

CHEAC Legislative Bill Chart #1

March 3, 2017

Bill Number/ Author/Location	Description	CHEAC Position	Comments	Platform Subject
Assembly Bills				
NEW BILL AB 6/Lackey A – Appr Amended 3/2/17	Creates a drugged driving task force within the CA Highway Patrol to develop recommendations for best practices, protocols, proposed legislation, and other policies that will address the issue of driving under the influence of drugs. Names task force members that will include law enforcement, local government representatives, cannabis industry representatives, pharmaceutical industry reps, and others.	Watch 2/24/17		Cannabis
NEW BILL AB 9/C.Garcia A – Rev & Tax Hearing: 3/13/17	Creates an exemption from sales taxes for women’s hygiene products.	Watch 2/24/17	AB 1561/C.Garcia last year did the same; it was vetoed by the Governor. CSAC & the League of Cities opposed.	Health Equity
NEW BILL AB 15/Maienschein A – Health Hearing: 3/21/17	Requires DHCS for the Denti-Cal program to increase reimbursement rates for the 15 most common prevention, treatment, and oral evaluation services to the regional average commercial rates effective 1/1/18.	S-3 2/24/17	Sponsors: Senate and Assembly Republican Caucuses	Dental Health Health Coverage
NEW BILL AB 40/Santiago A – Bus & Prof and Pub Safety	Allows the CURES database to integrate with other health information technology systems.	S-2 2/24/17	Sponsor: Cal-ACEP (ER docs)	Drug & Alcohol Services
NEW BILL AB 62/Wood A – Housing & Comm Develop	Requires all public housing agencies to implement policies prohibiting the smoking of tobacco products in all public housing units, interior areas, and outdoor areas within 25 feet of public housing and administrative buildings by 7/30/18.	S-2 2/24/17	Consistent with federal rules released last year by HUD, but uses CA’s definition of smoking, including e-cigarettes and vaping.	Tobacco
NEW BILL AB 63/Frazier A – Trans	Expands the scope of the provisional licensing program by extending the applicable age range for the program from 16 to under 21 years of age. Under current law, this would prohibit these drivers from driving alone, without a licensed driver over the age of 25, between the hours of 11pm and 5am or transport passengers under the age of 20, unless for medical necessity, for school or school-authorized activities, employment, or other exceptions.	Watch 2/24/17	CCLHO in support	Injury Prevention
NEW BILL AB 64/Bonta	Applies advertising restrictions on licensees of the medical cannabis system. Defines non-storefront dispensaries (delivery services). Advances \$3 million to the CHP to start developing standards to recognize impairment and impaired driving. Other industry provisions.	Special Interest Bill 2/24/17	Reconciliation between medical cannabis and Prop 64, adult use, programs.	Cannabis

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NEW BILL AB 74/Chiu A – Housing & Comm Develop	Creates the Housing for a Healthy California program to be administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) with competitive grants going to counties or cities collaborating with a county in the program. HCD would draft guidelines to fund the grants, which could be used for long-term rental assistance or interim housing. Applicants must identify a source of funding that could include county GF, WPC pilot program funds, the Health Home Program or other county-controlled funding. Requires the Legislature to fund the program via an appropriation (yet to be determined).	Special Interest Bill 2/24/17		Health Equity
NEW BILL AB 76/Chau	Spot bill on prohibiting the marketing of adult-use cannabis to children.	Watch 2/24/17		Cannabis
NEW BILL AB 82/Medina A – Health	Allows for the use of diacritical marks (eg: é, ö, ñ) on vital documents such as birth or death certificates and marriage licenses.	Watch 2/24/17		Vital Statistics
NEW BILL AB 156/Wood A – Health	Removes language from existing statute for the ACA Transitional Reinsurance Program, which sunset in 2016.	Watch 2/24/17	See AB 157, SB 133 & SB 134.	Health Coverage
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NEW BILL AB 175/Chau	Requires adult use cannabis manufacturers, prior to releasing cannabis infused edible products, to receive approval from the Bureau of Marijuana Control including submitting their packaging and labeling to the Bureau.	SIC 2/24/17		Cannabis
NEW BILL AB 179/Cervantes A – Trans Amended 2/14/17	Changes the qualifications for members of the CA Transportation Commission (CTC). Requires two members to have experience working directly with communities in CA most significantly impacted by high levels of pollution including communities that are racially or ethnically diverse or low-income. Requires one member with training or expertise in sustainable transportation including bike or pedestrian safety, one member with training or expertise in sustainable transportation including transit, one member with training or expertise (or authority) on the public health effects of transportation, and one member with training expertise (or authority) on climate change mitigation. Creates the Environmental Justice Advisory Committee to advise the CTC in its allocation and programming of transportation funding. Requires the CTC and the Air Resources Board to hold two joint meetings each year to coordinate the implementation of their transportation policies.	Watch 2/24/17	RCRC opposed.	Health Equity Built Environment

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NEW BILL AB 180/Wood A – Health	Changes the frequency of DHCS insurance affordability programs enrollment data reports from on a quarterly basis to a biannual basis.	Watch 2/24/17	Identical to SB 152.	Health Coverage
NEW BILL AB 182/Waldron A – Health Hearing: 3/21/17	Establishes the Heroin and Opioid Public Education Initiative Act (HOPE Act). Requires DHCS to develop a comprehensive and multicultural public education program to combat the heroin and opioid abuse epidemic in CA. Delineates the elements of the public education campaign. No funding provided for this purpose.	Watch 2/24/17		Drug & Alcohol Services
NEW BILL AB 186/Eggman A – Health & Public Safety Hearing: 3/21/17 (Hlth)	Authorizes cities (without health departments), counties or a city and county to authorize a supervised injection site within their jurisdiction for those who consume intravenous drugs. Delineates the requirements for these sites and provides prosecutorial immunity for those involved in the operation or use of the site.	Watch 2/24/17		Drug & Alcohol Services
NEW BILL AB 205/Wood A – Health	Implements a change in federal Medicaid Managed Care law that would allow a Medi-Cal Managed Care beneficiary to request a state fair hearing within 120 days rather than the current 90 days.	Watch 2/24/17	Identical to SB 171.	Health Coverage
NEW BILL AB 210/Santiago A – Hum Svcs & Privacy & Cons Protect	Allows counties to establish multidisciplinary teams to facilitate the expedited identification, assessment and linkage of homeless individuals to housing and supportive services. Allows team member entities to disclose and exchange with one another information and writings related to any information that may be designated as confidential under state law. The sharing of information allowed shall be governed by protocols developed by each county describing how and what information can be shared.	S-2 2/24/17	LA County sponsored	Health Equity
NEW BILL AB 214/Weber A – Higher Edu & Hum Svcs	Provides further clarification to state and federal law governing programs aimed at reducing college student hunger including simplifying the administration of CalFresh to college students, requiring the CA Student Aid Commission to inform students of information that could help them verify their CalFresh eligibility, and clarify definitions of on-campus food retailers required to participate in the CalFresh Restaurant Meals Program.	W/BB 2/24/17	Sponsors: Coalition of CA Welfare Rights Organizations, Student Senate for CA Comm. Colleges, Western Ctr on Law & Poverty, Young Invincibles.	Health Equity
NEW BILL AB 247/C.Garcia A – Env Safety & Toxic Mats Hearing: 3/7/17 Amended 2/27/17	Requires the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment to convene a Lead Advisory Task Force to evaluate, among other things, county childhood lead testing programs and the state's lead testing program, and county healthy homes programs. Among other members of the task force, requires one member of the task force to be a local government representative from a lead poisoning prevention program and one member from a county environmental health department.	Watch 2/24/17		Environmental Health
NEW BILL AB 265/Wood A – Health	Limits the use of pharmaceutical company coupons for consumers that encourage them to buy more expensive drugs than lower cost brand name brands or generics.	Watch 2/24/17		Health Coverage

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NEW BILL AB 274/C.Garcia	Spot bill to enact legislation that defines the term “ <i>snack food</i> ” in statute with the intent to tax snack foods.	Watch 2/24/17	See also ACA 2.	Chronic Disease Prevention & Wellness Promotion
NEW BILL AB 285/Melendez A – Health Hearing: 3/21/17	Defines a “drug and alcohol free residence” as a home that meets certain requirements and is certified by an organization approved by DHCS.	Watch 2/24/17		Drug & Alcohol Services
NEW BILL AB 356/Bigelow A – Pub Safety Hearing: 3/14/17	Current law authorizes human remains to be transported from CA to an adjacent state for disposition in that state without a death certificate or permit for the disposition if the remains are found within 50 miles of the CA border and the nearest licensed funeral home is within 20 miles of the border. This bill changes the funeral home distance from 20 miles to 50 miles from the border.	Watch 2/24/17		Vital Statistics
NEW BILL ACA 2/C.Garcia	In 1992, voters approved Prop 163 which provided an exemption from sales and use taxes for candy and snack food; therefore, in order to enact a tax on snack foods, per AB 274, the California Constitution must be amended to allow the Legislature to both apply a sales or use tax on food products as well as exempt food products from sales or use taxes.	Watch 2/24/17	See also AB 274.	Chronic Disease Prevention & Wellness Promotion

Senate Bills				
NEW BILL SB 17/Hernandez S – Rules	Spot bill to increase transparency in prescription drug pricing.	Watch 2/24/17	Sponsors: Health Access and the CA Labor Federation	Health Coverage
NEW BILL SB 18/Pan S – Rules	Spot bill to codify the Bill of Rights for Children and Youth of California establishing a comprehensive framework governing the rights of children and youth, outlining the research-based essential needs of CA’s children, and establishing standards relating to the health, safety, well-being, early childhood and educational opportunities, and familial supports necessary for all children to succeed.	Watch 2/24/17		Health Equity
NEW BILL SB 23/Portantino S – Health and Governance & Finance	Extends the sunset for the Umbilical Cord Blood Collection program, which is funded by a fee on birth certificates. Provides a \$1 dollar increase for the program by raising birth certificate fees from \$18 to \$19.	Watch 2/24/17		Vital Statistics
NEW BILL SB 43/Hill S – Health Amended 1/31/17	Requires hospitals and clinical labs, starting 7/1/18, to report to CDPH a summary of all antibiotic resistant infections from their facility for the previous year. CDPH, one year later, is required to begin issuing reports on the incidence of antibiotic resistant infections and deaths. Amends death certificates to now include information on the occurrence of any antimicrobial-resistant infection that in the physicians judgement was a factor in the person’s death.	Watch w/ Concerns 2/24/17		Communicable Disease Control

NEW BILL SB 65/Hill S – Trans & Housing and Pub Safety	Closes a loophole in Prop 64 (Adult Use Cannabis) that does not expressly prohibit the use or ingestion of cannabis while driving or while operating a boat or aircraft.	Watch 2/24/17		Cannabis
NEW BILL SB 133/Hernandez S – Health	Removes language from existing statute for the ACA Transitional Reinsurance Program, which sunset in 2016.	Watch 2/24/17	See SB 134, AB 156 & AB 157.	Health Coverage
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NEW BILL SB 138/McGuire S – Education Hearing: 3/15/17	Requires Local Education Agencies, participating in the federal school meal program, to implement a system to directly certify pupils eligible for free or reduced priced school meals using Medi-Cal participation data. Also requires high poverty schools to apply to operate a universal meal service program, which allows schools to provide free breakfast and lunch to all students without their families having to apply.	W/BB 2/24/17		Health Equity
NEW BILL SB 139/Wilk S – Governance & Finance	Allows a city or county to regulate the sale of substances used as recreational drugs that pose a threat to human life, or health and risk of minors.	Watch 2/24/17		Drug & Alcohol Services
NEW BILL SB 152/Hernandez S - Rules	Changes the frequency of DHCS insurance affordability programs enrollment data reports from on a quarterly basis to a biannual basis.	Watch 2/24/17	Identical to AB 180.	Health Coverage
NEW BILL SB 167/Skinner S – Hum Svcs & Pub Safety Hearing: 3/28/17 (HS)	Requires the Secretary of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to establish an MOU with the federal Social Security Administration (SSA) to allow a person currently incarcerated to apply for and receive a replacement social security card and to allow SSA to process Supplemental Security Income claims under the prerelease program. Also requires the DSS to request a waiver from the federal Department of Agriculture to allow for the preenrollment of otherwise eligible applicants to the CalFresh program up to one month prior to the applicants reentry into the community from either county jail or state prison.	S-2 2/24/17	Sponsors: CWDA, Root & Rebound and the Ella Baker Center	Health Equity
NEW BILL SB 171/Hernandez S – Health	Implements a change in federal Medicaid Managed Care law that would allow a Medi-Cal Managed Care beneficiary to request a state fair hearing within 120 days rather than the current 90 days.	Watch 2/24/17	Identical to AB 205.	Health Coverage
NEW BILL SB 179/Atkins S – Trans & Housing and Judiciary	Allows Californians to update their gender on a variety of state issued documents including birth certificates and drivers licenses. Allows for people to now designate themselves on these state-issued documents as non-binary.	Watch 2/24/17		Vital Statistics

NEW BILL SB 185/Hertzberg S – Trans & Housing and Public Safety	Prevents the automatic suspension of driver’s licenses for people who are unable to pay fines or fees for minor traffic tickets and requires courts to determine violators’ ability to pay before setting fine amounts.	Watch 2/24/17	Sponsors: Western Ctr on Law & Poverty, ACLU, and the Bay Community Law Center. Potential impacts on county Maddy Funds	EMS
NEW BILL SB 199/Hernandez S – Health & Judiciary	Creates a database, to be run by the CA Health & Human Services Agency, to serve as a repository for health plan and insurer utilization data, pricing data, and information sufficient to determine the impacts of the social determinants of health. Requires a report to be prepared based on the findings from an advisory committee convened to study the data collected.	Watch 2/24/17		Health Coverage
NEW BILL SB 210/Leyva S – Education Hearing: 3/8/17	Requires school districts that has drinking water sources that do not meet federal EPA standards for lead to provide alternative drinking water sources.	Watch 2/24/17		Chronic Disease Prevention & Wellness Promotion
NEW BILL SB 222/Hernandez S – Health & Public Safety	Would change the length of time an incarcerated Medi-Cal beneficiary’s benefits can be suspended from one-year to the length of incarceration.	S-2 2/24/17	Sponsors: CWDA and Californians for Safety & Justice	Jail Medical

CHEAC Legislative Position Chart

S - 1 Actively Support	S - 2 Strongly Support	S - 3 Support	SIA Support if Amended
O - 1 Strong Oppose	O - 2 Soft Oppose	OUA Oppose Unless Amended	WC Watch with Concerns
SIB Special Interest Bill - Watch	W Watch	R/BB Refer/Bring Back	SIC Support in Concept

NOTE: CHEAC Staff will watch amendments on any bill being tracked and bring back to Legislative Committee any bill with substantive amendments that may change CHEAC's position.