COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE
STATUS OF BILLS OF INTEREST TO THE COUNTY
2009-10 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

These are bills we are pursuing in Sacramento pursuant to Board actions or as reported in bill policy memoranda.

BILL	AUTHOR	POSITION	SUBJECT	STATUS
AB 12	Beall, Bass	Support in Concept (Board Action: 3/17/09)	Would allow California to implement the State option to use Federal Title IV-E funds to extend foster care and Kin-GAP services to youth up to 21 years of age as provided under H.R. 6893, the Federal Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
AB 23	Jones	No Position (State Update: 3/31/09)	NOW: Was amended on March 19, 2009, to delete the Medi-Cal provisions. The bill now proposes to require health plans, employers, and insurers to notify beneficiaries that H.R. 1, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, enhanced the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) to provide Federal funds to pay 65 percent of the COBRA premium for eligible persons enrolled in a group health insurance plan who lose their job between September 1, 2008 and December 31, 2009. Under current law, COBRA-eligible employees must pay the full amount of the premium to retain enrollment in a health care plan offered by a former employer.	Chapter 3 of 2009
		Support (State Update: 3/6/09)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have repealed current State law, which requires semi-annual reporting to maintain Medi-Cal eligibility for children and reinstitute 12-month continuous Medi-Cal eligibility for children under 19 years of age. This change is necessary to ensure that the State qualifies to receive the temporary increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) pursuant to the recently enacted H.R. 1, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. AB 23, SBX3 26, and SB 337 had been introduced as potential vehicles to repeal the semi-annual reporting requirement in order for the State to be eligible to receive additional FMAP funding.	
AB 46	Blakeslee	Support (State Update: 7/16/09)	Would extend the State Energy Conservation Assistance Program, which provides grants and loans to local governments and public institutions to maximize energy use savings, until January 1, 2012, extend the existing Local Jurisdiction Energy Assistance Program that provides loans to local jurisdictions for energy projects, including to purchase, maintain, and evaluate energy efficient equipment for existing or new facilities until January 1, 2016, and make other related changes.	Senate Floor

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AB 49	Feuer	Support (State Update: 9/15/09)	NOW: Was amended to require the State to achieve a 20 percent reduction in urban water use in California by December 31, 2012, and requires agricultural water supplies to prepare and adopt agricultural water management plans with specified components by December 31, 2012, and update those plans every five years.	Conference Committee
		Support in Concept (State Update: 7/16/09)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have stated legislative intent to enact legislation to establish a 20 percent water efficiency requirement for the year 2020 for agricultural and urban water users.	
AB 64	Krekorian, Bass	No Position (State Update: 9/15/09)	NOW: Was amended to make various programmatic changes necessary to implement SB 14 (Simitian), which is now the vehicle to recast the Renewables Portfolio Standard Program.	Governor's Desk
		Oppose Unless Amended to remove the provisions that discourage the use of conversion technologies (State Update: 7/16/09)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have recast the Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) Program to require that a retail seller and a local publicly owned electric utility obtain at least 23 percent of its electricity from renewable energy resources by December 31, 2014, increasing to 27 percent by December 31, 2017, and 33 percent by December 31, 2020, and would also establish the Renewable Infrastructure Authority and related fund and provide for renewable energy designation zones and transmission corridor zones, and make other related changes.	
AB 87	Davis	County-sponsored	Would prohibit a store from providing a single-use carryout bag, including a green carryout bag, to a customer unless the store charges a fee not less than $0.25 at the point of sale and exempts certain customers from paying the fee. Would also establish the Bag Pollution Fund in the State Treasury and requires the manufacturer of a single-use carryout bag to develop educational materials to encourage reducing, reusing, and recycling of single-use bags.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
AB 91	Feuer	Support (Board Action: 6/25/09)	Would establish a pilot program in Alameda, Los Angeles, Sacramento and Tulare Counties to require the installation of an Ignition Interlock Device on any vehicle owned or operated by a person convicted of Driving Under the Influence (DUI), for a term ranging from five months for a first offense to 36 months for a fourth or subsequent violation.	Governor's Desk

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BILL	AUTHOR	POSITION	SUBJECT	STATUS
AB 128	Coto	Opposed (State Update: 2/20/09)	Would extend the period after termination of employment that a retired public safety officer could file a workers' compensation claim for cancer and be entitled to a legal presumption that the cancer is job related. The presumption, which is currently three months for each year of service, would be extended to one year for each year of service. Existing law caps the presumption period at five years; AB 128 would remove this cap.	Assembly Appropriations
AB 139	Brownley	County-sponsored	Would authorize the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to implement storm water fees upon voter approval, consistent with the requirements of Proposition 218 of 2006, to fund clean water programs.	Assembly Local Government
AB 215	Feuer, Smyth	Support (Board Action: 2/17/09)	Would require skilled nursing facilities to post the overall facility rating information determined by the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, including the number of stars assigned to the facility out of a possible five stars. The overall Five Star Quality Rating is comprised of scores for health inspections, staffing, and how well the facility is caring for the physical and clinical needs of residents. The information would be required to be posted in an area accessible and visible to members of the public; the employee break room; and in common areas used by residents for dining, resident council meetings, or other activities.	Governor's Desk
AB 221	Portatino	Support (State Update: 5/11/09)	Would permit an HIV counselor to perform skin punctures for the purpose of drawing blood for HIV testing, when authorized by a licensed physician, if the counselor: 1) works under the direction of a licensed physician; and 2) has been trained in both HIV test proficiency for skin puncture blood tests and oral swab tests and in universal infection control precautions. AB 221 would exempt an HIV counselor from the requirement that an unlicensed person performing skin punctures must be a certified Limited Phlebotomy Technician. Urgency Measure.	Governor's Desk
AB 222	Adams, Ma	Support (State Update: 6/18/09)	Would allow facilities that convert solid waste into energy or marketable products to count as a renewable electricity generation facility for the purpose of California's Renewable Portfolio Standards and allow local governments to count solid waste that is converted into electricity or marketable products toward their recycling diversion goals.	Senate Environmental Quality

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BILL	AUTHOR	POSITION	SUBJECT	STATUS
AB 286	Salas, Jones	Support (State Update: 4/21/09)	Would extend until 2018 the authority for counties to impose an additional $1.00 vehicle registration fee to be used for anti-vehicle theft programs. It also would add additional reporting requirements for those counties that adopt a resolution to impose the fee. Counties would be required to provide details of expenditures, including salaries and expenses, purchase of equipment and supplies, and any other expenditures to support the program.	Governor's Desk
AB 300	Caballero	Support if Amended to allow the public water system to collect sufficient fees to monitor and enforce voluntary demand management measures and allow the public water supplier to enforce the demand measures (State Update: 7/16/09)	Would: 1) require project applicants for the subdivision or development to identify and implement "voluntary water demand management measures" to reduce the net increase in water demand associated with the development or subdivision as an alternative to acquiring new water supplies; 2) require the voluntary demand management measures to result in water conservation that exceeds the projected efforts and levels of conservation identified in the public water system's urban water management plan; 3) allow the demand management measures to include permanent fixtures that reduce water demand or fees deposited with the public water system to fund water conservation efforts; and 4) allow the fees collected to be used to offset the normal capacity fees assessed to a new development by the public water system.	Senate Natural Resources and Water
AB 311	Ma	Support (State Update: 4/30/09)	Would extend the current assessment methodology for the valuation of certificated aircraft for property tax purposes from December 31, 2010 to December 31, 2015. The current methodology was established by AB 964 of 2005 (Chapter 699). AB 964 codified an agreement between county assessors and the airline industry on the valuation of certificated aircraft. It established the Centralized Fleet Calculation Program, which ensured a uniform Statewide assessment of certificated aircraft by designating a lead county to calculate an airline's fleet value based on an agreed upon methodology.	Governor's Desk
AB 383	Lieu	Support (State Update: 4/7/09)	Would extend the statute of limitations for the testing of biological evidence in sex crime cases from two years to five years from the date of the offense. Existing law provides that a criminal complaint may be filed within one year of the date that the identity of the suspect is conclusively established by DNA testing, if the crime is one that would require a convicted person to register as a sex offender, and the testing is performed within two years from the date of the offense.	Senate Public Safety

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BILL	AUTHOR	POSITION	SUBJECT	STATUS
AB 410	De La Torre	Support and Amend to allocate $20 million to the hydrologic regions for the preparation of the salt and nutrient management plans. (State Update: 7/8/09)	NOW: Still does the same but was amended to eliminate the $5 million allocation and instead requires the Department of Water Resources, providing grants to those hydrologic regions, to give additional consideration to proposals for the preparation of salt and nutrient management plans consistent with the recycled water policy of the State Water Resources Control Board and increase the recycled water goals.	Senate Appropriations
		Support and Amend to appropriate a minimum of $20 million Statewide for the preparation of the salt and nutrient management plans. (State Update: 4/16/09)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have: 1) allocated $5 million of the $100 million available for multi-regional water needs from the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 to the State Department of Water Resources (DWR) for the preparation of salt and nutrient management plans consistent with the recycled water policy of the State Water Resources Control Board; 2) set a Statewide goal to recycle a total of 1.3 million acre-feet of water annually by the year 2020, and 2 million acre-feet of water per year by 2030; and 3) required DWR to assess progress toward meeting the recycled water goal every five years based on information provided in urban water management plans.	
AB 421	Beall	Support (State Update: 4/7/09)	Would make California law consistent with Federal law to allow counties to place children served by the AB 3632 Program in out-of-state group homes that are operated as for-profit entities and receive payment for these placements.	Assembly Appropriations
AB 479	Chesbro	Oppose (State Update: 7/16/09)	Would: 1) increase the mandatory solid waste diversion rate from 50 percent to 75 percent by January 1, 2020; 2) require the owner or operator of a business that contracts for waste services and generates more than four cubic yards of total waste and recyclable materials per week, to arrange for recycling services; and 3) require an enforcement agency to inform solid waste facility operators that it is requiring a revision in the solid waste facility permit in conjunction with allowing changes in the design or operation of a facility, if the enforcement agency determines that the proposed change meets specified requirements. Also makes other related changes.	Senate Appropriations
AB 521	De La Torre	Support (State Update: 5/13/09)	Would authorize a public utility that owns real property acquired to obtain a utility right-of-way, to lease that property to a governmental entity for purposes of a public park, if the public utility would retain the use of the right-of-way easement for public utility purposes.	Governor's Desk

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BILL	AUTHOR	POSITION	SUBJECT	STATUS
AB 548	Krekorian	Support (State Update: 6/29/09)	Would reform the mandated claims reimbursement process by requiring the State Controller to initiate an audit of a local mandate claim within four years from the time the claim was filed. Under existing law, an audit must be initiated within three years from the time the reimbursement payment on the claim was made by the State.	Senate Floor
AB 613	Beall	Support (State Update: 4/23/09)	Would improve and streamline the Treatment Authorization Request process, which refers to the approval by a State Department of Health Care Services consultant required prior to the rendering of Medi-Cal Program services, based on a determination of medical necessity and Medi-Cal Program coverage.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
AB 664	Skinner	Oppose (State Update: 4/16/09)	Would expand the presumption of job-related injury to cover all hospital employees for blood-borne infectious disease, Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus and all neck and back injuries. This presumption would exist if the impairment develops or manifests itself during the period of employment with the hospital.	Assembly Appropriations
AB 682	B. Lowenthal	Support (State Update: 4/16/09)	Would instruct the State Department of Health Care Services to dedicate an unspecified number of State staff to evaluate State and County implementation of In-Home Supportive Services Program quality assurance and fraud mitigation requirements in existing law, as well as to assess the extent and nature of the fraud currently detected.	Senate Appropriations
AB 719	B. Lowenthal	Support (State Update: 4/1/09)	Would require the California Department of Social Services to create the Transitional Food Stamps for Foster Youth Program by July 1, 2010. Under AB 719, foster youth who are not eligible for CalWORKs or Supplemental Security Income would be automatically eligible to a 12-month Transitional Food Stamp benefits when they leave foster care. These youth would be exempt from any quarterly or semi-annual reporting requirements and from the fingerprint requirement during the 12-month Transitional Food Stamp certification period. The Department of Public Social Services would be responsible for administering the program.	Governor's Desk
AB 853	Arambula	Oppose (State Update: 5/21/09)	Would eliminate local control over the annexation process for unincorporated fringe or island communities by requiring a board of supervisors to petition the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to approve the annexation of a fringe or island community to a city, and require LAFCO to approve the annexation if certain requirements are met.	Senate Local Government

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BILL	AUTHOR	POSITION	SUBJECT	STATUS
AB 923	Swanson	Support (State Update: 5/21/09)	Would add Board of Equalization members, zoo veterinarians, employees of certain animal control shelters, and local government code enforcement officers to the list of peace officers and other public officials who may request the Department of Motor Vehicles to provide enhanced confidentiality to their home addresses. The bill defines a code enforcement officer as a local official responsible for enforcing housing codes and maintaining public safety in buildings, and a public health officer as one with the authority to arrest persons for violation of a statute or ordinance.	Assembly Appropriations
AB 1048	Torrico	Oppose (State Update: 4/10/09)	Would: 1) raise the age at which a minor child can be surrendered from 72 hours or younger, to 30 days; 2) allow a local fire agency to designate safe surrender sites with the approval of the local governing body of the agency; 3) specify that persons at a safe surrender site have no liability prior to taking physical custody of a child; 4) require the California Department of Social Services to convene a workgroup to develop and disseminate regulations to clarify rules with respect to a mother who gives up her baby in a hospital, the definition of a safely surrendered baby, and parental information provided to, and received by counties; and 5) fund activities required by AB 1048 using State Children's Trust Fund and California Children and Families Proposition 10 Commission Funds.	Senate Floor
AB 1058	Beall	Support (State Update: 6/5/09)	Would exempt motor vehicles from the CalWORKs eligibility asset test, eliminate the asset limits for CalWORKs recipients, and allow CalWORKs applicants to retain savings of up to $2,000 with annual adjustments based on changes in the California Needs Index. Current law restricts the amount of liquid assets for CalWORKs applicants and recipients to $2,000 and limits the exempt value of a vehicle a CalWORKs family may own to no more than $4,650.	Senate Appropriations
AB 1139	J. Pérez	Oppose (State Update: 4/24/09)	Would make various changes to existing law regarding the State Enterprise Zone Program, including: 1) eliminating retroactive tax credit vouchering; 2) canceling the use of the Targeted Employment Area and Targeted Tax Area residency as an employee eligibility criteria; 3) requiring the eligible employee to work a minimum of 35 hours per week and be provided with at least 80 percent of specified health care coverage by the employer; and 4) adding annual reporting requirements for Enterprise Zone businesses.	Assembly Jobs, Economic Development and the Economy

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BILL	AUTHOR	POSITION	SUBJECT	STATUS
AB 1141	Calderon	Oppose (State Update: 3/31/09)	Would make various changes to existing law regarding single-use carryout bags, including: 1) extending the sunset date which prohibits local governments from imposing a fee on paper and plastic carryout bags from 2013 to 2017; 2) prohibiting local governments from banning or restricting plastic and paper carryout bags; 3) redefining reusable bags to include lighter weight plastic carryout bags; and 4) requiring plastic bag manufacturers to pay a single-use bag extended producer responsibility fee, in an undetermined amount, for each single-use carryout bag it sells to a store.	Assembly Natural Resources
AB 1187	Huffman, Caballero	Support and Amend to make more funds available for project implementation and construction and increase the funding available to the L.A. County region.(State Update: 4/10/09)	Would enact the Safe, Clean, Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2010, which would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of $10.035 billion, subject to voter approval, to finance specified water supply reliability and water source protection programs, and require the establishment and imposition of a fee on water users.	Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife
AB 1324	Bass	Support (Board Actions: 9/15/09)	Would provide authority to counties to release information to credit agencies on behalf of foster youth to remedy instances of identity theft and to help suppress the vulnerability of foster youth's vital information.	Governor's Desk
AB 1329	Brownley	No Position (State Update:9/9/09)	NOW: Would extend the effective date of SB 63 (Strickland), Chapter 21 of the Statutes of 2009, which will abolish the California Integrated Waste Management Board and transfer its duties to the newly created Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery in the Natural Resources Agency, from January 1, 2010 to January 1, 2011.	Senate Desk
		Support (State Update: 8/21/09)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have prohibited a retail establishment or retailer, on or after January 1, 2014, from selling, distributing, or importing a single-use recyclable packaging container that is comprised predominantly of Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) plastic resin.	
AB 1369	Davis	Support (State Update: 8/6/09)	Would expand the existing involuntary home detention program for jail inmates by removing the requirement that the program applies only to misdemeanor inmates. Existing law allows boards of supervisors to authorize an involuntary home detention program when the correctional administrator determines that conditions in a jail facility warrant releasing sentenced misdemeanor inmates prior to serving their full sentence due to lack of jail space.	Assembly Floor

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AB 1383	Jones	Support if Amended (State Update: 9/1/09)	Would: 1) impose a provider fee on hospitals, except for designated public hospitals, to provide increased Medi-Cal reimbursement to public and private hospitals; and 2) require the California Department of Health Care Services to seek a state plan amendment from the Federal government to implement a supplemental payment system to hospitals.	Governor's Desk
AB 1409	J. Pérez	Oppose Unless Amended to maintain county flexibility clarify and eliminate any ambiguities so that nothing in this section of law prevents the use of county employees to perform work on county highways (State Update: 7/9/09)	NOW: As proposed to be amended, the bill would require counties to choose between the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act and existing road commissioner authority as a basis for the county's specified streets and highway projects and would allow a county to reinstate the provisions of the Act for the road department, in a given fiscal year, if by resolution the board of supervisors makes findings that the road commissioner authority will not be utilized.	Senate Transportation and Housing
		Oppose Unless Amended to delete the definitions of day labor and force account and allow the County flexibility in procuring labor. (State Update: 6/12/09)	PREVIOUSLY: Would still have revised the provision in existing law that authorizes work on county highways to be done by purchasing the material and having the work done by force account or by day labor but was amended to define "day labor" as non-permanent, part-time, or temporary employees who are not represented by a collective bargaining unit and "force account" as full-time or permanent county employees, or part time or temporary employees who are represented by a collective bargaining unit.	
		Oppose (State Update: 4/30/09)	INITIALLY: Would have revised the provision in existing law, which authorizes work on county highways to be done by purchasing the material and having the work done by force account (county employees) or by day labor, to require a county to solicit bids for the project. If a board of supervisors passes a resolution with a finding that either no bids were received or all of the bids exceeded the cost of having the work performed by force account or day labor, then a county may use its employees or day labor.	
AB 1445	Chesbro	Support (State Update: 5/13/09)	Would authorize Medi-Cal reimbursement for a maximum of two visits for one patient on the same day. It would ensure payment for individuals who visit a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) or a Rural Health Clinic (RHC), and are referred for an appointment with a clinical psychologist, licensed clinical social worker, dentist or dental hygienist. FQHCs and RHCs are providers in medically underserved areas entitled to receive enhanced reimbursements under Federal Medicaid and Medicare statutes.	Senate Appropriations

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ABX3 37	Evans	No Position	NOW: Was amended to strike out all the County-opposed provisions related to court operations, including requiring the Superior Courts to renegotiate memoranda of understanding with Sheriffs or counties regarding compensation provided for court security.	Governor's Desk
		Oppose Unless Amended to eliminate the requirements to renegotiate the County's MOU with the Superior Court, reduce reimbursement to the County for court security services, and eliminate the reimbursement of retiree health benefit costs (State Update: 7/8/09)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have imposed reductions on Superior Courts, Corrections and the Department of Justice. Although ABX3 37 died in the Senate, similar language was amended into SBX4 13, the Public Safety/Courts Budget Trailer Bill which was approved on July 24, 2009 as part of the revised FY 2009-10 State Budget.	
ABX3 81	Hall	Oppose (Board Action: 9/8/09)	Would grant the proposed new football stadium and entertainment complex in the City of Industry an exemption from California Environmental Quality Act requirements.	Assembly Floor
AJR 9	J. Pérez	Support (State Update: 3/16/09)	Would urge the Congress and President of the United States to enact legislation that would provide for a three-year extension of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act of 2006, from its current sunset on September 30, 2009 to September 30, 2012.	Resolution Chaptered 57 of 2009
SB 16	A. Lowenthal	Support (State Update: 5/13/09)	Would: 1) make the State's Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) refundable for low-income housing projects that have received a preliminary allocation of LIHTC on or after July 1, 2008 and before January 1, 2011; and 2) extend the allocation of tax credits to partners regardless of their percentage interest in a project which received a preliminary allocation of LIHTC during calendar year 2008.	Senate Appropriations
SB 23	Padilla	Support (Board Action: 3/24/09)	Would require the owner or operator of a mobile home park or manufactured housing community to adopt an emergency preparedness plan, and post the plan in the park clubhouse or another a conspicuous area within the park. The bill also would require the owner or operator to provide notice to existing park residents and new residents upon approval of tenancy regarding how to access the plan as well as emergency preparedness information from appropriate State or local agencies, including the California Emergency Management Agency.	Governor's Desk

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SB 25	Padilla	Oppose (State Update: 7/16/09)	Would: 1) increase the mandatory solid waste diversion rate from 50 percent to 60 percent by January 1, 2015, and establish a 75 percent Statewide waste reduction target by January 1, 2020; 2) mandate commercial recycling by 2012 for counties with a population over 200,000; 3) require the owner or operator of a business that contracts for waste services and generates more than four cubic yards of total waste and recyclable materials per week to arrange for recycling services; 4) increase the State solid waste tipping fee from $1.40 to $2.13 with adjustments in the future for cost of living changes; and 5) authorize the California Integrated Waste Management Board to create a grant program to assist local government with illegal dumping.	Assembly Natural Resources
SB 29	Denham	Oppose (State Update: 2/27/09)	Would: 1) require the California Science Center to sell the parcel of land that the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum and the Los Angeles Memorial Sports Arena (Sports Arena) occupy, and the State's share of the Sports Arena structure; 2) rescind the agreement that established the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Commission; and 3) upon the completion of the sale, terminate the Joint Powers Authority among the County, City of Los Angeles, and the California Science Center.	Senate Governmental Organization
SB 93	Kehoe	No Position (State Update: 5/21/09)	NOW: Requires that a Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) determine that for proposed activity within a project area, the public facility or land acquisition is of benefit to the project area and that it will help to eliminate blight. For projects outside a project area, the CRA must find the land or public facilities are of primary benefit to the project area, help to eliminate blight, or directly assist in the provision of housing for low or moderate-income housing. Because SB 93 would no longer strengthen the blight findings requirement to prevent development abuse, support was removed and no position is taken.	Governor's Desk
		Support (State Update: 3/16/09)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have required that before a redevelopment agency can pay for public works either inside or outside a project area, the agency's legislative body must make new findings of blight in a project area to spend money on a public facility inside the project area and certify that the public facility would remove blight. SB 93 would strengthen the provisions of current redevelopment law by adding further restrictions to the manner in which a redevelopment agency can spend diverted taxes.	

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SB 113	Senate Local Gov Omnibus	Contains three County-sponsored provisions (State Updates: 4/10/09 and 6/11/09)	SB 113 is the Senate Local Government Omnibus bill, which contains three provisions supported by the County: 1) a provision to authorize a County Board of Supervisors to form a School Facilities Improvement District in an individual school district; 2) revisions to the Public Contract Code to align the requirements for County Waterworks Districts to contract for non-construction related work with the contracting requirements for County government to perform similar work; and 3) revisions to the Water Code, which would allow County Waterworks Districts to advance water reliability projects and water system facility construction.	Governor's Desk
SB 114	Liu	Support (State Update: 3/27/09)	Would create a simplified process to allow former foster youth to maintain Medi-Cal eligibility until age 21.	Senate Appropriations
SB 152	Cox	Support (State Update: 4/30/09)	Would require the State Department of Mental Health (SDMH) to send a reimbursement claim to the State Controller's Office within 90 days after the receipt of a reimbursement claim from any fee-for-service county contractor for mental health services provided to Medi-Cal beneficiaries. The 90-day timeframe would not apply to claims in the SDMH's dispute resolution process or to claims that have been returned for additional information or necessary changes.	Assembly Health
SB 179	Runner	County-sponsored	NOW: Was amended to delete language which would allow the Termination of Parental Rights order to automatically take effect 180 days after the order. PREVIOUSLY: Would streamline the appeals process for Termination of Parental Rights and promote the placement of children in adoptive homes by: 1) reducing the time period for a birth parent to file an appeal from 60 days to 30 days when the Juvenile Court orders the Termination of Parental Rights; 2) modifying the current process of serving the Termination of Parental Rights to birth parents by allowing the notice of termination and appeal rights documents to be served directly to the birth parents if they are present in court when the order is made; and 3) allowing the Termination of Parental Rights order to automatically take effect 180 days after the order is issued.	Assembly Judiciary
SB 282	Wright	Oppose Unless Amended to remove the five-year limitation on criminal gang injunctions (Board Action: 5/12/09)	Would authorize a gang nuisance injunction issued under the Penal or Civil Code to be in effect for no longer than five years	Assembly Public Safety

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SB 301	Florez	Support and Amend to make more funds available for project implementation and construction and increase the funding available to the Los Angeles County region. (State Update: 4/10/09)	Would enact the Water Supply Reliability and Ecosystem Recovery Restoration Act of 2009, which would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of $15 billion, subject to voter approval, to finance specified water supply reliability and ecosystem recovery and restoration programs.	Senate Natural Resources and Water
SB 337	Alquist	No Position (State Update: 4/24/09)	NOW: Was amended on April 22, 2009 to delete the Medi-Cal provisions. The bill now relates to the reporting requirements by a clinic, health facility, home health agency, or licensed hospice provider when law enforcement is investigating unlawful access to medical records.	Governor's Desk
		Support (State Update: 3/6/09)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have repealed current State law which requires semi-annual reporting to maintain Medi-Cal eligibility for children and reinstitute 12-month continuous Medi-Cal eligibility for children under 19 years of age. This change is necessary to ensure that the State qualifies to receive the temporary increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) pursuant to the recently enacted H.R. 1, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. AB 23, SBX3 26, and SB 337 have been introduced as potential vehicles to repeal the semi-annual reporting requirement in order for the State to be eligible to receive additional FMAP funding.	
SB 371	Cogdill	Support and Amend to make more funds available for project implementation and construction and increase the funding available to the Los Angeles County region. (State Update: 4/10/09)	Would enact the Safe, Clean, Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2009, which would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of $9.98 billion, subject to voter approval, to finance specified water reliability and water source protection programs.	Senate Natural Resources and Water
SB 450	Lowenthal	Support (State Update: 9/09/09)	Would authorize the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to issue permits to essential public services and previously exempt businesses, notwithstanding the court decision in Natural Resources Defense Council v. SCAQMD. Also allows the permitting and issuance of emission reduction credits for electric utility steam boiler replacements but does not allow emission reduction credits to be issued for new power plants. The bill sunsets on May 1, 2012.	Assembly Floor

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SB 456	Wolk	Support and Amend to make more funds available for project implementation and construction and increase the funding available to the Los Angeles County region. (State Update: 4/10/09)	Would enact the Safe, Clean, Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2010, which would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of $9.805 billion, subject to voter approval, to finance specified water supply reliability and water source protection programs.	Senate Natural Resources and Water
SB 531	DeSaulnier	No Position (State Update: 4/24/09)	NOW: Was amended on April 16, 2009 to delete existing objectionable provisions of the bill and instead provide guidance to plastic bag manufacturers on the development of educational materials for plastic carryout bags.	Assembly Natural Resources
		Oppose (State Update: 3/31/09)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have made various changes to existing law regarding single-use carryout bags, including: 1) extending the sunset date, which prohibits local governments from imposing a fee on paper and plastic carryout bags from 2013 to 2018; 2) prohibiting local governments from banning or restricting plastic and paper carryout bags; 3) requiring plastic bag manufacturers to pay the State one-tenth of one cent ($0.001) for each plastic carryout bag supplied to large supermarkets with a minimum annual gross of $2 million and retail stores with a minimum of 10,000 square feet with a pharmacy; and 4) requiring the fees collected to be used for litter abatement activities.	
SB 579	A. Lowenthal	Support (State Update: 8/25/09)	Would authorize the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to issue permits to essential public services and previously exempt businesses, notwithstanding the court decision in Natural Resources Defense Council v. SCAQMD. Sunsets on May 1, 2012. Urgency measure.	Assembly Desk
SB 600	Padilla	Support (Board Action: 6/16/09)	Would impose an additional tax on cigarettes of $1.50 per pack, and an equivalent tax on other tobacco products. It would provide that 85 percent of the revenues from the tax be transferred into a newly created Tobacco Tax General Fund Account and 15 percent be transferred to the Tobacco Control and Lung Cancer Research Account to fund the tobacco control provisions of the bill. SB 600 also would require the State Board of Equalization to adjust the tax rate to reflect any changes in the California Consumer Price Index.	Senate Rules

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BILL	AUTHOR	POSITION	SUBJECT	STATUS
SB 678	Leno, Benoit	Support (State Update: 7/23/09)	Would provide State funding to support evidence-based practices at the local level for supervision of adult felony probationers. Evidence-based practices refer to those which are demonstrated by scientific research to reduce recidivism among individuals under probation supervision. Funds generated by this program would be derived from State savings resulting from a declining prison population due to county efforts to reduce recidivism of felony probationers. A formula-based system would be used to determine a county's share of the State savings, which must be used to supplement and not supplant other State or county appropriations for probation. Counties would participate in this program on a voluntary basis.	Governor's Desk
SB 696	Wright	Support (State Update:9/8/09)	NOW: Would authorize the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to issue permits to essential public services and previously exempt businesses, notwithstanding the court decision in Natural Resources Defense Council v. SCAQMD.. Sunsets on May 1, 2012. Urgency measure.	Assembly Floor
		Oppose Unless Amended to remove the broad and categorical California Environmental Quality Act exemption for the Southern California Air Quality Management District. (Board Action: 4/21/09)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have overturned the superior court decision in *Natural Resources Defense Council v. South Coast Air Quality Management District* (Super. Ct. Los Angeles County, 2007, No. BS 110792), exempting future South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) rule changes from compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, and authorized the SCAQMD to allow profit-making power plants access to air emission credits previously reserved for government and exempt entities.	
SB 698	Negrete McLeod	Support (Board Action: 4/21/09)	Would change the allocation formula for juvenile court schools from the Average Daily Attendance to an enrollment-based model. Under the proposed daily enrollment model, the funding allocation would be based on a daily count of wards of the court in placement at a facility with a juvenile court school.	Senate Appropriations
SB 712	Padilla	Support (State Update: 5/22/09)	Would designate the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHSA) as the lead agency responsible for overseeing a Statewide 211 service network. Designation of a lead agency would make California eligible to receive Federal funding to help develop the 211 system Statewide under pending Federal legislation. SB 712 also authorizes CHHSA to delegate the lead agency function to another entity, which may be non-governmental.	Senate Appropriations

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BILL	AUTHOR	POSITION	SUBJECT	STATUS
SB 735	Steinberg	Support and Amend to make more funds available for project implementation and construction and increase the funding available to the Los Angeles County region. (State Update: 4/10/09)	Would enact the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2010, which would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of $9.785 billion, subject to voter approval, to finance a water supply reliability and water source protection program and authorize the Department of Water Resources to impose fees on water users.	Senate Natural Resources and Water
SB 773	Florez, Steinberg	Oppose (State Update: 5/13/09)	Would increase the permanent partial disability benefits for workers injured on or after January 1, 2010, by revising the formula for computing payments for those permanently injured.	Senate Appropriations
SB 797	Pavley	Support (Board Action: 4/21/09)	Would prohibit the commercial manufacture, sale, or distribution of any bottle or cup, or any liquid, food, or beverage in a can or jar, containing Bisphenol-A at a level above 0.1 parts per billion, if the product is intended primarily for children three years of age or younger.	Assembly Floor
SB 815	Cogdill	Support (Board Action: 5/12/09)	Would establish the California National Guard Education Assistance Program, for qualifying members who have served for at least two years.	Assembly Higher Education
SB 816	Ducheny	Support (State Update: 4/16/09)	Would: 1) expand the list of State and local agencies to which an assessor is required to disclose information to include a county recorder when an investigation is being conducted to determine whether a documentary transfer tax is due; 2) allow a county board of supervisors to include an administrative appeals process for resolution of disputes related to the documentary transfer tax in an ordinance imposing such a tax; 3) require corporations or other legal entities to file a change in ownership statement within 45 days from the earlier of the date of the change in ownership or the date of a written request by the State Board of Equalization, or be faced with a penalty; and 4) eliminate the State Board of Equalization's existing authority to waive penalties.	Governor's Desk
SB 827	Wright	Support (State Update: 9/09/09)	Would authorize the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to issue permits to essential public services and previously exempt businesses, notwithstanding the court decision in Natural Resources Defense Council v. SCAQMD. Also allows the permitting and issuance of emission reduction credits for electric utility steam boiler replacements but does not allow emission reduction credits to be issued for new power plants. The bill sunsets on May 1, 2012.	Governor' Desk

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SBX3 24	Alquist	Support (State Update: 3/18/09)	Would suspend existing State law which requires semi-annual reporting to maintain Medi-Cal eligibility for children under 19 years of age and temporarily reinstate 12-month continuous eligibility. This change is necessary to ensure that the State receives funding from the temporary increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) pursuant to the recently enacted H.R. 1, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The FMAP increase is available until December 31, 2010. The suspension of the semi-annual reporting requirement would remain in effect until the Director of the California Department of Health Care Services declares that increased FMAP funds are no longer available. Upon the declaration, semi-annual reporting would resume until July 1, 2012, and the current sunset date to repeal this requirement would be extended from January 1, 2012 to January 1, 2013, unless a later statute is enacted to delete or extend that date.	Chapter 24 of 2009
SBX3 26	Alquist	No Position (State Update: 5/11/09)	NOW: Was amended on April 16, 2009 to delete the Medi-Cal provisions.	Senate Rules
		Support (State Update: 3/6/09)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have repealed State law which requires semi-annual reporting to maintain Medi-Cal eligibility for children and reinstitute 12-month continuous Medi-Cal eligibility for children under 19 years of age. This change is necessary to ensure that the State qualifies to receive the temporary increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) pursuant to the recently enacted H.R. 1, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. AB 23, SBX3 26, and SB 337 had been introduced as potential vehicles to repeal the semi-annual reporting requirement in order for the State to be eligible to receive additional FMAP funding.	
SBX5 1	Romero, Huff, Alquist and Wyland	Support (Board Action: 9/8/09):	Would make legislative changes to ensure that California is eligible to compete for Federal Race to the Top funding.	Senate Education

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