



CIPC 2018 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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Today, the California Legislature returns from summer recess to complete the final leg of the legislative session. Upcoming key deadlines include August 17 for bills to pass their second Appropriations Committee and August 31 for bills to pass both houses in their final floor votes.

Governor Brown then has until September 30 to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature.

We are pleased to share with you an updated list of bills that CIPC is tracking. See our co-sponsored bills below and the full list of bills that we're tracking. *Please note that bill descriptions are subject to change as legislation may be amended as it travels through the legislative process.*

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CIPC-SPONSORED BILLS

AB 2066 (Stone/Reyes) Personal Income Taxes | Sponsored by CIPC, United Way California, and Children's Defense Fund CA

In 2015, California took steps to tackle poverty by establishing the California Earned Income Tax Credit (CalEITC). CalEITC provides low-income people, particularly those in deep poverty, a modest financial credit to pay for food, school supplies, and other necessities. Unfortunately, some working families in California face serious economic challenges and yet are unable to access the CalEITC. CIPC, in partnership with the CalEITC Advocacy Coalition, is advancing efforts to broaden access to CalEITC. This proposal would expand access to the CalEITC to young workers, working seniors, and remove exclusions for working immigrants who file taxes with an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) or a federally assigned Social Security Number (SSN). Many immigrants use an IRS-issued ITIN to file federal and state income taxes. While the federal EITC excludes ITIN holders from receiving this benefit, California is not bound by these rules for its state-funded tax credit and can improve the state design for a more equitable and inclusive policy. In addition, parallel efforts will look to strengthen state funding for outreach and education.

Status: The bill did not move out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee; it is currently inactive. Instead, through the 2018-19 state budget, California expanded the CalEITC eligibility to young and senior workers. CIPC is continuing efforts to include immigrant tax filers. [Click here](#) for more information.

AB 2184 (Chiu) Business Licenses | Sponsored by CIPC and Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights

This bill would reduce barriers for immigrant business owners to apply for local business licenses and aligns the business license process with efforts to advance the social and economic interest of our state. California has led the nation in advancing bold policies that recognize the contributions of immigrants and the value of integrating all state residents, regardless of immigration status, into the state economy. Yet there are systemic barriers to immigrant Californians seeking economic opportunity through business ownership. For example, many cities with large immigrant communities, including Los Angeles, and parts of the Central Valley, currently require individual applicants for business licenses to provide a Social Security Number (SSN) in their application. AB 2184 would require local governments that license businesses to accept any of the following alternatives to a SSN: a California driver's license or identification number, an individual taxpayer identification number, or a municipal identification number.

[Fact Sheet](#)[Sample Letter of Support](#)

Status: The Senate Appropriations Committee will hear the bill today.

SB 244 (Lara) The Privacy Protection Act | Sponsored by CIPC and ACLU of California

California has an interest in protecting the private information of residents from inappropriate uses. SB 244 would enhance privacy and confidentiality protections of private information collected by certain state and local databases. The bill would require that records containing personal information in certain databases only be collected, used, and retained for the purpose of assessing eligibility for and providing those public services and programs for which the application was submitted. Further, it would prohibit disclosure of AB 60 driver's license information from the California DMV database unless there is a subpoena or court order.

[Fact Sheet](#)

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Status: This bill is eligible for a floor vote in the Assembly.

SB 974 (Lara) Health4All Elders & AB 2965 Health4All Young Adults (Arambula) | Sponsored by CIPC and Health Access

The Health4All Act proposals would provide comprehensive full-scope Medi-Cal to low-income undocumented elders 65 years and older (SB 974) and undocumented young adults 19 to 25 years of age (AB 2965) by removing immigration status as an eligibility exclusion. This is an important step in bringing our state closer to universal health coverage by removing immigration status as a barrier to health access.

Since 2014, the Affordable Care Act (ACA) has provided health coverage to about 7 million Californians and significantly reduced our state's uninsured rate. Despite this progress, the ACA explicitly and unjustly excludes undocumented immigrants from receiving health coverage through federally-funded programs, including Medi-Cal. Of the nearly three million Californians who remain uninsured, 58% are estimated to be undocumented adults. In 2016, California expanded comprehensive Medi-Cal to all children, regardless of where they were born. Since then, over 218,000 undocumented children have received comprehensive care due to this expansion, known as "Health4All Kids." However, undocumented adults, many of whom are parents, are still left without comprehensive health care.

Status: The bills are with the Senate and Assembly Appropriations Committees.

SUPPORT BILLS

CIVIL RIGHTS - SUPPORT

AB 2876 (Jones-Sawyer) Vehicles: removal and impound authority

This bill clarifies that warrantless vehicle seizures in California are only permissible if the owner's interest in his or her vehicle is outweighed by the need to 1) prevent a hazard to other drivers, 2) protect the public from an unsafe driver, or 3) prevent theft or vandalism. This bill clarifies that state law preserves law enforcement officers' discretion when making these determinations while balancing the need to protect and preserve Fourth Amendment rights.

Status: The Senate Appropriations Committee will hear the bill today.

AB 3022 (Gonzalez Fletcher) Retroactive grant of high school diplomas: deported pupils

This bill would retroactively grant a high school diploma to students whom the federal government deported. To receive a high school diploma, the deported student must be enrolled in grade 12, did not receive a high school diploma because his or her education was interrupted due to his or her deportation, and was in good academic standing at the time of the deportation.

Status: This bill is eligible for a floor vote in the Assembly.

SB 691 (Lara) Educational equity: immigration status

Current state law says that all people, regardless of their disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or any other specified characteristic, have equal rights and opportunities in postsecondary educational institutions of the state, and prohibits a person from being subjected to discrimination based on those characteristics. This bill would expressly include immigration status in the list.

Status: The bill will be scheduled for a hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCOUNTABILITY - SUPPORT

AB 931 (Weber) Use of Force by Peace Officers

This bill would change California's legal standard for when police can use deadly force to match best practices already in place at some departments – and that we know work to reduce police killings. Specifically, it will clarify that police should use deadly force only when there are no alternatives, and consider the officers' conduct leading up to a shooting in determining whether deadly force is justified.

Status: The Senate Appropriations Committee will hear the bill today.

AB 1940 (McCarty) Parole: reintegration credits

This bill would create a program to reduce a parolee's period of parole through the successful completion of specified education, training, or treatment programs, or through volunteer service, while adhering to parole conditions. The bill would also increase the current 50-mile travel restriction for a parolee who successfully participates in the program.

Status: The bill failed to pass the Assembly floor and is inactive.

AB 2507 (Jones-Sawyer) County jails: infant and toddler breast milk feeding policy

This bill would require each county sheriff or administrator of a county jail to develop and implement an infant and toddler breast milk feeding policy for lactating persons held in a county jail that is based on currently accepted best practices by July 1, 2019. The bill would require the policy to include provisions for medically appropriate support and care related to the cessation of lactation or weaning and for conditioning a person's participation in the program.

Status: The Senate Appropriations Committee will hear the bill today.

AB 2724 (Eggman) Inmates: driver's licenses

This bill would require the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to work with the Department of Motor Vehicles to ensure that all eligible persons released from state prisons have the opportunity to operate a motor vehicle. The bill would provide that in the event the person has unpaid fines and penalties that would otherwise be required to be paid before issuance of a driver's license, the license would be issued and restricted to only allowing, among other things, necessary travel to and from work, to attend school, or to comply with conditions of release.

Status: This bill failed to pass the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 3131 (Gloria) Law enforcement agencies: military equipment: funding, acquisition, and use

This bill would ensure that Californians have a say over law enforcement agencies' decisions to acquire and use military equipment. The bill requires local governing bodies to approve a military equipment use policy through an ordinance before acquisition, funding, and use. It would also require similar approval for the continued use of military equipment acquired prior to January 1, 2019.

Status: The Senate Appropriations Committee will hear the bill today.

SB 978 (Bradford) Law enforcement agencies: public records

This bill would require the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training and each local law enforcement agency to post on their websites all current standards, policies, practices, operating procedures, and education and training materials that would otherwise be available to the public under the the California Public Records Act by January 1, 2020.

Status: The bill will be scheduled for a hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

SB 1298 (Skinner) Increasing Access to Employment Act

This bill would reduce barriers to employment by allowing certain agencies to view only a person's conviction history in the past seven years for for employment, licensing, or certification purposes.. It would also require the Department of Justice to give a person a copy of their criminal history when an agency has been requested it for employment, licensing, or certification, and gives the person an opportunity to challenge the accuracy or completeness of the documents before the agency receives it.

Status: This bill did not pass the Senate Appropriations Committee.

SB 1421 (Skinner) Peace officers: release of records

This bill would improve law enforcement transparency and accountability by honoring the public's right to access information. Specifically, this bill would allow public access to police investigations, findings, and discipline relating to deadly and serious uses of force; proven sexual assault against a civilian; and proven dishonesty in the investigation, reporting, and prosecution of crimes.

Status: The bill will be scheduled for a hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

CRIMMIGRATION – SUPPORT

AB 2599 (Holden) Criminal Records

This bill requires a facility at which an arrestee is detained to increase awareness and access to information on how to seal an arrest record.

Status: The Senate Appropriations Committee will hear the bill today.

AB 2845 (Bonta) Criminal procedure: pardons

This bill will increase transparency and accessibility in California's pardon and commutation process by establishing a panel to investigate and make recommendations on applications to the Governor's office. The bill would establish a timeline for the panel to investigate and make recommendations on pardon and commutation requests, including an expedited process for pardon requests with urgent issues, such as a pending deportation hearing or order. The bill would also allow people applying for a pardon to submit their application online.

Status: The Senate Appropriations Committee will hear the bill today.

AB 2867 (Gonzalez Fletcher) Criminal procedure: post conviction relief

This bill clarifies the proper implementation of Penal Code § 1473.7 (AB 813, Gonzalez Fletcher, 2016), a new legal vehicle that allows people no longer in criminal custody to challenge legally invalid convictions. AB 2867 will help resolve discrepancies in the interpretation of this law and ensure that the true intent of Penal Code §1473.7 is realized.

Status: The bill is eligible for a floor vote in the Senate.

SB 1025 (Skinner) Probation Eligibility: Crimes Relating to Controlled Substances

This bill would make additional people eligible for probation by deleting various crimes related to controlled substances from the prohibitions against granting probation or a suspended sentence.

Status: The bill will be scheduled for a hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

SB 1392 (Mitchell) Sentencing: Removes an Ineffective Sentence Enhancement (RISE)

Current law imposes an additional three-year sentence for each prior separate prison term served by a person where the prior and current offense was a violent felony. If this does not

apply to a person, current law imposes a one-year term for each prior separate prison term or county jail felony term. Building on California voter and legislative intent, the bill would repeal California's one-year sentencing enhancement for each prior prison or felony jail term.

Status: The bill failed to pass the Senate and is inactive.

SB 1393 (Mitchell) Fair and Just Sentencing Reform Act of 2018

The bill would amend Penal Code Sections 667 and 1385 to restore the court's discretion, in the interest of justice and at the time of sentencing, to strike mandatory sentence enhancements for prior serious felony convictions, when a person is currently charged with a serious felony.

Status: The bill will be scheduled for a hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

DETENTION & DEPORTATION – SUPPORT

AB 2090 (Gonzalez Fletcher) Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Guardianship for Parents

This bill would address an ambiguity in state law to assist youth between the ages of 18 and 21 in obtaining Special Immigrant Juvenile Status for immigration relief.

Status: The bill is eligible for a floor vote in the Senate.

AB 2355 (Ting) Sales and use taxes: exclusions: exemptions: income taxes: credits: border wall

This bill would remove or block tax breaks for California companies that contract or subcontract to support the construction of the U.S.-Mexico border wall on January 1, 2019.

Status: The bill is inactive.

AB 2533 (Stone) Inmates: indigence

This bill would ensure that people held in state prison have access to legal services and health care even if they cannot afford it. The bill would deem indigent a person held in state prison who has maintained a trust account with \$25 or less for 30 consecutive days. Individuals who are deemed indigent must be provided with sufficient resources to communicate with and access the courts and not be charged for medical, dental, and mental health copayments.

Status: The Senate Appropriations Committee will hear the bill today.

AB 3007 (Garcia, Eduardo) Children of incarcerated parents: support and services

This bill would authorize the County of Riverside to establish a program providing comprehensive social services to children who reside in the county and whose parents are currently or were formerly incarcerated at the local, state, or federal level. If the County decides to establish the program, it must submit an Interim Report to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee by December 31, 2024, and a final report to the that committee by December 31, 2028.

Status: The bill is pending a concurrence vote in the Assembly of amendments made in the Senate.

SB 183 (Lara) State buildings: federal immigration agents

This bill, as proposed to be amended, would prohibit civil arrests at local and state courthouses. The bill also affirms the power of judges to prevent interruption of judicial administration, including prohibiting civil arrest of people attending or going to or from courthouses. This bill also authorizes the Attorney General to bring civil action for any violations of the provisions of this bill, seeking equitable and declaratory relief.

Status: The bill passed the Assembly Judiciary Committee with proposed amendments.

SB 1194 (Lara) Privacy for Guest and Passenger Records

This bill would protect the privacy of business patrons by ensuring that businesses do not disclose their guest and passenger records to third parties, unless there is a court-issued subpoena, warrant, or order.

Status: The bill passed the Assembly Privacy & Consumer Protection Committee.

SJR 17 (Hueso) Relative to Federal Temporary Protected Status

This bill would condemn the decision to end the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) designation for El Salvador, Haiti, Nicaragua, and Sudan and would urge the U.S. Congress to enact a bipartisan permanent solution for persons with TPS.

Status: The resolution is inactive.

EARLY & K-12 EDUCATION – SUPPORT

AB 2015 (Reyes) Pupil instruction: economics: completion of applications for student financial aid

This bill would require, commencing with the 2020-21 school year, the governing board of a school district or charter school to ensure that each student enrolled in 12th grade receives information on how to properly complete and submit financial aid applications, including the Free Application for Federal Student Aid or the California Dream Act Application.

Status: This bill was referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 2121 (Caballero) Pupil instruction: coursework and graduation requirements: currently and formerly migratory children and newly arrived immigrant pupils

This bill would add migrant students and students enrolled in English language proficiency programs for newly arrived immigrant students to the existing group of students (foster, homeless, children of military parents, and former juvenile court youth) who can receive full or partial credit for work satisfactorily completed in another school and/or country. The bill also exempts them from additional local coursework requirements, if a student moves schools after their second year of high school.

Status: This bill on “suspense” in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 2239 (Garcia, Eduardo) Pupil instruction: world language course: A–G course certification

This bill would require the State Department of Education to encourage the governing board of each school district and charter school to support their schools in submitting world language courses that are designed for native speakers of that language to the University of California and the California State University for certification in addition to the school's “A–G” course list.

Status: This bill is pending a concurrence vote in the Assembly of amendments made in the Senate.

AB 2291 (Chiu) School safety: bullying

The bill would require school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools to adopt procedures for prevent bullying, including cyber bullying. This bill would require the State Department of Education to post the online training module developed by the department and an annually updated list of other available online training modules relating to bullying or bullying prevention.

Status: This bill is on “suspense” in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 2498 (Eggman) School employees: School Social Worker Pilot Program

This bill, subject to an appropriation by the Legislature, would create a pilot project allowing school districts within five counties - Alameda, Riverside, San Benito, San Joaquin, and Shasta - to apply for a competitive grant from the California Department of Education. The funds would allow schools within a school district to hire a credentialed social worker for every school within the chosen school district.

Status: This bill failed to pass the Assembly Appropriations Committee and is inactive.

AB 2514 (Thurmond) Pupil instruction: dual language programs: grant program

This bill would establish the *Pathways to Success Incentive Grant Program* to provide students in preschool, transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, and grades 1 to 12, inclusive, with dual language immersion programs, developmental programs for English learners, or early learning dual language learners programs. The bill would require the State Department of Education to administer the program and beginning September 1, 2019, would require the department to award a minimum of 10 one-time grants of up to \$300,000 per grant to school districts.

Status: The Senate Appropriations Committee will hear the bill today.

AB 2673 (Reyes) Educational equity: severe bullying complaints: local educational agency protocol

This bill would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to develop and issue mandatory protocol to advise local educational agencies on severe bullying complaints.

Status: This bill did not meet the policy committee deadline.

HEALTH – SUPPORT

AB 2275 (Arambula) Medi-Cal managed care: quality assessment and performance improvement

This bill would improve the quality of health care services provided by Medi-Cal managed care plans serving Californians in Medi-Cal and reduce health disparities by holding these plans accountable for the health outcomes of their enrollees. The bill would require plans to show annual improvements in quality, define the health disparities that plans must reduce, and establish parameters to reward plans for reaching these goals.

Status: The Senate Appropriations Committee will hear the bill today.

AB 2430 (Arambula) Medi-Cal: program for aged and disabled persons

Implemented in 2001, the Aged and Disabled Medi-Cal program (A&D program) provides free, full-scope Medi-Cal to low-income seniors and persons with disabilities. This bill would raise the income level of the A&D program from 100% to 138% of the federal poverty level, creating parity between senior and disabled Medi-Cal beneficiaries and other adult Medi-Cal beneficiaries.

Status: This bill is on “suspense” in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 2576 (Aguiar-Curry) Emergencies: healthcare

Following lessons learned from the 2017 fire season, this bill would ensure that communities continue to receive timely access to care when disaster strikes. This bill aims to address payment for services during declared emergencies, including telephonic visits, telehealth visits, and care provided at alternative locations. This bill also creates an accelerated process for the Board of Pharmacy to permit temporary pharmacy sites or transfer pharmacy permits during and after declared emergencies.

Status: The Senate Appropriations Committee will hear the bill today.

AB 3087 (Katra) California Health Care Cost, Quality, and Equity Commission

This bill uses the established model of the Medicare system as a benchmark to establish the amounts accepted as payment by health plans, hospitals, physicians, physician groups, and other health care providers, bringing down costs for California workers and employers. The bill would create an independent commission with the authority and expertise to make prices fair. It also provides a fair process for doctors and hospitals to adjust prices when necessary.

Status: This bill failed to pass the Assembly Appropriations Committee and is inactive.

AB 3148 (Arambula) Health care affordability assistance: cost sharing

This bill would increase the affordability assistance that consumers with household incomes below 400% get from Covered California to pay for co-pays, deductibles, and other cost-sharing needs by allocating funds to further subsidize these costs.

Status: This bill failed to pass the Assembly Appropriations Committee and is inactive.

SB 910 (Hernandez) Short-term limited duration health insurance

This bill would ban insurance companies from selling short-term insurance plans in California. The bill would maintain the stability of California's individual market by ensuring health coverage sold in California provides comprehensive benefits and consumer protections, which short-term insurance plans are not required to do.

Status: This bill is eligible for a floor vote in the Assembly.

SB 1108 (Hernandez) Medi-Cal: conditions of eligibility or coverage

This bill would prohibit the Department of Health Care Services from obtaining a federal Medicaid waiver that would impose additional conditions of eligibility on our Medi-Cal program, such as work requirements.

Status: This bill has been referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

SB 1152 (Hernandez) Hospital patient discharge process: homeless patients

This bill would require hospitals to have a clear, documented planning policy and process to follow to meet the discharge needs of homeless patients.

Status: This bill has been referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

SB 1190 (Skinner) Eugenics Sterilization Compensation Program

This bill would be the first effort to provide redress to people involuntarily sterilized under state eugenics laws from 1909 to 1979. While the state acknowledged this historical wrong in 2003 through Governor Davis' and Attorney General Lockyer's apologies and a Senate resolution, this bill would provide material acknowledgement of this injustice by creating a Eugenics Sterilization Compensation Board to identify and compensate sterilization survivors. SB 1190 would also raise public awareness about this chapter in California's history through markers or plaques at designated sites and educational activities about California's eugenics laws.

Status: This bill has been referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

In addition to these bills, CIPC is also part of Care4All California, a coalition committed to ensuring that California has 100% health coverage, as well as improving quality, affordability, and equity in our health system. Click [here](#) for a list of other legislative priorities we are supporting as a part of the coalition this year.

HIGHER EDUCATION & ADULT EDUCATION – SUPPORT

AB 1037 (Limón) Postsecondary education: student financial aid: Cal Grant B Service Incentive Grant Program

This bill would establish the Cal Grant B Service Incentive Grant Program for a limited number of students, up to \$1,500 for students in a semester-based program and up to \$1,000 for students in a quarter-based program, for completing 100 hours of community service or volunteer work per quarter or at least 150 hours of community service or volunteer work per semester.

Status: This bill is on “suspense” in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 1895 (Calderon) California DREAM Loan Program: repayment, deferment, and forbearance

The California DREAM Loan Program provides loans to undocumented students attending a University of California (UC) or California State University (CSU) school who graduated from a California high school and meet California Dream Act requirements (also known as AB 540 eligibility). This bill would require participating UC and CSU campuses to offer income-based repayment options for DREAM Loans, allowing recipients to repay their loans based on their actual income.

Status: This bill is on “suspense” in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 2098 (McCarty) Immigrant Integration Metrics

This bill would add eight “immigrant integration” goals as a reported outcome for the Adult Education Program, formerly known as the Adult Education Block Grant (AEBG). The program is an important source of state funding to provide adults with the knowledge needed to be prepared for the workforce, such as English language courses, GED attainment, and vocational skills. The inclusion of these eight metrics as a reported outcome will allow for a more accurate record of an immigrant student’s progress and will better assess how the Adult Education Program supports adults students throughout the state both through workforce preparation and education services that support their engagement in community and civic life.

Status: The Senate Appropriations Committee will hear the bill today.

AB 2477 (Rubio) Student support services: DREAM Resource Liaisons

This bill would require the California Community Colleges and the California State University, and request the University of California, to designate a Dream Resource Liaison on each of their campuses, to assist students, including undocumented students, by streamlining access to available financial aid and academic opportunities.

Status: This bill is on “suspense” in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

HUMAN SERVICES – SUPPORT

AB 2111 (Quirk) CalWORKS Indigent Recertification

This bill would align CalWORKs sponsor deeming provisions with those used for CalFresh. Specifically, AB 2111 would allow counties to annually renew indigence determinations for sponsored noncitizens receiving public benefits, meaning that an individual’s financial sponsor’s income would not count toward the individual’s income eligibility test for receiving benefits, if the individual would not be able to obtain food or shelter without benefits. This will provide essential ongoing support for indigent immigrant populations at a time of federal uncertainty.

Status: This bill is on “suspense” in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 2269 (Lackey) CalWORKs: Eligibility

This bill would increase the age that a dependent in a CalWORKs home can receive aid from 19 to 20 years of age, providing that they are still attending high school or the equivalent level of training on a full-time basis and are expected to complete their education before their 20th birthday.

Status: This bill is on “suspense” in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 2297 (Arambula) CalWORKs and CalFresh: Hunger Impact Act of 2018

This bill would significantly decrease hunger in California by increasing the CalFresh benefit by \$28 a month. It would also increase the CalWORKs special food benefit by \$5 and would deliver it on EBT as a food benefit, rather than a cash benefit, which prevents it from being counted as income in CalFresh. In addition, it would allow an individual to receive a special food benefit if they have a special dietary need caused by a medical condition, if a child has an elevated lead blood level, or if they do not have access to potable water.

Status: This bill is in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 3200 (Katra) Public social services: SSI/SSP

This bill would increase the Supplemental Security Income (SSI)/State Supplementary Payment (SSP) grants by restoring the annual cost-of-living-adjustment in the program. This bill would help every Californian move out of poverty and live with dignity, particularly the 1.3 million Californians who rely on the combined federal/state SSI/SSP program and have experienced devastating cuts.

Status: The Senate Appropriations Committee will hear the bill today.

SB 982 (Mitchell) Childhood Poverty CalWORKs Grant Level

This bill seeks to eliminate deep poverty in the CalWORKs program by increasing the grant over three years, ensuring that no CalWORKs grant falls below 50 percent of the federal poverty line, and reinstating the cost-of-living-adjustment (COLA). By doing so, this bill will protect children from the worst harms of chronically unmet basic needs and better enable the CalWORKs program to achieve its goals.

Status: This bill has been referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

IMMIGRANT INCLUSION & INTEGRATION – SUPPORT

AB 1862 (Santiago) Immigration Services: Grants

This bill would appropriate \$10 million in one-time funding to the “One California” California Department of Social Services Immigration Services Funding for the provision of immigration services to Californians who are current or former recipients of federal Temporary Protected Status (TPS). **Note:** *The 2018-19 state budget allocated \$10 million in one-time funding to the “One California” program to fund legal assistance for current or former TPS holders and minors in immigration court proceedings.* [Please click here for more information.](#)

Status: The Senate Appropriations Committee will hear the bill today.

AB 1887 (Medina)

This bill would allow undocumented students and students who are under the age of 18 years of age to serve on boards and commissions.

Status: This bill is eligible for a floor vote in the Senate.

AJR 2 (Levine) Latino Americans and Muslim Americans

This measure would commend Latino Americans and Muslim Americans for their economic, political, and cultural impact on the state and country and request the President and Congress to reject efforts to build a U.S.-Mexico border wall, to monitor mosques, to police and profile Muslim Americans, or to adopt any immigration policy based on discrimination.

Status: This bill was referred to the Assembly Judiciary Committee.

HR 112 (Chiu) Immigrant Heritage Month

This bill proclaims the month of June 2018 as Immigrant Heritage Month, acknowledging the countless contributions made by immigrants to our state and country.

Status: The Assembly has adopted this resolution.

SB 174 (Lara) California Inclusion Act

Existing law provides that anyone born in California is a citizen of the State. This bill would also define a citizen of the State of California as anyone who is a born or naturalized citizen and presently resides in the State. Accordingly, the bill ensures that all qualified Californians, including naturalized immigrants, may serve on state and local boards and commissions.

Status: This bill will soon be eligible for a floor vote in the Assembly.

LANGUAGE ACCESS & ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS – SUPPORT

AB 1877 (Limón) Office of Emergency Services: communications: translation

AB 1877 would expand language access in the state's emergency and disaster response services for natural, technological, or manmade disasters and emergencies. This bill would require the Office of Emergency Services and the governing body of each political subdivision, including each operational area, to translate any emergency communication into the most commonly spoken languages in the impacted county or counties.

Status: The Senate Appropriations Committee will hear the bill today.

AB 1909 (Nazarian) In-home supportive services: written content translation

This bill clarifies that the State Department of Social Services is required to provide translations of written content in languages spoken by a substantial number of providers of in-home supportive services. The bill would permit the department to work with counties and the County

Welfare Directors Association to repurpose existing, county-produced translations of written content.

Status: This bill is eligible for a floor vote in the Senate.

AB 2299 (Chu) Medi-Cal: managed care plans: informational materials

This bill would require the Department of Health Care Services to ensure that all written health education and informing materials by Medi-Cal managed care plans, including those in English and those translated into threshold languages, are at or below the equivalent of 6th grade reading level. The bill would require managed care plans or other contractors to conduct a community review of materials for members to ensure the cultural and linguistic appropriateness of materials in community-based settings. Managed care plans would also be required to recruit beneficiaries with varying literacy levels and native speakers of specified threshold languages to participate in the community review process.

Status: The Senate Appropriations Committee will hear the bill today.

AB 2735 (O'Donnell) English learners: participation in standard instructional program

This bill would broaden English learners' access to their school's standard instructional program. The bill prohibits a middle or high school English learner from being denied enrollment in core curriculum courses required for grade promotion, graduation, or college admission, with some exceptions.

Status: This bill is eligible for a floor vote in the Senate.

SB 354 (Portantino) Special education: individualized education programs: translation services

This bill would expand the definition of "parent" to include the educational rights holder and the conservator of a child. The bill would require that a parent/guardian has access to translation services during the planning process of an individualized education program (IEP) for a child with special needs, and that certain documents, including the child's IEP, are translated in the primary language that the parent/guardian speaks by a qualified translator and given to that parent/guardian within 30 days.

Status: This bill is on "suspense" in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

PRIVACY & CONSUMER PROTECTIONS – SUPPORT

AB 638 (Caballero) Immigration consultants

This bill would ensure that California law prohibits individuals from engaging in immigration consultant services and form preparation unless they are a practicing attorney, a paralegal under the supervision of an attorney, or an accredited representative authorized by the federal government.

Status: The bill is on “suspense” in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 2500 (Kalra) Consumer loans: charges

Currently, California law does not restrict interest rates on consumer loans between \$2,500 to \$10,000. This bill would put a cap on the interest rate that licensed lenders or brokers can charge for loans in this range.

Status: This bill did not pass the Assembly.

AB 2708 (Reyes) Contracts: translation

This bill would require a person engaged in a trade, business, or supervised financial organization that negotiates with a person who speaks a language other than English to deliver a translation of the contract or agreement into that person’s language if the transaction is negotiated in English by a minor on behalf of the consumer. The bill would make related conforming changes.

Status: This bill is inactive.

AB 2769 (Cooper) Privacy: driver’s license information

Current law authorizes a business to swipe a DMV-issued driver’s license or identification card in any electronic device for verification and informational purposes. Current law prohibits a business from maintaining or using that information for any other purpose. A violation of those provisions is a misdemeanor. This bill would expand these provisions to passports and other identification cards.

Status: The Senate Appropriations Committee will hear the bill today.

AB 2825 (Jones-Sawyer) Debt collection. collection: debt buying

In 1977, California created the Rosenthal Fair Debt Collection Act (RFDCPA), which regulates the activities that debt collectors can do to collect unpaid debt. This bill expands the protections of the RFDCPA to include the collection of certain government debts and debts arising from towing, impounding, and storing vehicles. In doing so, this bill would provide Californians with much needed consumer protection from the unscrupulous and often unethical practices of debt collectors.

Status: The Senate Appropriations Committee will hear the bill today.

SB 1186 (Hill) Law enforcement agencies: surveillance: policies

This bill would require some law enforcement agencies to submit a surveillance technology and information collection proposal to their governing body at a regular public hearing. The bill would require the law enforcement agency to cease using the surveillance technology within 30 days if the governing body does not adopt the proposed plan. The bill would require the law enforcement agency to submit an amendment to the surveillance plan, with the same open meeting requirements, for each new type of surveillance technology the agency wants to use. The bill requires the agency to post the policy and any amendments on its website.

Status: The bill has been referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

WORKERS' RIGHTS – SUPPORT

AB 2314 (Ting) The Domestic Worker Rights Implementation Act

This bill would establish a pilot program within the California Department of Labor Standards Enforcement to expand awareness of recently extended labor rights and to promote the implementation of labor standards in the domestic work sector. This program will provide resources, education, and training for both California's domestic workers and employers to protect and uphold domestic workers' rights. The establishment of this program is subject to an appropriation by the Legislature.

Status: The bill is on "suspense" in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 2496 (Gonzalez Fletcher) Protections for Property Service Workers

This bill would protect property service workers from unscrupulous companies who seek to evade basic worker protection laws. Current law provides criteria to determine whether the worker is an employee or an independent contractor. This bill would deem property service workers as employees rather than independent contractors unless an employee can prove otherwise.

Status: The Senate Appropriations Committee will hear the bill today.

AB 2613 (Reyes) Failure to pay wages: semi-monthly payments: penalties

Current law requires that employers pay wages to their employees, twice per calendar month, on days designated in advance as regular paydays. However, employers may pay employees defined as executive, administrative, or professional employees once per month. Currently, violating these provisions is a misdemeanor and subject to civil penalties recovered by the Labor Commissioner. This bill would impose additional penalties, payable to the affected employees, on employers who violate these provisions.

Status: This bill is inactive.

AB 2732 (Gonzalez Fletcher) Employment: unfair immigration-related practices

This bill would make it unlawful for an employer to knowingly destroy, conceal, remove, confiscate, or possess any actual or purported passport or other immigration document, or any other government identification document of another person in the course of committing, or with the intent to commit, trafficking, peonage, slavery, involuntary servitude, or a coercive labor practice. The bill would require an employer to post a workplace notice with information including the right to maintain custody and control of immigration documents and that the withholding of immigration documents by an employer is a crime. The bill would impose specified civil and criminal penalties for a violation.

Status: The Senate Appropriations Committee will hear the bill today.

AB 2946 (Kalra) Division of Labor Standards Enforcement: complaint

This bill would increase the statute of limitations for retaliation claims under the Labor Code from six months to three years and adds an attorney's fee provision for such claims.

Status: The bill did not pass the Assembly.

AB 3080 (Gonzalez Fletcher) Employment discrimination: enforcement

This bill would seek to end practices that have enabled the cover-up of workplace sexual harassment. This includes prohibiting employers from forcing one-sided arbitration agreements on new employees, providing protections for whistleblowers, and preventing retaliation towards workers who do not sign arbitration agreements.

Status: The Senate Appropriations Committee will hear the bill today.

SB 946 (Lara) Safe Sidewalk Vending Act

This bill would decriminalize sidewalk vending, while allowing local jurisdictions to continue to enforce vending rules through non-criminal administrative fines and procedures. The bill would also encourage local jurisdictions to adopt local sidewalk vending permitting regulations that will protect public safety while promoting entrepreneurship and economic mobility.

Status: This bill is eligible for a floor vote in the Assembly.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT – SUPPORT

AB 1892 (Jones-Sawyer) CalFresh

This bill would allow a household that no longer receives TANF or other certain cash assistance programs to receive Transitional CalFresh benefits and participate in CalFresh Employment & Training (CFET) services, if they are not receiving CalWORKs welfare-to-work services.

Status: This bill is eligible for a floor vote in the Senate.

AB 2138 (Chiu) Reducing Barriers to Occupational Licensing

Current law authorizes a board within the Department of Consumer Affairs to deny a professional license on the grounds that the applicant has been convicted of a crime. This bill would only allow a board to deny, revoke, or suspend a license if the applicant is currently incarcerated, if the crime occurred within the past seven years (except for “serious” felonies), and only if the crime is directly and substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession. The bill would prohibit a board from denying a person a license if the conviction has been dismissed or expunged, if the person has provided evidence of rehabilitation, if the person has been granted clemency or a pardon, or if an arrest resulted in a disposition other than a conviction.

Status: The Senate Appropriations Committee will hear the bill today.

MONITORING

AB 1885 (Garcia, Eduardo) Undocumented workers: California Resident Worker Program and Economic Stabilization Act

This bill would require the Employment Development Department and the Department of Food and Agriculture to convene a working group on a work permit program for undocumented agricultural or service industry employees. It would also require the Governor, using the working

group's report, to make a formal request to the federal government to implement the work permit program.

Status: The Assembly Labor & Employment Committee held an informational hearing on the bill.

OPPOSE

AB 2742 (Allen, Travis) Elections: voter identification

This bill would require a voter to provide photo identification at the polling place before receiving a ballot. The bill would specify the forms of photo identification that are acceptable and would authorize the use of a photo identification that has been expired for less than one year.

Status: The policy committee did not hear the bill at the request of the author.

AB 2827 (Allen, Travis) Employment regulation: immigration enforcement

This bill seeks to undo critical state protections for immigrant workers enacted last year under the Immigrant Worker Protection Act [AB 450, Chiu].

Status: This bill did not pass its first policy committee hearing.

AB 2931 (Patterson) Law enforcement: cooperation with immigration officials

This bill seeks to undermine the balance struck last year by the Legislature and the Governor in enacting the California Values Act [SB 54, de Leon].

Status: This bill did not pass its first policy committee hearing.

AB 2948 (Allen, Travis) Law enforcement: sharing data

This bill seeks to undo critical state protections for immigrant communities enacted last year under the California Values Act [SB 54, de Leon].

Status: This bill did not pass its first policy committee hearing.

SB 1188 (Stone) Domestic workers: overtime: sleep hours

This bill would roll back protections that domestic workers have had since 1976 to be paid for all hours worked. The bill would create a sleep exclusion of up to eight hours from hours worked for

a domestic worker who is a live-in or twenty-four (24) hour shift worker. In essence, the worker would not be paid for up to 8 hours of compensable work.

Status: This bill did not pass its first policy committee hearing.

SB 1219 (Gaines) Law enforcement: sharing data

This bill seeks to undo critical state protections for immigrant communities enacted last year under the California Values Act [SB 54, de Leon].

Status: This bill did not pass its first policy committee hearing.