presenting, or prosecuting a veteran's claim for benefits under federal law.	Support
Telecommunications			
MEASURE	ISSUE	BRIEF SUMMARY	POSITION
AB 2221 (Carrillo, Juan)	Broadband projects: electric power design approval.	This bill establishes timelines for electric utilities, private and public, to approve and energize a broadband project, and grants the broadband project automatic approval should the utility not take action within the timeline. Requires electric utilities to publish all rules and standards necessitated in project applications, and to only subject applications to those rules and standards that were	Pending

		published 12 months before the date of the application's submission to an electric utility for review.	
AB 2239 (Bonta)	Digital discrimination of access: prohibition.	This bill expressly prohibits an internet service provider (ISP) from engaging in digital discrimination of access ("digital discrimination"), as defined. This bill also requires the California Public Utilities (CPUC) to take specified actions to integrate and update existing processes and rules to implement the prohibition into the CPUC's programs and functions.	Pending
SB 1179 (Durazo)	Affordable Internet and Net Equality Act of 2024.	This bill requires the California Department of Technology (CDT), in coordination with the Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and the Department of General Services (DGS), to develop and establish the Net Equality Program. The bill requires the state and state agencies to only enter into a procurement contract with an internet service provider (ISP) doing business in California that offers affordable home internet service to all eligible households, as specified.	Pending
Economic Development			
MEASURE	ISSUE	BRIEF SUMMARY	POSITION
SB 534 (Padilla)	Equitable Access to Job Opportunity Pilot Program.	This bill establishes, upon appropriation, the Equitable Access to Job Opportunity Pilot Program (Pilot Program) administered by the California Workforce Development Board (CWDB) and Office of Planning and Research (OPR).	Support