

# LWVC Bill Status Report--5/11/2011

## Bills on Which the LWVC Has Taken a Position

### Campaign Financing

#### [AB 447](#) (Huffman D) Political Reform Act of 1974.

**Current Text:** Amended: 5/10/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Status:** 5/10/2011-Read second time and amended.

**Location:** 5/10/2011-A. APPR.

**Summary:** Would instead require each elected state officer ; each candidate for elective state office; and each elected officer, candidate, or committee that receives contributions or makes expenditures totaling \$50,000 or more to file a quarterly statement for each calendar quarter in each odd-numbered year and a monthly statement for each calendar month in each even-numbered year, except that a committee that has received contributions of less than \$500 and made expenditures of less than \$500 in a reporting period would be permitted to file instead a statement of inactivity for that reporting period. The bill would also provide that there be only one type of preelection statement, to be referred to as a 16-day report, for all elections and all filers, to be filed no later than 16 days before an election for the period ending 21 days before the election. The bill would repeal provisions requiring the filing of supplemental preelection statements, independent expenditure reports, and odd-numbered year committee statements, and the bill would require a 90-day contribution report or a 90-day independent expenditure report to be filed within 24 hours if the contribution or independent expenditure is made within 90 days before the date of an election. Under the bill, a committee would be required to file a report online or electronically within 24 hours each time it makes a contribution or expenditure of \$25,000 or more to support or oppose a ballot measure. In addition, the bill would require specified elected officers, candidates, and committees to file a copy of each campaign statement with the elections official of any jurisdiction in which the filer made expenditures of \$25,000 or more during the reporting period. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

**Position**

Support

### Children and Family Issues

#### [AB 73](#) (Feuer D) Dependency proceedings: public access.

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/14/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Status:** 5/10/2011-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was HUM. S. on 4/25/2011)

**Location:** 5/10/2011-A. 2 YEAR

**Summary:** Would require, contingent upon the securing of private funding, the Judicial Council to establish a 4-year pilot project in 3 counties to create a presumption that juvenile court hearings in juvenile dependency cases be open to the public, unless the court finds that admitting the public would not be in a child's best interest, as provided. The bill would require the Judicial Council to contract with an independent organization to conduct an evaluation and prepare a report to the Legislature regarding the results of the pilot project, as specified. The bill would also include a related statement of legislative findings and declarations.

**Position**

Support in  
Concept

#### [AB 419](#) (Mitchell D) Care facilities.

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/28/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Status:** 5/2/2011-Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Location:** 5/2/2011-A. APPR.

**Calendar:** 5/11/2011 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 4202 ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS, FUENTES, Chair

**Summary:** Would require the department to conduct an unannounced inspection of a care facility using prescribed inspection protocols at least once each year and as often as necessary to ensure the quality of care provided, except for family day care centers which the department would be required to inspect using prescribed inspection protocols, at minimum, once every 2 years and as often as necessary to ensure the quality of care provided. This bill would also require the department to convene a specified workgroup to review the implementation of the annual inspection protocols, as prescribed, and would require the department to include certain information about the annual inspection protocols in the department's annual report to the relevant Senate and Assembly budget subcommittees. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

**Position**

Support

**[AB 823](#) (Dickinson D) Children's Cabinet of California.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/28/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Status:** 5/2/2011-Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Location:** 5/2/2011-A. APPR.

**Calendar:** 5/11/2011 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 4202 ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS, FUENTES, Chair

**Summary:** Would establish the Children's Cabinet of California to serve, until January 1, 2019, as an advisory body responsible for improving the collaboration and processes of the multiple agencies that provide services to the children and youth of the state. This bill would provide that the cabinet shall be comprised of, among others, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Secretary of California Health and Human Services, the Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court, or his or designee, and the heads of various specified state agencies. The bill would require the cabinet to provide recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature on a regular basis, which shall include an annual report addressing specified priorities.

**Position**

Support

**[SB 486](#) (Dutton R) California Children and Families Program: funding.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/17/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Status:** 4/12/2011-Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

**Location:** 3/3/2011-S. HEALTH

**Summary:** Would abolish the California Children and Families Commission and the county children and families commissions, effective 90 days after the bill's provisions are approved by the voters, and would repeal related provisions. This bill would require that its provisions be submitted to the voters for approval at the next statewide election. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

**Position**

Oppose

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## Community College System

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**[SCA 5](#) (Simitian D) Taxation: educational entities: parcel tax.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 12/6/2010 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Status:** 4/27/2011-From committee: Be adopted and re-refer to Com. on E. & C.A. (Ayes 6. Noes 3. Page 763.) (April 27). Re-referred to Com. on E. & C.A.

**Location:** 4/27/2011-S. E. & C.A.

**Summary:** Would alternatively condition the imposition, extension, or increase of a parcel tax, as defined, by a school district, community college district, or county office of education upon the approval of 55% of its voters voting on the proposition, if the proposition meets specified requirements. This measure would also make conforming changes to related provisions.

**Position**

Support

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## Education Pre K-12

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**[AB 18](#) (Brownley D) Education finance: school-based financial reporting system: Targeted Pupil Equity Grants: Quality Instruction Grants.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/27/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Status:** 5/5/2011-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 9. Noes 1.) (May 4). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Location:** 5/5/2011-A. APPR.

**Summary:** Would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction, on or before December 1, 2012, to make recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor regarding prescribed topics relating to the statutory and regulatory changes that would be necessary to support the development, implementation, and use of comprehensive school-level financial data. These provisions would be repealed on December 1, 2015. The bill would require the Superintendent, on or before July 1, 2012, to make all ministerial changes that are necessary to support the future reporting of school-level financial data by local educational agencies, as specified. The bill also would require the Superintendent, on or before July 1, 2012, and annually thereafter, to notify the superintendent of each school district and county office of education, and the administrator of each charter school, of specified items relating to tracking and reporting school-level financial data. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

**Position**

Support

**[AB 360](#)**

**(Brownley D) Charter schools.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/6/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Status:** 4/7/2011-Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

**Location:** 4/7/2011-A. THIRD READING

**Calendar:** 5/12/2011 #50 ASSEMBLY ASSEMBLY THIRD READING FILE

**Summary:** Would expressly state that a charter school is subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act, unless it is operated by an entity governed by the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, in which case the school would be subject to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

**Position**

Support

**[SCA 5](#)**

**(Simitian D) Taxation: educational entities: parcel tax.**

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**Status:** 4/27/2011-From committee: Be adopted and re-refer to Com. on E. & C.A. (Ayes 6. Noes 3. Page 763.) (April 27). Re-referred to Com. on E. & C.A.

**Location:** 4/27/2011-S. E. & C.A.

**Summary:** Would alternatively condition the imposition, extension, or increase of a parcel tax, as defined, by a school district, community college district, or county office of education upon the approval of 55% of its voters voting on the proposition, if the proposition meets specified requirements. This measure would also make conforming changes to related provisions.

**Position**

Support

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## Election of the President

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**[AB 459](#)**

**(Hill D) Electoral college: interstate compact.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/13/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Status:** 5/9/2011-Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

**Location:** 5/9/2011-A. THIRD READING

**Calendar:** 5/12/2011 #126 ASSEMBLY ASSEMBLY THIRD READING FILE

**Summary:** Would ratify a specified interstate compact that requires the chief election official of each signatory state to appoint the slate of presidential electors that was nominated in association with the presidential ticket that received the largest national popular vote total. This compact would only become effective if states cumulatively possessing a majority of the total electoral votes have ratified the compact.

**Position**

Support

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## Energy

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**[SBX1 2](#)**

**(Simitian D) Energy: renewable energy resources.**

**Current Text:** Chaptered: 4/12/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Status:** 4/12/2011-Chaptered by the Secretary of State, Chapter Number 1, Statutes of 2011-12 First Extraordinary Session

**Location:** 4/12/2011-S. CHAPTERED

**Summary:** Would require an applicant to inform the United States Department of Defense of a proposed project and that an application will be filed with the commission if the site and related facility specified in the application are proposed to be located within 1,000 feet of a military installation, or lie within special use airspace or beneath a low-level flight path, as defined. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

**Governor's Message:** To the Members of the California State Senate: I am signing Senate Bill 2 (First Extraordinary Session) which will extend the current 20% renewables portfolio standard target in 2010 to a 33% renewables portfolio standard by December 31, 2020. This bill will bring many important benefits to California, including stimulating investment in green technologies in the state, creating tens of thousands of new jobs, improving local air quality, promoting energy independence, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. It will ensure that California maintains its long-standing leadership in renewables and clean energy. While reaching a 33% renewables portfolio standard will be an important milestone, it is really just a starting point - a floor, not a ceiling. Our state has enormous renewable resource potential. I would like to see us pursue even more far-reaching targets. With the amount of renewable resources coming on-line, and prices dropping, I think 40%, at reasonable cost, is well within our grasp in the near future. The bill contains some provisions that will

create implementation difficulties or inefficiencies, particularly for regulatory agencies charged with the bill's implementation. These provisions should be amended quickly. Therefore, while I am signing this bill today, I ask the Legislature to immediately begin work on additional legislation to correct these problems. Sincerely, Edmund G. Brown Jr.

**Position**  
Support

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## Health Care

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**[SB 810](#)** **(Leno D) Single-payer health care coverage.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 5/10/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Status:** 5/10/2011-Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Location:** 5/10/2011-S. APPR.

**Summary:** Would establish the California Healthcare System to be administered by the newly created California Healthcare Agency under the control of a Healthcare Commissioner appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the Senate. The bill would make all California residents eligible for specified health care benefits under the California Healthcare System, which would, on a single-payer basis, negotiate for or set fees for health care services provided through the system and pay claims for those services. The bill would require the commissioner to seek all necessary waivers, exemptions, agreements, or legislation to allow various current federal, state, and local health care payments to be paid to the California Healthcare System, which would then assume responsibility for all benefits and services previously paid for with those funds. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

**Position**  
Support

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## Housing

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**[SB 184](#)** **(Leno D) Land use: zoning regulations.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 5/9/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Status:** 5/9/2011-Read second time and amended. Ordered to third reading.

**Location:** 5/9/2011-S. THIRD READING

**Calendar:** 5/12/2011 #110 SENATE SENATE BILLS-THIRD READING FILE

**Summary:** The Planning and Zoning Law authorizes the legislative body of any city or county to adopt ordinances regulating zoning within its jurisdiction, as specified. This bill would additionally authorize the legislative body of any city or county to adopt ordinances to establish, as a condition of development, inclusionary housing requirements, as specified, and would declare the intent of the Legislature in adding this provision. It would also make a technical, nonsubstantive change.

**Position**  
Support

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## Initiative and Referendum Process

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**[SB 202](#)** **(Hancock D) Ballot initiatives: filing fees.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/8/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Status:** 5/6/2011-Set for hearing May 16.

**Location:** 5/4/2011-S. APPR.

**Calendar:** 5/16/2011 10 a.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203)  
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS, KEHOE, Chair

**Summary:** Current law requires a fee of \$200 to be paid by the proponents when a proposed ballot initiative or referendum is submitted to the Attorney General for preparation of a circulating title and summary. This bill would find that the current \$200 fee is inadequate to cover the costs to the state to process a proposed initiative and would increase the filing fee from \$200 to \$2,000.

**Position**  
Support

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## Intergovernmental Relationships

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**AB 46****(John A. Pérez D) Local government: cities.****Current Text:** Amended: 4/4/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)**Status:** 4/28/2011-Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Senate. (Ayes 62. Noes 7. Page 1128.)**Location:** 4/28/2011-S. SENATE

**Summary:** Would provide that every city with a population of less than 150 people as of January 1, 2010, would be disincorporated into that city's respective county as of 91 days after the effective date of the bill, unless a county board of supervisors determines, by majority vote within the 90-day period following enactment of these provisions, that continuing such a city within that county's boundaries would serve a public purpose if the board of supervisors determines that the city is in an isolated rural location that makes it impractical for the residents of the community to organize in another form of local governance. The bill would also require the local agency formation commission within the county to oversee the terms and conditions of the disincorporation of the city, as specified.

**Position**

Support

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**Juvenile Justice/Dependency**

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**SB 9****(Yee D) Sentencing.****Current Text:** Introduced: 12/6/2010 [pdf](#) [html](#)**Status:** 5/2/2011-Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.**Location:** 4/5/2011-S. APPR.

**Summary:** Would authorize a prisoner who was under 18 years of age at the time of committing an offense for which the prisoner was sentenced to life without parole to submit a petition for recall and resentencing to the sentencing court, and to the prosecuting agency, as specified. The bill would establish certain criteria, at least one of which shall be asserted in the petition, to be considered when a court decides whether to conduct a hearing on the petition for recall and resentencing and additional criteria to be considered by the court when deciding whether to grant the petition. The bill would require the court to hold a hearing if the court finds that the statements in the defendant's petition are true, as specified. The bill would apply retroactively, as specified.

**Position**

Support

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**Land Use**

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**SB 184****(Leno D) Land use: zoning regulations.****Current Text:** Amended: 5/9/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)**Status:** 5/9/2011-Read second time and amended. Ordered to third reading.**Location:** 5/9/2011-S. THIRD READING**Calendar:** 5/12/2011 #110 SENATE SENATE BILLS-THIRD READING FILE

**Summary:** The Planning and Zoning Law authorizes the legislative body of any city or county to adopt ordinances regulating zoning within its jurisdiction, as specified. This bill would additionally authorize the legislative body of any city or county to adopt ordinances to establish, as a condition of development, inclusionary housing requirements, as specified, and would declare the intent of the Legislature in adding this provision. It would also make a technical, nonsubstantive change.

**Position**

Support

**SB 241****(Cannella R) Environment: California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).****Current Text:** Introduced: 2/9/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)**Status:** 5/10/2011-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was E.Q. on 2/17/2011)**Location:** 5/10/2011-S. 2 YEAR

**Summary:** Would enact the CEQA Litigation Protection Pilot Program of 2011 and would require the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency to select projects that meet specified requirements from specified regions for each calendar year between 2012 and 2016. The bill would exempt from judicial review, pursuant to CEQA, a lead agency's decision to certify the EIR of, or to adopt a mitigated negative declaration based on an initial study for, the selected projects, a lead agency's and responsible agency's approval of the selected project, and the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency's selection of the projects. The bill would require the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, by December 31 of each year, to submit an annual report to the Governor and to the Legislature summarizing the designation of projects, and the job creation and investment attributable to the designated projects. This bill contains other related provisions.

**Attachments:**[Joint opposition letter -- Sen EQ Committee](#)

**Position**  
Oppose

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## Meeting Basic Human Needs

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**[SB 486](#) (Dutton R) California Children and Families Program: funding.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/17/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Status:** 4/12/2011-Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

**Location:** 3/3/2011-S. HEALTH

**Summary:** Would abolish the California Children and Families Commission and the county children and families commissions, effective 90 days after the bill's provisions are approved by the voters, and would repeal related provisions. This bill would require that its provisions be submitted to the voters for approval at the next statewide election. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

**Position**  
Oppose

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## Open Government

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**[SCA 7](#) (Yee D) Public bodies: meetings.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/13/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Status:** 5/6/2011-Set for hearing May 16.

**Location:** 5/4/2011-S. APPR.

**Calendar:** 5/16/2011 10 a.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203)  
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS, KEHOE, Chair

**Summary:** The California Constitution requires meetings of public bodies to be open to public scrutiny. This measure would also include in the California Constitution the requirement that each public body provide public notice of its meetings and disclose any action taken.

**Position**  
Support

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## Redistricting

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**[AB 420](#) (Davis D) Redistricting.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/15/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Status:** 5/4/2011-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 5. Noes 2.) (May 3).  
Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Location:** 5/4/2011-A. APPR.

**Summary:** Would require the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to furnish to the Citizens Redistricting Commission and the Secretary of State, by December 31, 2018, information regarding the last known place of residence, as defined, of each inmate incarcerated in a state adult correctional facility, except as specified, and would further require the Secretary of State to furnish that information, by December 31, 2019, to each local government agency responsible for adjusting district boundaries. The bill also would request the Citizens Redistricting Commission, and would require each local government agency that receives the above information, to deem each incarcerated person as residing at his or her last known place of residence, rather than at the institution of his or her incarceration, and to utilize the above information in carrying out its redistricting responsibilities.

**Position**  
Support

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## State and Local Finances

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**[AB 153](#) (Skinner D) State Board of Equalization: administration: retailer engaged in business in this state.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 1/18/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Status:** 4/13/2011-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.

**Location:** 4/13/2011-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

**Summary:** Would include in the definition of a retailer engaged in business in this state any retailer entering into agreements under which a person in this state, for a commission or other consideration, directly or indirectly refers potential purchasers, whether by an Internet-based link or an Internet Web site, or otherwise, to the retailer, provided the total cumulative sales price from all sales by the retailer to purchasers in this state that are referred pursuant to these agreements is in excess of \$10,000 within the preceding 12 months, except as specified. This bill would further provide that a retailer entering specified agreements to purchase advertising is not a retailer engaged in business in this state.

**Position**

Support

**SB 14**

**(Wolk D) State Budget.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 3/17/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Status:** 4/27/2011-Set for hearing May 12.

**Location:** 4/7/2011-S. BUDGET & F.R.

**Calendar:** 5/12/2011 9:30 a.m. or upon adjournment of session SENATE BUDGET AND FISCAL REVIEW, LENO, Chair

**Summary:** The California Constitution requires the Governor to submit annually to the Legislature a budget itemizing state expenditures and estimating state revenues and requires the Legislature to pass the Budget Bill by midnight on June 15. This bill would require that the budget submitted by the Governor to the Legislature for the 2014-15 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter be developed pursuant to performance-based budgeting, as defined, for each state agency. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

**Position**

Support

**SB 15**

**(DeSaulnier D) State budget.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/25/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Status:** 4/27/2011-Set for hearing May 12.

**Location:** 4/25/2011-S. BUDGET & F.R.

**Calendar:** 5/12/2011 9:30 a.m. or upon adjournment of session SENATE BUDGET AND FISCAL REVIEW, LENO, Chair

**Summary:** Would instead require the budget submitted by the Governor to contain itemized statements, provisional language, performance measurement standards for state agencies and programs, recommended state expenditures, and a projection of anticipated state revenues, including revenues anticipated to be one-time revenues. In addition, the bill would require the budget to contain an estimate of the total resources available for the state expenditures recommended for the budget year and the succeeding fiscal year, and would further require the budget to contain a projection of anticipated state expenditures and anticipated state revenues for the 3 fiscal years following the fiscal year succeeding the budget year, along with budget-related plans and proposals for those 3 fiscal years. In the event recommended expenditures exceed estimated revenues, the Governor would be required to recommend reductions in expenditures or the sources from which the additional revenues should be provided and to include an estimate of the long-term impact that the expenditure reductions or additional revenues will have on the state economy. The Governor would also be required to submit with the budget any legislation necessary to implement appropriations contained in the budget, together with a 5-year capital infrastructure and strategic growth plan. If the Governor's Budget proposes to create a new state program or agency, or to expand the scope of an current state program or agency, resulting in a net increase in state costs during the budget year or the succeeding fiscal year, or proposes to reduce a state tax resulting in a net decrease in state revenue in the budget year or the succeeding fiscal year, the proposal would be required to be accompanied by a statement identifying state program reductions or sources of additional state revenue in an amount that is equal to or greater than the net increase in state costs or net decrease in state revenue. The bill would also require the Director of Finance to provide to the Legislature, on or before October 15 of each year, updated projections of state revenues and state expenditures for the current fiscal year and for the ensuing fiscal year. This bill contains other related provisions.

**Position**

Support

**SB 234**

**(Hancock D) State Board of Equalization: administration: use tax.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/9/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Status:** 5/5/2011-In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

**Location:** 5/5/2011-A. DESK

**Summary:** Would further define a retailer engaged in business in this state as a retailer that has substantial nexus with this state and a retailer upon whom federal law permits the state to impose a use tax collection duty. The bill would also include specified retailers as retailers engaged in business in this state and would eliminate an exclusion.

**Position**

Support

**SB 508**

**(Wolk D) Income and corporation taxes: credits: information and operative limitations.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/17/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Status:** 5/9/2011-Referred to Com. on REV. & TAX.

**Location:** 5/9/2011-A. REV. & TAX

**Summary:** Would for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2012, require any bill that would authorize a personal income or corporation tax credit to contain, among other provisions, (1) specified goals, purposes, and objectives that the tax credit will achieve, (2) detailed performance indicators to measure whether the tax credit is meeting those goals, purposes, and objectives, and (3) a requirement that the tax credit cease to be operative 7 taxable years after its effective date, as specified.

**Position**

Support

**SCA 5**

**(Simitian D) Taxation: educational entities: parcel tax.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 12/6/2010 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Status:** 4/27/2011-From committee: Be adopted and re-refer to Com. on E. & C.A. (Ayes 6. Noes 3. Page 763.) (April 27). Re-referred to Com. on E. & C.A.

**Location:** 4/27/2011-S. E. & C.A.

**Summary:** Would alternatively condition the imposition, extension, or increase of a parcel tax, as defined, by a school district, community college district, or county office of education upon the approval of 55% of its voters voting on the proposition, if the proposition meets specified requirements. This measure would also make conforming changes to related provisions.

**Position**

Support

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## Voting Rights

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**AB 84**

**(Fong D) Elections: new citizens.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 1/5/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Status:** 4/25/2011-Referred to Com. on E. & C.A.

**Location:** 4/25/2011-S. E. & C.A.

**Summary:** Would additionally authorize a new citizen to register and vote at another location designated by the county elections official, and extend that period until the close of polls on election day. By increasing the duties of local elections officials, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

**Position**

Support

**AB 293**

**(Hill D) Vote by mail ballots.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/9/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Status:** 4/25/2011-Referred to Com. on E. & C.A.

**Location:** 4/25/2011-S. E. & C.A.

**Summary:** Would require the local elections official to establish a free access system by which a vote by mail voter may find out whether his or her ballot was counted and, if not, the reason why it was not counted, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

**Position**

Support

**AB 461**

**(Bonilla D) Write-in candidates.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/5/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Status:** 5/5/2011-In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

**Location:** 5/5/2011-S. RLS.

**Summary:** Would require a liberal construction of these write-in vote processing provisions in the event of a manual recount conducted under specified circumstances to ensure that a ballot is counted if the voter's intent can be determined, regardless of whether the voter has complied with the voting instructions.

**Position**

Comment

**AB 503**

**(Block D) Processing write-in votes.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/4/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Status:** 5/4/2011-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.

**Location:** 5/5/2011-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

**Summary:** Would require the elections official to include the results of a hand tally conducted pursuant to these provisions in the official canvass of the election. By requiring the elections official to perform additional duties, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

**Position**  
Support

**[AB 663](#) (Morrell R) Elections: voter identification.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/17/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Status:** 5/10/2011-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was E. & R. on 4/12/2011)

**Location:** 5/10/2011-A. 2 YEAR

**Summary:** Would require a person desiring to vote to produce and show proof of identification, as defined, to the precinct worker at the polling place. This bill would also provide for a voter to cast a provisional ballot if the voter declines to provide, or is otherwise unable to provide, sufficient proof of identification. This bill would also provide exemptions from the requirement to provide proof of identification for voters residing in state-licensed care facilities that are used as polling places, vote by mail and special absentee voters who cast their ballots by mail, and voters who establish a religious objection to being photographed. This bill would also provide that, for purposes of complying with the proof of identification requirement, a registered voter could obtain a state-issued identification card from the Department of Motor Vehicles at no cost. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

**Position**  
Oppose

**[AB 867](#) (Swanson D) Elections: vote by mail ballots.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/17/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Status:** 5/9/2011-Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

**Location:** 5/9/2011-A. THIRD READING

**Calendar:** 5/12/2011 #139 ASSEMBLY ASSEMBLY THIRD READING FILE

**Summary:** Would provide that an application for a vote by mail ballot must be received by the elections official between the 29th and 7th days prior to the election. The bill would authorize a voter to designate an authorized representative in writing to an elections official to receive, return, or both receive and return, that voter's vote by mail ballot. If a voter is unable to return his or her vote by mail ballot, this bill would authorize the voter to have his or her authorized representative return the ballot to the elections official regardless of whether his or her inability to return the vote by mail ballot is due to illness or physical disability. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

**Position**  
Support

**[AB 945](#) (Donnelly R) Elections: voting procedures.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 3/25/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Status:** 5/10/2011-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was E. & R. on 4/12/2011)

**Location:** 5/10/2011-A. 2 YEAR

**Summary:** Would additionally require that the identification envelope include a verification panel, concealed during mailing, setting forth the last 4 digits of the voter's California driver's license or identification card number or, if unavailable, the last 4 digits of the voter's social security number and a security flap that would conceal voter's identification information during mailing. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

**Position**  
Oppose

**[SB 397](#) (Yee D) Online voter registration.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/27/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Status:** 5/6/2011-Set for hearing May 16.

**Location:** 5/4/2011-S. APPR.

**Calendar:** 5/16/2011 10 a.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203)  
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS, KEHOE, Chair

**Summary:** Would authorize counties to develop and use an electronic voter registration system for the electronic submission of an affidavit of voter registration from a person who is qualified to register to vote, who has a valid California driver's license or state identification card, and who resides in that county. This bill would also authorize a person who is qualified to register to vote and who has a valid California driver's license or state identification card to submit an affidavit of voter registration electronically on the Internet Web site of the county elections official of the county in which the person resides if that county has opted to comply with the provisions of this chapter. This bill would specify certain conditions that must be met before the electronic submission of an affidavit of voter registration to a county elections official could become effective. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

**Position**  
Support in  
Concept

**[SB 641](#) (Calderon D) Voter registration.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/26/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Status:** 5/6/2011-Set for hearing May 16.

**Location:** 5/4/2011-S. APPR.

**Calendar:** 5/16/2011 10 a.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203)  
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS, KEHOE, Chair

**Summary:** Would establish conditional voter registration, using an affidavit of registration, whereby a person would be permitted to register to vote after the 15th day prior to an election or on election day, and cast a provisional ballot to be counted if the conditional voter registration is deemed effective. This bill would provide that a conditional voter registration shall be deemed effective only if the county elections official is able to determine before or during the canvass period for the election that the registrant is eligible to register to vote and that the registrant has a valid California driver's license or state identification number. If a conditional voter registration is not deemed effective pursuant to these new provisions, the elections official would be required to process the affidavit of registration as specified and, if the registrant meets all other eligibility requirements to vote, the registration would be deemed effective in forthcoming elections. The bill would require the county elections official to offer conditional voter registration and provisional voting at its permanent offices, and would permit the official to offer this registration and voting at satellite offices on election day, in accordance with specified procedures. The bill would also require the county elections official to cancel, as specified, duplicate voter registrations that may arise due to conditional voter registration. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

**Position**

Support if  
Amended

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## Water

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**[AB 685](#) (Eng D) State water policy.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/17/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Status:** 4/27/2011-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 8. Noes 3.) (April 26). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Location:** 4/27/2011-A. APPR.

**Calendar:** 5/11/2011 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 4202 ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS, FUENTES, Chair

**Summary:** Would declare that it is the established policy of the state that every human being has the right to clean, affordable, and accessible water for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes, that is adequate for the health and well-being of the individual and family. The bill would require all relevant state agencies, including the Department of Water Resources, State Water Resources Control Board, and State Department of Public Health, to employ all reasonable means to implement this state policy. Those state agencies would be required to revise, adopt, or establish policies, regulations, and grant criteria to further this state policy, to the extent that those actions do not affect eligibility for federal funds.

**Position**

Support

**[SB 263](#) (Pavley D) Wells: reports: public availability.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/10/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Status:** 5/6/2011-Set for hearing May 16.

**Location:** 5/3/2011-S. APPR.

**Calendar:** 5/16/2011 10 a.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203)  
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS, KEHOE, Chair

**Summary:** Would instead make a report relating to a well constructed, altered, abandoned, or destroyed on or after January 1, 2012, available to the public. The bill, commencing July 1, 2013, would also make available to the public reports relating to a well constructed, altered, abandoned, or destroyed before January 1, 2012, unless the department receives notification by the well owner that the well owner desires to keep the report confidential.

**Position**

Support

**Total Measures: 38**

**Total Tracking Forms: 38**