



STATE BILL & ISSUES TRACK 09/09/24

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Measure	Author	Topic	Location	Brief Summary	Position	Notes
AB 46	Ramos D	Personal income taxes: exclusion: Military Services Retirement and Surviving Spouse Benefit Payment Act.	8/14/2023- S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE	Would, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2024, and before January 1, 2034, exclude from gross income retirement pay received by a taxpayer from the federal government for service performed in the uniformed services, as defined, during the taxable year. The bill, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2024, and before January 1, 2034, would also exclude from gross income annuity payments received by a qualified taxpayer, as defined, pursuant to a United States Department of Defense Survivor Benefit Plan during the taxable year. The bill would make related findings and declarations.	Support	2/2/23 AB 46 support letter to author. 6/7/23 support letter to SEN Governance & Finance and SEN Military & Veterans Affairs Committee. 7/22/24 support letter to Sen Appropriations.
AB 513	Rodriguez D	California Individual Assistance Act.	8/14/2023- S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE	Would enact the California Individual Assistance Act to establish a grant program to provide financial assistance to local agencies, community-based organizations, and individuals for specified costs related to a disaster, as prescribed. The bill would require the Director of Emergency Services to allocate from the fund, subject to specified conditions, funds to meet the cost of expenses for those purposes. By authorizing increased expenditure of moneys from a continuously appropriated fund for a new purpose, the bill would make an appropriation.	Support	5/16/23 letter to author and ASM Appropriations. 6/23/23 letter to Sen Governmental Organization. 7/18/23 letter to SEN Appropriations. 7/22/24 letter to Sen Appropriations.
AB 1168	Bennett D	Emergency medical services (EMS): prehospital EMS.	8/27/2024- A. ENROLLMENT	Current law requires a county to enter into a written agreement with a city or fire district that contracted for or provided prehospital EMS as of June 1, 1980. Current law requires, until that written agreement is reached, prehospital EMS to be continued at not less than the existing level and the administration of prehospital EMS by cities and fire districts contracting for or providing those services as of June 1, 1980, to be retained by those	Oppose	AB 1168 oppose letter 4/10/23. 7/22/24 letter to Sen Appropriations. 8/29/24 letter for veto sent to Governor.

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				cities and fire districts. This bill would require a city to be treated as if it had retained its authorities regarding, and the administration of, prehospital EMS if specified requirements are met. If a joint powers agreement regarding prehospital EMS was initially executed on or after January 1, 2024, 2025, the bill would ensure a city or fire district retains its existing authorities regarding, and the administration of, prehospital EMS. The bill would set various conditions for a joint powers agreement, including, among other things, requiring uniform operational procedures for prehospital EMS throughout the EMS area or subarea covered by the agreement.		
AB 1567	Garcia D	Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, Clean Energy, and Workforce Development Bond Act of 2024.	5/22/2024-S. N.R. & W.	Would enact the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, Clean Energy, and Workforce Development Bond Act of 2024, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$15,995,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for safe drinking water, wildfire prevention, drought preparation, flood protection, extreme heat mitigation, clean energy, and workforce development programs.	Support	WBC_AB 1567 support increase funding Final 3.13.23. 6/16/23 Letter to SEN Governance & Finance SEN Natural Resources & Water.
AB 2022	Addis D	Mobilehome parks: emergency preparedness.	8/29/2024- A. ENROLLMENT	The Mobilehome Parks Act generally regulates various classifications of mobilehome and related vehicle parks and imposes enforcement duties on the Department of Housing and Community Development (department) and local enforcement agencies. Current law requires every park with 50 or more units to have a person who is responsible for, and will respond in a timely manner to, emergencies concerning the operation and maintenance of the park that resides in the park and has knowledge of emergency procedures relative to utility systems and common facilities under the ownership and control of the owner of the park, and familiarity with the emergency preparedness plans for the park. This bill would, starting January 1, 2027, require that person who is responsible for emergencies concerning the operation and maintenance of the park to have knowledge of emergency procedures relative to access to park entrances and exits.	Support	AB 2022 (Addis) County of Monterey - support 5.13.24. 7/22/24 letter to Sen Appropriations. 8/30/24 letter sent to Governor requesting signature.

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AB 2902	Wood D	Solid waste: reduction and recycling.	8/28/2024- A. ENROLLMENT	Current law requires the State Air Resources Board to complete, approve, and implement a comprehensive strategy to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants in the state to reduce statewide methane emissions by 40% below 2013 levels by 2030. Current law requires methane emissions reduction goals to include specified targets to reduce the landfill disposal of organics. Current law requires the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, in consultation with the state board, to adopt regulations that achieve those targets for reducing organic waste in landfills, as provided. The department's organic waste regulations provide different organic waste procurement targets for local jurisdictions based on population and provide waivers and exemptions from collection and procurement requirements for rural, low-population, and high-elevation jurisdictions. Current law provides that the exemption for rural jurisdictions is valid until December 31, 2026, as specified. The department's organic waste regulations establish collection bin lid color requirements for waste collection services to identify the types of waste to be placed into a collection bin. This bill would extend the rural jurisdiction exemption until January 1, 2037, except as provided, and would require the department to adopt regulations to establish a process to renew the exemption after that date for periods of up to 5 years.	Support	Letter sent 3/12/24. 7/22/24 letter to Sen Appropriations. 8/29/24 letter sent to Governor requesting signature.
SB 227	<u>Durazo</u> D	Unemployment: Excluded Workers Program.	8/29/2024- S. ENROLLMENT	Current law authorizes the payment of unemployment compensation benefits and requires that they be made in accordance with regulations of the Director of Employment Development. Current law generally requires the Employment Development Department (department) to promptly pay benefits if claimants are eligible or to promptly deny benefits if they are ineligible. Current law prohibits payment of unemployment compensation benefits for services performed by a person who is not a citizen or national of the United States, unless that person is an individual who was lawfully admitted for permanent residence at the time the services were performed, was lawfully present for purposes of performing the services, or was permanently residing in the United States under color of law at the time the services were performed, as specified.	Support	3/23/23 letter to author, SEN Gov. & Finance, SEN Labor Public Employment & Retirement, and SEN Appropriations. 6/9/23 letter to ASM Insurance. 7/21/23 letter to ASM Appropriations. 7/22/24 letter to ASM Appropriations. 8/30/34 letter sent to Governor requesting signature.

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				This bill would require, on or before March 31, 2025, the department to develop a detailed plan to establish a permanent Excluded Workers Program to provide cash assistance that resembles unemployment insurance benefits to unemployed workers who are ineligible for unemployment insurance due to their immigration status, as specified, and submit the plan to the appropriate fiscal and policy committees of each house of the Legislature, the Department of Finance, and the Legislative Analyst's Office.		
SB 1390	<u>Caballero</u> D	Groundwater recharge: floodflows: diversion.	8/20/2024- A. THIRD READING	Current law declares that all water within the state is the property of the people of the state, but the right to the use of the water may be acquired by appropriation in the manner provided by law. Current law requires the appropriation to be for some useful or beneficial purpose. Current law provides, however, that the diversion of floodflows for groundwater recharge does not require an appropriative water right if certain conditions are met, including that a local or regional agency that has adopted a local plan of flood control or has considered flood risks as part of its most recently adopted general plan has given notice, as provided, of imminent risk of flooding and inundation of lands, roads, or structures. Current law defines "floodflow" for these purposes, to include circumstances in which flows would inundate ordinarily dry areas in the bed of a terminal lake to a depth that floods dairies and other ongoing agricultural activities, or areas with substantial residential, commercial, or industrial development. Current law defines "imminent" for these purposes to mean a high degree of confidence that a condition will begin in the immediate future. Current law also requires the person or entity making the diversion for groundwater recharge purposes to file with the State Water Resources Control Board and any applicable groundwater sustainability agency for the basin, a notice containing specified information no later than 48 hours after initially commencing diversion of floodflows for groundwater recharge, a preliminary report no later than 14 days after initially commencing that diversion, and a final report no later than 15 days after the diversions cease. These requirements apply to diversions commenced before January 1, 2029. This bill would,	Support	Letter sent 3/12/24. 7/22/24 letter to ASM Appropriations.

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				among other things, expand the conditions that are required to be met for the diversion of floodwaters for groundwater recharge that do not require an appropriative water right. The bill would expand the definition of "floodflow" to include flows that are projected by the local or regional agency to inundate ordinarily dry areas in the bed of a terminal lake, as described above. The bill would revise the definition of "imminent" to mean a high degree of confidence that a condition will begin or is projected to begin within the next 72 hours.		
SB 1400	Stern D	Criminal procedure: competence to stand trial.	8/31/2024- S. ENROLLMENT	Current law prohibits a person from being tried or adjudged to punishment while that person is mentally incompetent. Current law establishes a process by which a defendant's mental competency is evaluated and if the defendant is found incompetent to stand trial, the proceedings are suspended while the defendant receives treatment, with the goal of restoring the defendant to competency. Current law, in the case of a misdemeanor charge in which the defendant is found incompetent, requires the court to either dismiss the case or hold a hearing to determine if the defendant is eligible for diversion. Under current law, if the defendant is not eligible for diversion, the court may hold another hearing to decide if the defendant should be referred for outpatient treatment, conservatorship, or the CARE program, or if the defendant's treatment plan should be modified. Current law requires that the charges be dismissed if a defendant is accepted into outpatient treatment or the CARE program. Current law also requires the court, if the defendant is already on a grant of diversion for a misdemeanor case, to dismiss the current case and return the defendant to supervision. This bill would remove the option for the court to dismiss the case and would instead require the court to hold a hearing to determine if the defendant will be referred to outpatient treatment, conservatorship, or the CARE program, or if the defendant's treatment plan will be referred to outpatient treatment, conservatorship, or the CARE program, or if the defendant's treatment plan will be modified.	Oppose Unless Amended	Oppose Unless Amended letter submitted 8/27/24. Letter to Governor for Veto submitted 9/3/24.

Budget Items and Other Issues:

Subject	Description	Action
Support Letter for Monterey-Salinas Transit's SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project – CDP aApplication #3- 23-0288	County of Monterey letter supporting Monterey- Salinas Transit's SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project which will provide high quality public transit to improve access for all residents especially those living in disadvantaged communities making minimum wage.	8/13/24 letter to Dr. Caryl Hart, Chair and Commissioners sent to Governor Newson, Assembly Speaker Rivas, Pro Tempore McGuire, Senator Laird and Assembly Member Addis.
BUDGET CalWORKs Program	County of Monterey letter opposing State Budget proposal to eliminate CalWORKs Family Stabilization Program and CalWORKs Expanded Subsidized Employment Program – cuts total over \$400 million.	3/12/24 letter to Senate Budget & Fiscal Review Sub. No. 3 and Assembly Budget Sub. No. 2
BUDGET Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program	County of Monterey letter supporting continued funding for HHAP program and securing permanent housing and needed services.	3/21/24 letter to Assembly Budget Sub. No. 5 Chair and Members and Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Sub. No. 4 Chair and Members.
BUDGET CRLA Rural Justice Centers	County of Monterey letter supporting Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia's \$10 Million Budget request for California Rural Legal Assistance (CRLA) Rural Justice Centers program.	5/10/24 letter to Speaker Rivas, Senate pro Temp McGuire, Asm. E. Garcia, and Senate and Assembly Budget Committees.
BUDGET GO-Biz Employee Ownership Hub	County of Monterey signed on to a letter with the Worker-Owned Recovery California (WORC) coalition supporting a request for \$1.5 million to fund the Employee Ownership Hub within the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz).	5/14/24 cosigned letter to California budget leaders.
BUDGET Future of Public Health	County of Monterey letter opposing the proposal to eliminate \$300 million ongoing Future of Public Health investments, with \$200 million dedicated to local health department workforce and infrastructure.	5/28/24 letter to Senate Budget and Fiscal Review, Senate Budget Sub. No. 3, Assembly Budget, and Assembly Budget Sub. No. 1.
BUDGET Homelessness Proposals	County of Monterey letter opposing proposals to cut funding for homelessness programs (e.g., Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program, Social Services and Behavioral Services Homelessness Programs).	5/28/24 letter to Senate Budget Sub. No. 3, Senate Budget Sub. No. 4, Assembly Budget Sub. No. 1, Assembly Budget Sub. No. 2, and Assembly Budget Sub. No. 5.
BUDGET Human Services Proposals	County of Monterey letter opposing \$1.3 billion in budget cuts to human services programs (e.g., California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs), Child Welfare Services, Adult Protective Services (APS), etc.).	5/28/24 letter to Senate Budget and Fiscal Review, Senate Budget Sub. No. 3, Assembly Budget, and Assembly Budget Sub. No. 2.

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BUDGET Market Match Program	County of Monterey letter supporting funding for the Market Match Program that incentivizes CalFresh recipients to spend their benefits for farm-direct fresh fruits and vegetables by providing a dollar-for-dollar match on CalFresh purchases at farm-direct outlets (farmers markets).	5/28/24 letter to Senate Budget and Fiscal Review, Senate Budget Sub. No. 3, Assembly Budget, and Assembly Budget Sub. No. 2.
BUDGET Broadband Proposals	County of Monterey concerns regarding proposed reductions in broadband funding for Middle Mile Broadband Initiative, the Federal Fund Account last mile program (FFA) and the CPUC Loan Loss Reserve (LLR) Program.	5/30/24 letter to Assemblymember Gabriel, Assembly Budget Chair; Senator Weiner, Senate Budget Chair; Assemblymember Bennett, ASM Budget Subcommittee 4 Chair; Senator Becker, Senate Budget Subcommittee 2 Chair.
BUDGET Human Services Programs Restorations	County of Monterey regarding request to support budget restorations for human services programs; specifically to CalWORKs, Child Welfare Services and Adult Protective Services.	6/5/24 letter sent to health & Human Services Agency, DOF, CA Depat. Of Social Services, HHS Policy Consultant Senate Pres. Pro Temp, HHS Policy Consultant Assembly Speaker; ASM Budget Consultant on HHS; CWDA; CSAC HHS Advocacy Policy Consultants and RCRC Advocacy Policy Consultants; State Legislators representing the County of Monterey
CPUC AT&T COLR Obligation Application	County of Monterey letter opposing AT&T's applications to the CPUC seeking relief from their Carrier of Last Resort (COLR) obligations.	3/12/24 letter to CPUC and to state legislators representing the County of Monterey.
CPUC Proposed Decision to Dismiss ATT COLR Application	County of Monterey letter supporting the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Glegola's Proposed Decision to dismiss AT&T's application for relief from their Carrier of Last Resort (COLR) obligations, submitted in Application (A.) 23-03-003 on May 10, 2024.	5/23/24 letter to CPUC and state legislators representing the County of Monterey.
Support Letter: FY25 CPF Request Broadway Family Connection Project	Obtained letters of support for the County's Community Project Funding (CPF) requests in the FY25 Federal Budget for the Broadway Family Connection Project.	3/25/24 support letter from Sen. Laird to U.S. Senator Alex Padilla 3/28/24 support letter from Asm. Addis to U.S. Senator Alex Padilla 4/1/24 support letter from Speaker Rivas to U.S. Senator Alex Padilla

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Support Letter: FY25 CPF Request Carmel River Floodplain Restoration and Environmental Enhancement (CRFREE) Project	Obtained letters of support for the County's Community Project Funding (CPF) requests in the FY25 Federal Budget for the CRFREE Project.	3/25/24 support letter from Sen. Laird to U.S. Senator Alex Padilla 3/27/24 support letter from Speaker Rivas to U.S. Senator Alex Padilla 3/27/24 support letter from Asm. Addis to U.S. Senator Alex Padilla
Support Letter: FY25 CPF Request Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (CSIP)	Obtained letters of support for the County's Community Project Funding (CPF) requests in the FY25 Federal Budget for the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (CSIP).	3/25/24 support letter from Sen. Laird to U.S. Senator Alex Padilla 3/27/24 support letter from Speaker Rivas to U.S. Senator Alex Padilla 3/27/24 support letter from Asm. Addis to U.S. Senator Alex Padilla 3/28/24 support letter from Sen. Caballero to U.S. Senator Alex Padilla
Support Letter: FY25 CPF Request Family Justice Center	Obtained letters of support for the County's Community Project Funding (CPF) requests in the FY25 Federal Budget for the Family Justice Center (Seaside).	3/25/24 support letter from Sen. Laird to U.S. Senator Alex Padilla 3/28/24 support letter from Asm. Addis to U.S. Senator Alex Padilla 4/1/24 support letter from Speaker Rivas to U.S. Senator Alex Padilla
Support Letter: FY25 CPF Request Fort Ord Blight Removal	Obtained letters of support for the County's Community Project Funding (CPF) requests in the FY25 Federal Budget for the Former Fort Ord Blight Removal Project.	3/25/24 support letter from Sen. Laird to U.S. Senator Alex Padilla 3/27/24 support letter from Speaker Rivas to U.S. Senator Laphonza Butler
Support Letter: FY25 CPF Request Pajaro County Sanitation District Sewer System Improvement Project	Obtained letters of support for the County's Community Project Funding (CPF) requests in the FY25 Federal Budget for the Pajaro County Sanitation District, Sewer System Improvement Project.	3/25/24 support letter from Sen. Laird to Rep. Zoe Lofgren 3/27/24 support letter from Speaker Rivas to U.S. Senator Laphonza Butler 5/8/24 letter of support from Speaker Robert Rivas to Rep. Zoe Lofgren.
Support Letter: FY25 CPF Request San Lucas Water Supply Project	Obtained letters of support for the County's Community Project Funding (CPF) requests in the FY25 Federal Budget for the San Lucas Water Supply Project.	3/27/24 support letter from Speaker Rivas to U.S. Senator Laphonza Butler 5/8/24 letter of support from Speaker Robert Rivas to Rep. Zoe Lofgren
Support Letter: FY25 CPF Request Skate and Bike Park	Obtained letters of support for the County's Community Project Funding (CPF) requests in the FY25 Federal Budget for the Skate and Bike Park Safe Access Project.	3/27/24 support letter from Speaker Rivas to U.S. Senator Laphonza Butler

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Grant Support Letter: Davis Road Widening and Bridge Replacement Project	Obtained letters of support for the County's Department of Transportation's Rural Surface Transportation Grant program (Rural) application for the Davis Road Widening and Bridge Replacement Project.	4/26/24 support letter from Senator Caballero to DOT Secretary Buttigieg 4/30/24 support letter from Speaker Rivas to DOT Secretary Buttigieg.

Note: The bills listed below are from 2023.

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<u>AB 46</u>	Ramos D	Personal income taxes: exclusion: Military Services Retirement and Surviving Spouse Benefit Payment Act.	8/14/2023-S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE	Support
AB 345	Wilson D	Habitat restoration: flood control: advance payments.	10/10/2023-A. CHAPTERED	Support
AB 400	Rubio, Blanca D	Local agency design-build projects: authorization.	9/22/2023-A. CHAPTERED	Support
AB 444	Addis D	California Defense Community Infrastructure Program.	9/1/2023-S. 2 YEAR	Support
AB 505	Ting D	The Office of Youth and Community Restoration.	10/9/2023-A. CHAPTERED	Oppose
AB 513	Rodriguez D	California Individual Assistance Act.	8/14/2023-S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE	Support
AB 557	<u>Hart</u> D	Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences.	10/9/2023-A. CHAPTERED	Support
AB 595	Essayli R	Animal shelters: 72-hour public notice: euthanasia: study.	1/18/2024-A. DEAD	Oppose
AB 684	<u>Ta</u> R	County veterans service officers: additional resources.	1/18/2024-A. DEAD	Support
AB 687	<u>Hart</u> D	California Cannabis Authority.	9/1/2023-S. 2 YEAR	Support
AB 876	<u>Rivas, Robert</u> D	Pajaro River Flood Risk Management Project: environmental laws: exemptions.	10/13/2023-A. CHAPTERED	Support
AB 906	Gipson D	Local control funding formula: county offices of education: alternative education grant.	1/12/2024-A. DEAD	Support
AB 1057	<u>Weber</u> D	California Home Visiting Program.	10/8/2023-A. VETOED	Support
AB 1217	<u>Gabriel</u> D	Business pandemic relief.	10/9/2023-A. CHAPTERED	Support
AB 1448	<u>Wallis</u> R	Cannabis: enforcement by local jurisdictions.	10/13/2023-A. CHAPTERED	Support
<u>SB 23</u>	<u>Caballero</u> D	Water supply and flood risk reduction projects: expedited permitting.	1/18/2024-S. DEAD	Support
SB 38	<u>Laird</u> D	Battery energy storage facilities: emergency response and emergency action plans.	10/7/2023-S. CHAPTERED	Support
SB 43	Eggman D	Behavioral health.	10/10/2023-S. CHAPTERED	Oppose
SB 304	<u>Laird</u> D	Monterey-Salinas Transit District: public contracting.	7/21/2023-S. CHAPTERED	Support
SB 326	<u>Eggman</u> D	The Behavioral Health Services Act.	10/12/2023-S. CHAPTERED	Oppose Unless Amended
SB 508	<u>Laird</u> D	Cannabis: licenses: California Environmental Quality Act.	9/1/2023-A. 2 YEAR	Support
SB 511	Blakespear D	Greenhouse gas emissions inventories.	9/1/2023-A. 2 YEAR	Support
SB 548	<u>Niello</u> R	Public employees' retirement: joint county and trial court contracts.	10/4/2023-S. CHAPTERED	Support

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SB 642	<u>Cortese</u> D	Hazardous materials: enforcement: county counsel.	8/22/2023-S. CHAPTERED	Support
SB 691	Portantino D	State Board of Education: student members: truancy notifications.	4/29/2024- A. ED.	Support (no longer applies; gut-n-amend 1/3/24)
SB 753	<u>Caballero</u> D	Cannabis: water resources.	10/8/2023-S. CHAPTERED	Support
SB 800	<u>Caballero</u> D	Advanced Air Mobility, Zero-Emission, and Electrification Aviation Advisory Panel.	10/7/2023-S. CHAPTERED	Support
SB 867	Allen D	Drought, Flood, and Water Resilience, Wildfire and Forest Resilience, Coastal Resilience, Extreme Heat Mitigation, Biodiversity and Nature-Based Climate Solutions, Climate Smart Agriculture, Park Creation and Outdoor Access, and Clean Energy Bond Act of 2024.	6/20/2023-A. NAT. RES.	Support
SBX1 2	<u>Skinner</u> D	Energy: transportation fuels: supply and pricing: maximum gross gasoline refining margin.	3/27/2023-S. CHAPTERED	Support
SJR 7	<u>Wahab</u> D	Federal constitutional convention: firearms.	9/21/2023-S. CHAPTERED	Support

^{*}A support position means the County has taken an official support position on the bill and Nossaman is actively advocating to advance the legislation in Committees and with the Administration. This includes meetings with the author, sponsors, and staff, meetings with members, staff and consultants of relevant committees, drafting letters of support, and drafting supportive talking points and any necessary background information, and testifying in hearings.

^{*}An oppose position means the County has taken an official oppose position on the bill and that Nossaman is actively advocating against the legislation moving any further in the legislative process. This includes meetings with the author, sponsors, and staff, meetings with members, staff and consultants of relevant committees, drafting letters of opposition, drafting talking points and any necessary background information, and testifying in hearings.

^{*}A support if amended or oppose unless amended position the County has concerns on the bill and Nossaman is actively advocating for a change to the language of a bill in order to gain the County's support, or to remove the County's opposition.

^{*}A watch position means that the County is not advocating in support or opposition of a bill but may be gathering more information and/or meeting with the author and relevant committees to evaluate potential impacts of the legislation.