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2024 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER & BUSINESS AFFAIRS

The Public Policy Division within the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCBA) is currently tracking 132 State bills that upon passage could have an impact on DCBA's various operations. While many of these bills are no longer considered active in the process, the department continues to watch all as last-minute "resurrections" can happen if the legislature is motivated enough to vote for exceptions to the rules.

This update is meant to provide the commission with details of the following:

- The current stage of the legislative process and bills of interest that did not make the crossover deadline
- Bills with official County support and those of particular interest to our department
- An update on still-active bills of interest discussed in the previous commission update of April 18th, 2024.

CURRENT STAGE

Bills still under deliberation must have already passed into the second chamber and, in most cases, are now being reviewed in committee. The deadline for bills to be reported out of policy committees is July 3, 2024. The deadline for bills to be reported out of fiscal committees is August 16, 2024. The legislature's summer recess will be from July 3 to August 5, 2024.

DCBA had particular interest in a number of bills, but unfortunately, these did not pass on to the second chamber:

- [AB 2191](#) – Established the California Earned Income Tax Credit Outreach, Education, and Free Tax Assistance Grant program which would have required the Franchise Tax Board to allocate grants to qualified nonprofit community-based organizations or local government agencies to increase the number of eligible households claiming the various available tax credits.



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- [AB 2415](#) – Expanded eligibility for the Cash Assistance for Aged, Blind, and Disabled Legal Immigrants (CAPI) to all eligible individuals, regardless of immigration status, and waived the requirement that an applicant must apply and be denied Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Program (SSI/SSP) before being eligible for benefits under CAPI.
- [SB 1124](#) – Would prohibit a person from charging a fee for the preparation, presentation, or prosecution of any claim for benefits that is inconsistent with federal law and limits the amount that can be charged to levels consistent with fees charged by an attorney accredited by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. The County had issued a formal letter of support for this bill.

BILLS OF INTEREST THAT REMAIN ACTIVE

Two bills of interest that have received formal County support and remain active within the legislative process include:

- [SB 1201](#) – Would require in corporate filings with the Secretary of State the names and complete business or residence address of any beneficial owner that either exercises substantial control of the business or at minimum owns a 25% equity interest.
- [AB 2297](#) – Authorizes an emergency physician to grant eligibility for a discount payment policy to patients with incomes over a specified percent of the federal poverty level. Prohibits a hospital from considering the monetary assets of the patient (other than a Health Savings Account) in determining eligibility for both its charity care and discount payment programs.

Other bills that are of particular interest to DCBA include:

- [SB 85](#) – Allows state funds to be used in addition to federal funds for the extension of refugee social services up to 360 days and expands the Enhanced Services for Asylees and Vulnerable Noncitizens program from 90 days up to 180 days, with additional opportunities for extensions up to 360 days for case management services.

- [SB 508](#) – Allows a local agency, and not the State, to serve as a responsible agency under CEQA for the purposes of licensing commercial cannabis projects.
- [SB 1061](#) – Prohibits a consumer credit reporting agency or an investigative consumer reporting agency from including information about medical debt on a credit report and prohibits a person who uses a consumer credit report in connection with a credit transaction from using medical debt listed on the report as a negative factor when making a credit decision.

PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED BILLS

Below are updates to still-active bills previously discussed with the commission on April 18, 2024:

- [AB 2364](#) (Rivas): Property service worker protection
 - Passed out of Senate Committee on Labor, Public employment and Retirement. No hearing date scheduled.
- [AB 2499](#) (Schiavo): Unlawful employment practices: discrimination for time off
 - In Senate Committee on Judiciary. Hearing date scheduled for June 18th.
- [AB 2216](#) (Haney): Tenancy: common household pets
 - In Senate Committee on Judiciary. No hearing date scheduled.
- [AB 2304](#) (Lee): Unlawful detainer: case records
 - In Senate Committee on Judiciary. No hearing date scheduled.
- [AB 2493](#) (Pellerin): Tenancy: application screening fee
 - In Senate Committee on Judiciary. Hearing date scheduled for June 18th.
- [AB 2202](#) (Rendon): Short-term rentals: disclosure: cleaning tasks
 - In Senate Committee on Judiciary. No hearing date scheduled.
- [AB 2863](#) (Schiavo): Automatic renewal and continuous service offers
 - In Senate Committee on Judiciary. Hearing date scheduled for June 25th.

