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**AB 171** Department of Veterans Affairs: County Veterans Service

Irwin, Jacqui (D-44th)

**Status:** Assembly Appropriations

**Description:** Would continuously appropriate \$5.6 million from the State General Fund to fund the activities of County Veterans Service Officers.

**County Position:** Support

**Support:** California Association of County Veteran Service Officers (sponsors); American Legion, Department of California; AMVETS, Department of California; California State Commanders Veterans Council; Military Officers Association of America, California Council of Chapters; among others

State Update: 3/5/2015

**Opposition:** None on File

**Bill Information:** [http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201520160AB171](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160AB171)

**AB 172 Penalties for Assaults of Health Care Workers**

**Rodriguez, Freddie (D-52nd)**

**Status:** Assembly Public Safety

**Description:** Would increase criminal penalties for an assault or battery committed against a physician, nurse or other health care worker providing services inside an emergency department of a hospital, clinic or other health facility.

**County Position:** **Support**

**Support:** Emergency Nurses Association (Sponsor); California Correctional Supervisors Organization

Board Action: 3/5/2015

**Opposition:** None on File

**Bill Information:** [http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201520160AB172](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160AB172)

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**AB 879 Notice of Dependency Hearings by Electronic Mail**

**Burke, Autumn (D-62nd)**

**Status:** Assembly Desk

**Description:** Would allow a county, or city and county, and the court to provide notice by electronic mail to parties in dependency cases, and would permit an individual to receive notice of scheduled dependency court hearings electronically, as specified.

**County Position:** **County Co-Sponsored**

**Support:** County Welfare Directors Association (Co-sponsor)

State Update: 1/22/2015

**Opposition:** None on File

**Bill Information:** [http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201520160AB879](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160AB879)

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**AB 1119 Public Utilities: Rights of Way**

**Redon, Anthony (D-63rd)**

**Status:** Assembly Desk

**Description:** Would grant counties the same rights as cities to object to and challenge public utility projects proposed by other jurisdictions that would encroach on streets within the county's unincorporated areas. Specifically, the bill would include counties in the term "municipal corporation" and "municipality" and would provide counties the same rights as cities to require that a city proposing to construct a utility project within the county's street or highway to obtain either an agreement from county officials or an independent judicial determination of the cities' right to do so.

**County Position:** **County-Sponsored**

**Support:** None on File

**Opposition:** None on File

State Update: 1/28/2015

**Bill Information:** [http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201520160AB1119](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160AB1119)

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**SB 23 CalWORKs Eligibility**

**Mitchell, Holly J. (D-30th)**

**Status:** Senate Human Services Committee

**Description:** Would repeal the provision under current law relating to the CalWORKs Program Maximum Family Grant (MFG) rule effective January 1, 2016, and prohibit an applicant or recipient of CalWORKs benefits from being denied aid or an increase in the Maximum Aid Payment for a child born into a family during a period in which the family received CalWORKs benefits, among other provisions.

**County Position:** **Support**

**Support:** Western Center on Law and Poverty (co-sponsor); County Welfare Directors Association (co-sponsor); American Civil Liberties Union of California (co-sponsor); Health Access; California Partnership; California Immigrant Policy Center; among others

**Opposition:** None on File

State Update: 2/6/2015

**Bill Information:** [http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201520160SB23](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160SB23)

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**SB 478 Online System for Receipt of Child Abuse Reports**

**Huff, Bob (R-29th)**

**Status:** Senate Desk

**Description:** Would create a voluntary pilot program, until January 1, 2021, in geographical areas identified by the California Department of Social Services and CWDA for participating counties to allow specified mandated reporters to make initial reports of non-emergent child abuse or neglect to the Child Protection Agency through an online report, in lieu of telephonic reports.

**County Position:** **County Co-Sponsored**

**Support:** County Welfare Directors Association (Co-sponsor)

**Opposition:** None on File

State Update: 1/22/2015

**Bill Information:** [http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201520160SB478](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160SB478)

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**SB 604 Workers' Compensation Liability for Contracted Workers**

**Hall III, Isadore (D-64th)**

**Status:** Senate Desk

**Description:** Would amend existing law to clarify that in the event a self-insured governmental entity contracts with a general employer whose workers' compensation carrier becomes insolvent, the California Insurance Guarantee Association would carry the workers' compensation liability.

**County Position:** **County-Sponsored**

**Support:** None on File

**Opposition:** None on File

State Update: 1/22/2015

**Bill Information:** [http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201520160SB604](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160SB604)

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**HR 885**      **Voting Rights Amendments Act of 2015**

**Sensenbrenner, F. James (R-WI)**

**Status:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary

**Description:** Would amend Section 4 of the Voting Rights Act to establish a new coverage formula to cover any state with five or more voting rights violations, including at least one violation committed by the state itself, during the past 15 years. It also would cover any political subdivision with: (1) three or more voting rights violations; or (2) one or more violations and “persistent, extremely low minority turnout” during the past 15 years. A covered state or jurisdiction would be subject to pre-clearance for up to 10 years.

**County Position:** **Support**

**Support:** None on File

**Opposition:** None on File

State Update: 2/19/2015

**Bill Information:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/885/text?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22Voting+Rights+Amend>

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**S 140**      **Combat Human Trafficking Act**

**Feinstein, Dianne (D-CA)**

**Status:** Senate Judiciary Committee

**Description:** Would increase penalties for buyers of sex acts from trafficking victims, expand reporting on trafficking prosecutions, require training on targeting and prosecuting buyers and on providing victims with health services and restitution, expand wiretapping authority to cover all human trafficking offenses, and strengthen crime victims’ rights.

**County Position:** **Support**

**Support:** Fraternal Order of Police; Shared Hope International; ECPAT-USA; Coalition Against Trafficking in Women (CATW); Human Rights Project for Girls; Survivors for Solutions; Sanctuary For Families; World Hope International; Prostitution Research & Education; MISSSEY; among others

**Opposition:** None on File

Board Action: 11/25/2014

**Bill Information:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/senate-bill/140?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22Combat+Human+Traffickin>

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