

County of Monterey – 2021-22 Legislative Report (Positions) as of 03/08/2021

Measure	Author	Topic	Location	Calendar	Brief Summary	Position	Notes
AB 14	Aguiar-Curry D	Communications: broadband services: California Advanced Services Fund.	1/11/2021-A. C. & C.		Current law establishes the State Department of Education in state government, and vests the department with specified powers and duties relating to the state's public school system. This bill would authorize local educational agencies to report to the department their pupils' estimated needs for computing devices and internet connectivity adequate for at-home learning. The bill would require the department, in consultation with the Public Utilities Commission, to compile that information and to annually post that compiled information on the department's internet website.	Support	12/17/20 LC Support 12/18/20 Letter to Author 2/1/21 Memo to A. C. & C.
AB 34	Muratsuchi D	Communications: Broadband for All Act of 2022.	12/7/2020-A. PRINT		Would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would enact the Broadband for All Act of 2022, to become operative only if approved by the voters at the November 8, 2022, statewide general election, to authorize the issuance of state general obligation bonds to fund increased access to broadband services to rural, urban, suburban, and tribal unserved and underserved communities.	Support	12/10/20 Letter to Author
AB 73	Rivas, Robert D	Employment safety: agricultural workers: wildfire smoke.	1/11/2021-A. L. & E.		Would, among other things, require the Division of Occupational Safety and Health to designate a wildfire smoke strike team within each regional office for purposes of enforcing regulations regarding air quality safety for agricultural workers, as defined. The bill would require the division, by January 1, 2023, to establish a stockpile of N95 filtering facepiece respirators, as defined, of sufficient size to adequately equip all agricultural workers during wildfire smoke emergencies. The bill would require the department to establish guidelines for procurement, management, and distribution of the N95 respirators.	Support	12/17/20 LC Support 12/21/20 Letter to author 2/1/21 Memo to A. L. & E.
AB 89	Jones-Sawyer D	Peace officers: minimum qualifications.	1/11/2021-A. PUB. S.		Current law requires peace officers in this state to meet specified minimum standards, including age and education requirements. This bill would increase the minimum qualifying age from 18 to 25 years of age. This bill would permit an individual under 25 years of age to qualify for employment as a peace officer if the individual has a bachelor's or advanced degree from an accredited college or university. The bill would specify that these requirements do not apply to individuals 18 to 24 years of age who are already employed as a peace officer as	Watch	12/17/20 LC Watch

					of the effective date of this act. The bill would provide legislative findings in support of the measure.		
AB 101	Medina D	Pupil instruction: high school graduation requirements: ethnic studies.	1/11/2021-A. ED.		Would add the completion of a one-semester course in ethnic studies, meeting specified requirements, to the high school graduation requirements commencing with pupils graduating in the 2029–30 school year, including for pupils enrolled in a charter school. The bill would expressly authorize local educational agencies, including charter schools, to require a full-year course in ethnic studies at their discretion. The bill would require local educational agencies, including charter schools, to offer an ethnic studies course commencing with the 2025–26 school year, as specified.	Support	2/8/21 LC Support 2/8/21 Letter to author
SB 4	Gonzalez D	Communications: California Advanced Services Fund.	1/28/2021-S. E. U., & C.		Current law establishes the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development, known as “GO-Biz,” within the Governor’s office to serve the Governor as the lead entity for economic strategy and the marketing of California on issues relating to business development, private sector investment, and economic growth. This bill would require the office to coordinate with other relevant state and local agencies and national organizations to explore ways to facilitate streamlining of local land use approvals and construction permit processes for projects related to broadband infrastructure deployment and connectivity.	Support	12/7/20 County signed coalition letter in support 2/1/21 Memo to S. E. U., & C.
SB 45	Portantino D	Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2022.	1/28/2021-S. N.R. & W.	3/16/2021 9 a.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER, STERN, Chair	Would enact the Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2022, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$5,510,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for a wildfire prevention, safe drinking water, drought preparation, and flood protection program.	Support	12/17/20 LC Support 12/18/20 Letter to author 2/1/21 Memo to S. N.R. & W.
SB 59	Caballero D	Cannabis licenses.	1/28/2021-S. B., P. & E.D.		MAUCRSA, until January 1, 2022, authorizes a licensing authority, in its sole discretion, to issue a provisional license if the applicant has submitted a completed license application to the licensing authority, including evidence that compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) or local cannabis ordinances is underway, if applicable, as specified. This bill would extend the repeal date of these provisional license provisions to July 1, 2028. By extending provisional licensure, the applications for which are required to be signed	Support	1/11/21 LC Support 1/12/21 Letter to author 2/1/21 Memo to S. B., P. & E.D.

					under penalty of perjury, the bill would expand the scope of the crime of perjury, and would thereby impose a state-mandated local program.		
SB 74	Borgeas R	Keep California Working Act.	1/28/2021-S. B., P. & E.D.		Current law establishes the Office of Small Business Advocate within the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development for the purpose of advocating for the causes of small business and to provide small businesses with the information they need to survive in the marketplace. This bill, the Keep California Working Act, would establish the Keep California Working Grant Program. The act would require the Small Business Advocate to administer the program and award grants, as specified, to small businesses and nonprofit entities that meet specified criteria, including that the entity has experienced economic hardship resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.	Support	2/8/21 LC Support 2/8/21 Letter to S-B., P. & E.D.
SB 219	McGuire D	Property taxation: delinquent penalties and costs: cancellation: public health orders.	1/28/2021-S. GOV. & F.	3/11/2021 Upon adjournment of Session - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE, MCGUIRE, Chair	Current property tax law requires the county tax collector to collect all property taxes and provides for the payment of taxes on the secured roll in 2 installments, which are due and payable on November 1 and February 1, respectively. This bill would authorize the auditor or the tax collector to cancel any penalty, costs, or other charges resulting from tax delinquency upon a finding that failure to make a timely payment is due to a documented hardship, as determined by the tax collector, arising from a shelter-in-place order, as defined, if the principal payment for the proper amount of tax due is paid no later than June 30 of the fiscal year in which the payment first became delinquent. By increasing the duties of local agencies, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.	Support	2/8/21 LC Support 2/8/21 Letter to author 3/2/21 Memo to S- GOV. & F.