

MONTEREY COUNTY LEGISLATIVE/ISSUES TRACK – NOVEMBER 9, 2015

BILL	AUTHOR	TOPIC	LOCATION	SUMMARY	POSITION/ACTION
<u>AB 35</u>	Chiu D	Income taxes: credits: low-income housing: allocation increase.	VETOED	Would, for calendar years beginning 2016, increase the aggregate housing credit dollar amount that may be allocated among low-income housing projects by \$300,000,000, as specified. The bill, under the insurance taxation law, the Personal Income Tax Law, and the Corporation Tax Law, would modify the definition of applicable percentage relating to qualified low-income buildings that meet specified criteria. This bill contains other related provisions.	Support 5/22/15 – Letter to author
<u>AB 43</u>	Stone D	Personal income taxes: credit: earned income	Held in Approps Two-Year Bill	Would, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2016, in modified conformity with federal income tax laws, allow an earned income credit to an eligible individual that is equal to specified percentages of the earned income tax credit allowed by federal law. The bill would provide that in those years in which an appropriation is made by the Legislature, the credit would be refundable.	Support 3/2/15 – Letter to author 7/3/15 – Testified in Gov & Finance Committee
<u>AB 45</u>	Mullin D	Household hazardous waste	Held in Approps Two-Year Bill	Would require each jurisdiction that provides for the residential collection and disposal of solid waste to increase the collection and diversion of household hazardous waste in its service area, on or before July 1, 2020, by 15% over a baseline amount, to be determined in accordance with Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery regulations. The bill would authorize the department to adopt a model ordinance for a comprehensive program for the collection of household hazardous waste to facilitate compliance with those provisions, and would require each jurisdiction to annually report to the department on progress achieved in complying with those provisions.	Oppose 4/14/15 – Letter to author 4/22/15 – Testified Asm. Local Gov't 4/28/15 – Testified Asm. ES&TM
<u>AB 47</u>	McCarty D	State Preschool Program	VETOED	Would require, on or before January 1, 2017, all eligible children to have access to the state preschool program the year before they enter kindergarten, if their parents wish to enroll them. The bill would state that it is the intent of the Legislature to provide sufficient funding in the annual Budget Act for this purpose.	Support 5/5/15 – Letter to author
<u>AB 48</u>	Stone D	Cigarettes: single-use filters	2/17/15 – Referred to GO Cmte Two-Year Bill	Would state findings and declarations of the Legislature regarding the health and safety hazards to residents of the state related to cigarettes utilizing single-use filters. The bill would prohibit a person or entity from selling, giving, or in any way furnishing to another person of any age in this state a cigarette utilizing a single-use filter made of any material, including cellulose acetate, or other fibrous plastic material, and any organic or biodegradable material.	Support 3/2/15 – Letter to author
<u>AB 50</u>	Mullin D	Nurse-Family Partnership	VETOED	Requires the Department of Health Care Services to develop a plan on or before January 1, 2017, to ensure that evidence-based home visiting programs, as defined, are offered and provided to Medi-Cal eligible pregnant and parenting women.	Support 6/22/15 – Letter to author
<u>AB 57</u>	Quirk D	Broadband communication	CHAPTERED	This bill requires a collocation or siting application for a wireless telecommunications facility to be deemed approved by the local land use agency, if	Oppose 6/9/15 – Letter to author

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		infrastructure		specified conditions are met, and applies these provisions to all counties and cities.	7/13/15 – Testified in Gov & Finance Committee
<u>AB 90</u>	Chau D	Federal Housing Trust Fund	CHAPTERED	Would designate the Department of Housing and Community Development as the state agency responsible for administering funds received by the state from the federal Housing Trust Fund. This bill would require the department to administer the funds through programs that produce, preserve, rehabilitate, or support the operation of rental housing for extremely low income and very low income households, except that up to 10% of funding may be used to support homeownership for extremely low income and very low income households.	Support 5/22/15 – Letter to author
<u>AB 171</u>	Irwin D	Department of Veterans Affairs: veterans' services	Senate Inactive File	Appropriates \$5.6 million annually to the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) for allocation to counties to fund county veterans service officers (CVSOs).	Support 6/16/15 – Letter to author
<u>AB 193</u>	<u>Maienschein D</u>	Mental health: conservatorship hearings	VETOED	Would authorize the court, after a hearing attended by the proposed conservatee or the proposed conservatee's counsel, or both, to recommend a conservatorship to the officer providing conservatorship investigation if the court, in consultation with a physician providing comprehensive evaluation or intensive treatment, in a conservatorship proceeding determines, based on the evidence presented to the court, including medical evidence, that a person for whom a conservatorship has been established may be gravely disabled as a result of a mental disorder or impairment by chronic alcoholism and is unwilling to accept, or is incapable of accepting, treatment voluntarily.	Oppose 4/30/15 – Letter to author
<u>AB 203</u>	<u>Obernolte D</u>	State responsibility areas: fire prevention fees	Asm Third Reading Two-Year Bill	Extends the deadline to file a petition for redetermination of the state responsibility area fire prevention fee from 30 days to 60 days.	Support 4/14/15 – Letter to author
<u>AB 238</u>	<u>Stone D</u>	Telecommunication s: California Advanced Services Fund	4/7/15 – U&C Committee – hearing cancelled at request of author Two-Year Bill	Current law requires the Public Utilities Commission to develop, implement, and administer the CASF to encourage deployment of high-quality advanced communications services to all Californians that will promote economic growth, job creation, and substantial social benefits of advanced information and communications technologies, as provided in specified decisions of the commission and in the CASF statute. This bill would define "broadband" for purposes of these provisions as advanced telecommunication services with specified advertised speeds.	Support 4/14/15 – Letter to author
<u>AB 394</u>	<u>Stone D</u>	Alcoholic beverage control: wine labels: Monterey County	CHAPTERED	Would require any wine bottled on or after January 1, 2019, labeled with an American Viticultural Area established pursuant to federal law that is located entirely within the County of Monterey to bear the designation "Monterey County" on the label in specified type size as determined by the size of the wine container, as prescribed, and would provide that a violation of this provision does not subject a person to civil or criminal provisions pursuant to the act. The bill would authorize	Support 4/14/15 – Letter to author

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				the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to suspend or revoke the license of any person who violates these provisions.	
AB 514	Williams D	Ordinances: fines: violations	VETOED	Would eliminate specified fine amounts for violations of local building and safety code ordinances determined to be an infraction and instead authorize the fine amounts for violations of specified county ordinances, including local building and safety ordinances, determined to be an infraction to be established by an ordinance that is subject to specified maximum amount requirements for the first, 2nd, and 3rd violations of the same ordinance. If one of these specified ordinances is not subject to a fine ordinance, this bill would specify the amount of the fine.	Support 3/18/15 – Letter to author 7/3/15 – Testified in Gov & Finance Committee
AB 690	Wood D	Medi-Cal: federally qualified health centers: rural health clinics	Held in Approps Two-Year Bill	Adds marriage and family therapist (MFT) to the list of health care providers that qualify for a face-to-face encounter with a patient at a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) or Rural Health Center (RHC) for purposes of a per visit Medi-Cal payment under the prospective payment system (PPS).	Support 5/1/15 – Letter to author
AB 858	Wood D	Medi-Cal: federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics	Senate Approps Two-Year Bill	Would add marriage and family therapists (MFTs) to the list of health care providers that qualify for face-to-face encounter payments from the Medi-Cal program to federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics.	Support 5/1/15 – Letter to author <i>*Substantially amended to have MFT Medi-Cal billable providers for FQHCs.</i>
AB 908	Gomez D	Disability compensation: family temporary disability insurance	Held in Approps Two-Year Bill	Would require the family temporary disability insurance program to provide up to 10 weeks of wage replacement benefits. This bill would, for purposes of this program, require the weekly benefit amount to be calculated with a specified formula. However, the amount would be prohibited from being less than \$250 and more than the maximum workers' compensation temporary disability indemnity weekly benefit amount, as specified.	Support 5/5/15 – Letter to author
AB 1056	Atkins D	Second Chance Program	CHAPTERED	Would require the Board of State and Community Corrections to administer a competitive grant program that focuses on community-based solutions for reducing recidivism. The bill would establish minimum criteria for the grant program and would require the board to establish an Executive Steering Committee, composed of 13 members, as specified, to adopt guidelines for the submission of proposals for the grant program, including threshold or scoring criteria, or both. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	Support 5/22/15 – Letter to author
AB 1315	Alejo D	Public contracts: water pollution prevention plans: delegation.	Held in Approps Two-Year Bill	Would prohibit a public entity, charter city, or charter county from delegating to a contractor the development of a plan, as defined, used to prevent or reduce water pollution or runoff on a public works contract, except as provided. By requiring a public entity, charter city, or charter county to prepare a plan, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	Concerns 5/27/15 – Letter to author 5/27/15 - Meeting with Alejo
AB 1347	Chiu D	Public contracts: claims	VETOED	Would establish, for contracts entered into on or after January 1, 2016, a claim resolution process applicable to all public entity contracts. The bill would define a	Support 4/7/15 – Letter to author

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				claim as a separate demand by the contractor for one or more of: a time extension for relief from damages or penalties for delay, payment of money or damages arising from work done pursuant to the contract for a public work, or payment of an amount disputed by the local agency.	
<u>AB 1390</u>	<u>Alejo D</u>	Groundwater adjudication	CHAPTERED	Would establish special procedures for an adjudication action, which is defined as an action filed in superior court to determine the rights to extract groundwater within a basin or store water from a basin, as specified. The bill would authorize the court to determine all rights to groundwater in a basin whether based on appropriation, overlying right, or other basis of right. The bill would require these special procedures to govern all adjudication actions except in specified cases not involving allocation of a basin's groundwater supply. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	Concerns 5/27/15 – Meeting with Alejo
<u>AB 1504</u>	<u>Alejo D</u>	Elections: all-mailed ballot elections: pilot project	CHAPTERED	Until December 31, 2017, existing law, as a pilot program, authorizes elections in San Mateo County and Yolo County, other than statewide primary or general elections, or special elections to fill a vacancy in a state office, the Legislature, or Congress, to be conducted wholly by mail if specified conditions are satisfied. If San Mateo County or Yolo County conducts an all-mailed ballot election, existing law requires the county to report to the Legislature and the Secretary of State, as specified. This bill would extend this pilot program until January 1, 2018, and would also authorize Monterey and Sacramento Counties to conduct all-mailed ballot elections pursuant to these provisions.	Support 5/8/15 – Letter to author 5/13/15 – County Registrar testified in Asm. Elections 6/29/15 – County Registrar testified in Sen. Elections and Const. Amendments 9/4/15 – Letter to the Governor
<u>ACR 77</u>	<u>Stone D</u>	California Early Intervention Services Act	CHAPTERED	This bill reaffirms existing law, specifically, that every California child deserves periodic pediatric screenings and timely access to high-quality early intervention supports and services as needed.	Support 6/22/15 – Letter to author
<u>SB 16</u>	<u>Beall</u>	Transportation Funding		Would create the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program to address deferred maintenance on the state highway system and the local street and road system. The bill would provide for the program to be authorized every 5 years by the Legislature, and would provide that authorization for the 2015-16 through 2019-20 fiscal years. The bill would require the California Transportation Commission to identify the estimated funds to be available for the program and adopt performance criteria to ensure efficient use of the funds.	Support 4/28/15 – Letter to author 5/26/15 – Letter to author Text of bill introduced as SBx1 1 in the 1st Extraordinary Session
<u>SB 23</u>	<u>Mitchell D</u>	CalWORKs: eligibility	Asm Inactive File Two-Year Bill	This bill would repeal the state's Maximum Family Grant rule, which prohibits aid to a child born into a family receiving CalWORKs benefits if the child was conceived after the family began receiving aid. It would prohibit the denial of aid for that child, and would expressly prohibit the state from requiring an applicant or recipient to disclose whether they were a victim of incest or rape, their method of contraception or whether a family used contraception,	Support 3/17/15 – Letter to author 6/30/15 – Letter to Asm. Human Services Cmte.

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SB 203	<u>Monning D</u>	Sugar-sweetened beverages: safety warnings	4/29/15 – Senate Health Two-Year Bill	Establishes the Sugar-Sweetened Beverages Safety Warning Act, to be administered by the Department of Public Health, and requires a safety warning on all sealed sugar-sweetened beverage containers, as specified. Requires the warning label to be posted in a place that is easily visible at the point-of-purchase of an establishment where a beverage container is not filled by the consumer.	Support 4/13/15 – Letter to author
SB 317	<u>DeLeon D</u>	The Safe Neighborhood Parks, Rivers, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2016	Senate Inactive File	This bill would enact the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Rivers, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2016, which, if adopted by the voters at the November 8, 2016, statewide general election, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the total amount of \$2,450,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a safe neighborhood parks, rivers, and coastal protection program.	Support 4/13/15 – Letter to author 5/28/15 – Sup Potter/staff meeting with Monning re: possible amendments to increase the per-capita funding formula.
SB 321	<u>Beall D</u>	Motor vehicle fuel taxes: rate adjustments	Senate Unfinished Business	This bill will make a much-needed technical fix to the complex process for setting the gasoline excise tax rate under the gas tax swap, while maintaining revenue neutrality with the former sales tax on gasoline.	Support 5/26/15 – Letter to author
SB 358	<u>Jackson D</u>	Conditions of employment: gender wage differential	CHAPTERED	Current law makes it a misdemeanor for an employer or other person acting either individually or as an officer, agent, or employee of another person to pay or cause to be paid to any employee a wage less than the rate paid to an employee of the opposite sex as required by specified provisions, or who reduces the wages of any employee in order to comply with these provisions. This bill would revise that prohibition to eliminate the requirement that the wage differential be within the same establishment, and instead would prohibit an employer from paying any of its employees at wage rates less than those paid to employees of the opposite sex for substantially similar work, when viewed as a composite of skill, effort, and responsibility, as specified.	Support 5/7/15 – Letter to author
SB 407	<u>Morrell R</u>	Comprehensive Perinatal Services Program: licensed midwives	CHAPTERED	Would authorize a health care provider to employ or contract licensed midwives for the purpose of providing comprehensive perinatal services. The bill would expand the definition of "comprehensive perinatal provide" as used in these provisions to include a licensed midwife. The bill would declare that its provisions shall not be construed to revise or expand the scope of practice, as defined, of licensed midwives.	Support 4/14/15 – Letter to author
SB 408	<u>Morrell R</u>	Midwife assistants	CHAPTERED	Would authorize a midwife assistant to perform certain assistive activities under the supervision of a licensed midwife, including the administration of medicine, the withdrawing of blood, and midwife technical support services. The bill would define terms for these purposes. The bill would prohibit a midwife assistant from being employed for inpatient care in a licensed general acute care hospital.	Support 4/14/15 – Letter to author
SB 548	<u>DeLeon D</u>	Child care: family child care providers: bargaining	VETOED	Would authorize family child care providers, as defined, to form, join, and participate in the activities of provider organizations, as defined, and to seek the certification of a provider organization to act as the exclusive representative for	Support 5/7/15 – Letter to author

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		representatives.		family child care providers on matters related to state-funded child care programs pursuant to a petition and election process overseen by the Public Employment Relations Board or a neutral 3rd party designated by the board.	
SB 705	Hill D	Transactions and use taxes: County of San Mateo: Transportation Agency of Monterey County	CHAPTERED	Would authorize Monterey and San Mateo Counties to impose a countywide sales tax for transportation purposes that would, in combination with all other locally imposed sales tax, exceed the 2% tax rate cap.	Support

OTHER ISSUES	NOTES	POSITION/ACTION
BUDGET Adult Protective Services; \$5M training	\$2.4 million in the Budget - Adopted	Support 3/16/15 – Letter to Asm Budget Sub #1 3/16/15 – Letter to Sen. Budget Sub #3
BUDGET CalWORKS Housing Support Program Funding	\$35 million in the Budget - Adopted	Support 3/16/15 – Letter to Asm. Budget Sub #1 3/16/15 – Letter to Sen. Budget Sub #3
BUDGET Foster Parent and Kinship Recruitment, Retention and Support	\$17.7 million in the Budget - Adopted	Support 3/16/15 – Letter to Asm. Budget Sub #1 3/16/15 – Letter to Sen. Budget Sub #3
Mental Health Conservatorships	Support legislative efforts to clarify county responsibility for individuals in the judicial system with inorganic mental disorders (i.e., dementia and traumatic brain disorder)	September – November – Several meetings with CSAC on finalizing agenda and panelists. Secured Monterey County Counsel Charles McKee as the opening speaker. 8/10/15 – County Staff and JEA & Associates met to discuss drafting of case study for workshop in Monterey. 7/8/15 – Met with CSAC to discuss framework for the workshop at the Annual Conference in Monterey. 5/27/15 – Met with County and CSAC staff. Coordinating follow-up call with stakeholders and a formal meeting in Monterey during the CSAC Annual Conference.
Marijuana Policy/Regulatory Development	Examine state policy and initiatives pertaining to the regulation of marijuana cultivation, dispensaries, etc.	9/24/15 – JEA & Associates provided analysis of the three marijuana regulation bills passed by the Legislature.

