
2020 Selected Signed and Vetoed Bills Affecting Persons with Disabilities

INTRODUCTION

September 30, 2020 was the deadline for Governor Newsom to sign or veto bills passed by the legislature in this, by all accounts, an extraordinary legislative year. The year was interrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic resulting in a number of recesses and delays. As a result, the course of legislative business was anything but normal: bills hearings were held remotely, many bills were not even heard, and schedules were condensed to accommodate the COVID-caused recesses and delays and passing the 2020-21 Budget Act. There were 2,223 bills introduced in 2020 (not including constitutional amendments and resolutions). However, only 428 bills made it to the Governor's desk this year. The Governor signed 372 bills and vetoed 56 (13.08%). See, How Often do Governors Say No, California Senate Office of Research, October 2020, for a historical analysis:

<https://sor.senate.ca.gov/sites/sor.senate.ca.gov/files/2391%20SOR%20report%20governors%20veto%20record%20final.pdf>

During the 2020 legislative year, DRC analyzed or reviewed 422 bills, 5 resolutions, and 1 constitutional amendment in 45 subject areas and took either a support or oppose position on 153 of them and monitored the remainder throughout the year. The majority of the bills were in health, housing, intellectual/developmental disabilities, mental health, public safety and voting issue areas. This year, Disability Rights California sponsored or cosponsored twelve bills. Due to COVID, only one (SB 214 (Dodd)) made it to the Governor's desk and was signed.

This summary is intended to highlight selected enacted bills affecting persons with disabilities and includes the reasons provided by the Governor for the bills he vetoed.

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Signed Bills:

Abuse/Neglect

SB 1123 (Chang) – Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse

Defines the term elder and dependent adult abuse and requires that definition to be included in law enforcement agencies' manuals.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB1123

Signed 9/29/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-247

CalFresh

AB 3073 (Wicks) - CalFresh Preenrollment

Requires the State Department of Social Services to issue an all-county letter containing recommendations and suggested methods for county human services agencies to partner with the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and county jails to enroll otherwise eligible applicants for the CalFresh program to ensure that an applicant's benefits may begin as soon as possible upon reentry of the applicant into the community from the state prison or a county jail. **(DRC had a support position)**

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB3073

Signed 9/28/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-225

Civil Law

AB 3364 (Assembly Judiciary Committee) – Judiciary Omnibus

Requires each pretrial services agency that uses a risk assessment tool to validate that tool by a specified date. Requires the Judicial Council to publish the report on outcomes and potential biases in pretrial release on a certain date, and each year thereafter.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB3364

Signed 8/31/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-36

Civil Rights

AB 1196 (Gipson) – Peace Officers: Use of Force

Prohibits a law enforcement agency from authorizing the use of a carotid restraint or a choke hold. **(DRC had a support position)**

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1196

Signed 9/30/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-324

AB 2542 (Kalra) - Criminal Procedure: Discrimination

Prohibits the state from seeking a criminal conviction or sentence on the basis of race, ethnicity, or national origin. Allows a writ of habeas corpus to be prosecuted on the basis of that prohibition. Requires the defendant to appear at the evidentiary hearing by video unless their presence in court is needed. Permits a defendant to file a motion requesting disclosure of all evidence relevant to a potential violation of that prohibition. Provides for motion to vacate a conviction sought by discrimination. **(DRC had a support position)**

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB2542

Signed 9/30/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-317

AB 3121 (Weber) - Task Force to Study Reparation Proposals

Establishes the Task Force to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans, with a Special Consideration for African Americans Who are Descendants of Persons Enslaved in the US. Requires the Task Force to, among other things, identify, compile, and synthesize the relevant corpus of evidentiary documentation of the institution of slavery that existed within the United States and the colonies. **(DRC had a support position)**

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB3121

Signed 9/30/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-319

ACA 5 (Weber) – Government Preferences

Proposes an amendment to the state Constitution to repeal provisions enacted by the initiative Proposition 209 which prohibits the state from discriminating against, or granting preferential treatment to, any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin, in the operation of public employment, public education, or public contracting.

This is on the November 2020 ballot as Proposition 16. **(DRC had a support position)**

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200ACA5

Adopted: 6/25/2020. Chapter No. 2020-23

Conservatorships

AB 1976 (Eggman) - Mental Health Services: Assisted Outpatient Treatment

Requires a county or group of counties to offer specified mental health programs, unless a county opts out by a resolution passed by the governing body stating the reasons for opting out and any facts or circumstances relied on in making that decision. Authorizes a county to instead offer those mental health programs in combination with one or more counties. Prohibits a county implementing these provisions from reducing existing voluntary mental health programs as a result of the implementation. **(DRC had an oppose unless amended position)**

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1976

Signed 9/25/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-140

AB 2844 (Oberholte) – Guardians and Conservators: Duties

Expands, for the purposes of provisions relating to guardianship and conservatorship, the definition of account statement to include a verified electronic statement that is certified under penalty of perjury in a specified manner. Authorizes a court to accept a computer-generated printout of an original verified electronic statement, under specified circumstances.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB2844

Signed 9/28/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-221

AB 3242 (Irwin) – Mental Health: Involuntary Commitment

Authorizes an examination, assessment, or evaluation specified, required, or authorized by the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act to be conducted using telehealth for involuntary commitments.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB3242

Signed 9/25/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-149

Consumer Affairs

AB 2463 (Wicks) – Enforcement of Money Judgements: Execution: Homestead

Prohibits a sale under execution of a judgment lien of a judgment debtor's principal place of residence based on a consumer debt unless that debt was secured by that principal place of residence at the time it was incurred. Exempts specified forms of debt from this prohibition, including debts owed to financial institutions, as specified, if the amount of the original judgment on which the lien is based, when entered, was greater than a specified amount, as adjusted for inflation by the Judicial Council. **(DRC had a support position)**

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB2463

Signed 9/28/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-218

SB 908 (Wieckowski) – Debt Collectors: Licensing and Regulation

Includes placing a telephone call without disclosing the caller's identity, and sending digital or written communications that do not clearly display the license number of the debt collector, as prohibited debt collection practices. Enacts the Debt Collection Licensing Act which would provide for licensure, regulation, and oversight of debt collectors by the Commissioner of Business Oversight. Establishes the Debt Collection Advisory Committee.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB908

Signed 9/25/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-163

SB 1196 (Umberg) – Price Gouging

Makes it a crime for a person, contractor, business, or other entity to sell or offer to sell goods or services for a price at a certain percentage greater than the price charged by that person immediately prior to a date set by a proclamation or declaration of emergency. Makes it a crime for a person, contractor, business, or other entity who did not charge a price immediately prior to an emergency proclamation or declaration to charge a price more than fifty percent of the seller's existing costs. **(DRC had a support position)**

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB1196

Signed: 9/30/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-339

Courts/Procedure

AB 2165 (Rivas) – Electronic Filing and Service of Documents

Provides that a document electronically filed in a civil action that requires a signature shall be deemed filed by the person who signed the document, if either the filer is the signer of the document or the document has been signed pursuant to procedures established in the Rules of Court. Creates additional conditions trial courts would be required to satisfy when adopting local rules permitting electronic filing of documents.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB2165

Signed 9/28/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-215

AB 2559 (Bauer-Kahan) - California Financing Law: Enforcement and Penalties

Authorizes the Commissioner of Business Oversight to require the attendance of witnesses and examine under oath all persons whose testimony relates to activities and businesses regulated under the California Financing Law. Authorizes the Commissioner to include a claim for ancillary relief, including refunds, restitution or disgorgement, or damages on behalf of the persons injured by the act.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB2559

Signed: 9/25/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-160

AB 3366 (Assembly Judiciary Committee) – Judicial Emergencies

Allows the Chairperson of the Judicial Council to issue an order of their own accord authorizing multiple courts to implement some or all of the relief that threaten the orderly operation of Superior Court locations, if the Chairperson determines that emergency conditions threaten such operation in more than one county, or render presence in, or access to, affected facilities unsafe.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB3366

Signed: 9/11/2020. Eff: 9/11/2020. Chapter No. 2020-76

SB 1146 (Umberg) – Electronic Filing, Trial Delays, and Remote Depositions

Requires a party represented by counsel, who has appeared in an action or proceeding, to accept electronic service of a notice or document that may be served by mail, express mail, overnight delivery, or facsimile

transmission. Deletes the provision authorizing a court to provide that a nonparty deponent may appear by telephone. Requires postponed trial date deadlines be extended for the same length of time as the continuance or postponement of the trial date during the COVID 19 emergency.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB1146

Signed: 9/18/2020. Eff: 9/18/2020. Chapter No. 2020-112

SB 592 (Wiener) – Jury Service

Deems the list of resident state tax filers as an appropriate source for the selection of jurors. Requires the Franchise Tax Board to annually furnish the Jury Commissioner of each county with a list of resident state tax filers for their county in consultation with the Judicial Council. Requires the Franchise Tax Board to revise the state resident income tax return to include a space for the taxpayer's address of their principal residence and their county of principal residence.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB592

Signed: 9/28/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-230

COVID 19

SB 1159 (Hill) – Workers Compensation: Coronavirus: Critical Workers

Amends existing law relating to the workers' compensation system. Defines injury for an employee to include illness or death resulting from coronavirus disease. Allows for a presumption of injury for all employees whose fellow employees at their place of employment experience specified levels of positive testing, and whose employer has five or more employees.

Requires the Commission on Health and Safety and Worker's Compensation to conduct a COVID 19 impact study.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB1159

Signed: 9/17/2020. Eff: 9/17/2020. Chapter No. 2020-85

AB 685 (Reyes) – COVID 19: Imminent Hazard to Employees: Exposure

Authorizes the Division of Occupational Safety and Health, when, in its opinion, a place of employment, operation, or process, or any part thereof, exposes workers to the risk of infection with severe acute respiratory syndrome, also known as coronavirus, so as to constitute an imminent

hazard to employees, to prohibit the performance of that operation or process, or entry into that place of employment.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB685

Signed: 9/17/2020. Eff: 9/17/2020. Chapter No. 2020-84

Disaster Relief

AB 2213 (Limón) – Office of Emergency Services: Planning Guidance

Requires the OES and California Volunteers, in coordination with Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, to develop planning guidance to identify volunteers and donation management resources that could assist in responding to or recovering from disasters. Authorizes a city to enter into an agreement to access the contact information of resident account holders through the records of a public utility. Expands the types of public utilities that can enter into these agreements by defining public utility. **(DRC had a support position)**

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB2213

Signed: 9/18/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-98

Discrimination

AB 1947 (Kalra) – Employment Violation Complaints: Requirements: Time

Extends the period of time within which people who believe they have been discharged or otherwise discriminated against in violation of the Labor Code may file complaints to within one year after the occurrence of the violations. **(DRC had a support position)**

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1947

Signed: 9/30/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-344

AB 3070 (Weber) – Juries: Peremptory Challenges

Provides for the exclusion of a prospective juror from a trial jury by peremptory challenge. For all jury trials in which jury selection begins on or after a specified date, prohibits a party from using a peremptory challenge to remove a prospective juror on the basis of the prospective juror's race, ethnicity, gender, gender identify, sexual orientation, national origin, or religious affiliation, or the perceived membership of the prospective juror in any of those groups. **(DRC had a support position)**

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB3070

Signed: 9/30/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-318

Domestic Violence

AB 2517 (Gloria) – Domestic Violence: Personal Property and Liens

Authorizes a court to issue an order determining the use, possession, and control of real or personal property of the parties during the period the order is in effect and the payment of any liens or encumbrances coming due during that period. Requires the Judicial Council to adopt appropriate forms and modify existing forms to effectuate this change. **(DRC had a support position)**

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB2517

Signed 9/29/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-245

SB 1141 (Rubio) – Domestic Violence: Coercive Control

Amends the Domestic Violence Prevention Act. Defines disturbing the peace of the other party as conduct that destroys the mental or emotional calm of the other party, including coercive control. Creates a rebuttal presumption that an award of child custody to a party who has engaged in coercive control is detrimental to the best interests of the child. **(DRC had a support position)**

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB1141

Signed 9/29/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-248

SB 1276 (Rubio) – Comprehensive Statewide Domestic Violence Program

Amends existing law relating to the Comprehensive Statewide Domestic Violence Program in the Office of Emergency Services. Removes the requirement for centers receiving funds to provide cash or an in-kind match for the funds received. **(DRC had a support position)**

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB1276

Signed 9/29/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-249

Education

AB 901 (Gipson) – Juveniles: School Attendance

Eliminates the authority of the County Superintendent of Schools to petition the juvenile court on behalf of a pupil in a county that has not elected to participate in a truancy mediation program. Deletes the authority of the juvenile court to adjudge a minor to be a ward of the court on the basis that the minor habitually refuses to obey the reasonable and proper orders or directions of school authorities. Requires the District Attorney and the probation officer to cooperate. **(DRC had a support position)**

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB901

Signed: 9/30/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-323

Employment

AB 1731 (Horvath) – Unemployment Insurance: Work Sharing Plans

Creates an alternative process for the submission and approval of employer work sharing plan applications. Requires the Director of Employment Development to accept an application to participate in, or renew participation in, the work sharing program that is submitted electronically. Requires the Employment Development Department to create a portal on its internet website for the provision and receipt of these applications.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1731

Signed: 9/28/2020. Eff: 9/28/2020. Chapter No. 2020-209

AB 2017 (Mullin) – Employee: Sick Leave: Kin Care

Provides that the designation of sick leave taken by an employee to attend to the illness of a family member is at the sole discretion of the employee.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB2017

Signed: 9/28/2020. Eff: 9/28/2020. Chapter No. 2020-211

AB 2257 (Gonzalez) – Worker Classification

Exempts certain occupations in connection with creating, marketing, promoting, or distributing sound recordings or musical compositions from the application of the ABC test for worker classification. Creates an exemption for business to business relationships between two or more sole proprietors. Provides that a hiring entity need only satisfy all of the

conditions of one of the exemption provisions to qualify for the exemption from the ABC Test.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB2257

Signed: 9/4/2020. Eff: 9/4/2020. Chapter No. 2020-38

AB 2992 (Weber) – Employment Practices: Leave Time

Prohibits an employer from discharging, or discriminating or retaliating against, an employee who is a victim of crime or abuse for taking time off from work to obtain or attempt to obtain relief, as prescribed. Prohibits an employer from taking action against an employee, when an unscheduled absence occurs, if the employee victim of crime or abuse provides certification that they were receiving services for certain injuries, or if the documentation is from a victim advocate.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB2992

Signed: 9/28/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-224

SB 1383 (Jackson) – Unlawful Employment Practice: Family Rights Act

Makes it an unlawful employment practice for any employer to refuse to grant a request by an employee to take up to twelve workweeks of unpaid protected leave during any twelve-month period to bond with a new child of the employee or to care for themselves or a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner, as well as a qualifying exigency related to covered active duty or call to covered active duty.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB1383

Signed 9/17/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-86

SB 1384 (Monning) – Labor Commissioner: Financially Disabled Person

Extends the authority of the Labor Commissioner to represent a claimant who is financially unable to represent themselves in a hearing where a court order has compelled arbitration to determine a claim and the Commissioner has determined that the claim has merit. Requires that a petition to compel arbitration pursuant to specified statutes be served on the Commissioner.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB1384

Signed 9/28/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-239

Healthcare

AB 732 (Bonta) - County Jails: Prisons: Incarcerated Pregnant Persons

Requires an incarcerated person in a county jail or the state prison who is identified as possibly pregnant or capable of becoming pregnant during an intake health examination, or at any time during incarceration, to be offered a test upon intake or request. Provides an incarcerated person in a local detention facility with the right to summon a physician, nurse practitioner, certified nurse midwife, or physician assistant. Provides for the use of menstrual hygiene products.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB732

Signed 9/30/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-321

AB 1544 (Gipson) - Community Paramedicine

Establishes the Community Paramedicine or Triage to Alternate Destination Act; authorizes a local EMS agency to develop a community paramedicine or triage to alternate destination program to provide specified community paramedicine services. Requires the Emergency Medical Services Authority to develop, and after approval by the Commission on Emergency Medical Services, adopt regulations and establish minimum standards for the development of those programs. **(DRC had an oppose position)**

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1544

Signed 9/25/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-138

AB 2077 (Ting) – Hypodermic Needles and Syringes

Repeals the provision which prohibits the sale of a hypodermic needle or syringe at retail except upon the prescription of a physician, dentist, podiatrist, or naturopathic doctor. Extends existing law which authorizes a physician or pharmacist to, without a prescription or permit, furnish hypodermic needles and syringes for human use to a person eighteen years of age or older.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB2077

Signed 9/29/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-274

AB 2118 (Kalra) – Health Care Services Plans and Health Insurers

Requires a health care service plans plan and health insurers insurer, excluding for a specialized health care service plan or specialized health care policy, to report to the Department of Managed Health Care and the Department of Insurance, respectively, by a specified date, and annually thereafter, for products in the individual and small group markets, and for rates effective during the period ending on a certain date of the following year, on specified information, including premiums and cost sharing.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB2118

Signed 9/29/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-277

AB 2157 (Wood) – Health Care Coverage: Independent Dispute Resolution

Requires the dispute resolution procedures established by the Department of Managed Health Care and the Department of Insurance to include a process for each party to submit into evidence information that will be kept confidential from the other party, in order to preserve the confidentiality of the source contract.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB2157

Signed 9/29/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-278

AB 2276 (Reyes) – Childhood Lead Poisoning: Screening and Prevention

Requires a contract between the Department of Public Health and a Medi-Cal managed care plan to require the Medi-Cal managed care plan, on a quarterly basis, to identify every enrollee who is a child without a record of completing the blood lead screening tests and to remind the contracting network provider of the requirement to perform the required blood lead screening tests and the requirement to provide the oral or written guidance to a parent or guardian relating to risk of childhood lead poisoning.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB2276

Signed 9/28/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-216

AB 2537 (Rodriguez) - Personal Protective Equipment: Health Care Employees

Requires public and private employers of workers in a general acute care hospital to supply those employees who provide direct patient care, or provide services that directly support personal care, with the personal protective equipment necessary to comply with specified regulations

related to aerosol transmissible diseases. Requires an employer to establish and implement effective written procedures for periodically determining the quantity and types of equipment used in its normal consumption.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB2537

Signed 9/29/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-313

SB 275 (Pan) – Health Care Essential Workers

Requires the State Department of Public Health and the Office of Emergency Services to establish a personal protection equipment stockpile. Requires the Department to establish guidelines for the procurement, management, and distribution of PPE during a ninety-day pandemic or other health emergency. Requires health care employers to maintain an inventory of new, unexpired PPE for use in the event of a declared state of emergency. Establishes the PPE Equipment Advisory Committee. **(DRC had a support position)**

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB275

Signed 9/29/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-301

SB 852 (Pan) – Health Care: Prescription Drugs

Requires the Health and Human Services Agency to enter into partnerships, in consultation with other state departments and necessary to, among other things, increase patient access to affordable drugs. Requires the Agency to enter into partnerships to produce or distribute generic prescription drugs and at least one form of insulin. Exempts all nonpublic information and documents relating to this program from disclosure under the Public Records Act.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB852

Signed 9/28/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-207

Health Facilities

AB 1766 (Bloom) - Licensed Adult Residential Facilities

Requires the Department of Social Services to collect information and send a report to each county's department of mental health or behavioral health of all licensed adult residential facilities and residential care facilities for the elderly that accept a specified federal rate and accept residents with a serious mental disorder and the number licensed beds at each facility.

Revises the Community Care Facilities Act by requiring email addresses for licensed adult community care facilities.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1766

Signed 9/25/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-139

AB 2218 (Santiago) – Transgender Wellness and Equity Fund

Establishes the Transgender Wellness and Equity Fund, under the administration of the Office of Health Equity in the State Department of Public Health, for the purpose of funding grants to organizations serving people that identify as transgender, gender nonconforming, or intersex, to create or fund TGI specific housing programs and partnerships with hospitals, health care clinics, and other medical providers to provide TGI focused health care and related education programs.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB2218

Signed 9/26/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-181

AB 2644 (Wood) – Skilled Nursing Facilities: Deaths: Reporting

Requires a skilled nursing facility to report each disease related death and suspected disease related death to the State Department of Public Health within twenty-four hours of that death. Requires notification of residents and their representatives about such cases. Requires the Department to report certain information related to those deaths on its internet website on a weekly basis. Requires a skilled nursing facility to have a full-time dedicated Infection Preventionist staff member. **(DRC had a support position)**

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB2644

Signed 9/29/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-287

Homelessness

AB 2275 (Nazarian) - State Armories: Homeless Shelters: Security

Requires a county or city that obtains a license to use an armory as a temporary shelter ensures that local law enforcement officers conduct periodic visits to the armory on each night of operation.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB2275

Signed 9/25/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-145

SB 1065 (Hertzberg) – CalWORKs: Homeless Assistance

Relates to homeless assistance benefits. Excepts homeless assistance from the liquid resources limit. Eliminates the requirement for a family to demonstrate the reason for an eviction and the existence of a financial crisis. Requires temporary shelter assistance be granted or denied the same day as a family's application for homeless assistance.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB1065

Signed 9/25/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-152

Housing

AB 2553 (Ting) – Shelter Crisis Declarations

Requires jurisdictions under the Environmental Quality Act to, at a minimum, meet the standards in the 2019 State Residential Code, the 2019 State Building Code, and any future standards adopted by the Department of Housing and Community Development related to emergency housing or emergency housing facilities unless that jurisdiction provides, when filing their ordinance with the Department, an explanation of why the standards cannot be met.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB2553

Signed 9/25/2020. Eff: 9/25/2020. Chapter No. 2020-147

AB 2960 (Gipson) – Shelter Crisis: Fire and Life Safety Standards

Authorizes a city with a certain population to permit the operation of an emergency housing facility year-round when the facility does not comply with state building standards for local fire and life safety standards if they submit reasonable standards to the State Fire Marshal that include specified minimum requirements, including, among other things, twenty-four hour active fire watch, emergency evacuation signage, and emergency egress lighting.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB2960

Signed 9/25/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-148

AB 3088 (Chu) – Tenancy: Rental and Mortgage Payments: COVID 19

Creates the Tenant, Homeowner, and Small Landlord Relief and Stabilization Act to apply specified protections to a first lien mortgage or deed of trust that is secured by residential real property that is occupied by a tenant, contains no more than four dwelling units, and meets certain

criteria. Enacts the COVID 19 Small Landlord and Homeowner Relief Act which would require a mortgage servicer to provide a specified written notice to a homeowner in relation to forbearance during the pandemic.

(DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB3088

Signed: 8/31/2020. Eff: 8/31/2020. Chapter No. 2020-37

ACA 11 (Mullin) – Home Protection for Victims of Disasters

Authorizes an owner of a primary residence who is over a certain age, severely disabled, or a victim of a wildfire or natural disaster to transfer the taxable value of their primary residence to a replacement primary residence located anywhere in the state, regardless of the location or value of the replacement primary residence. Establishes the State Fire Response Fund and the County Revenue Protection Fund. This is on the November ballot as Proposition 19. **(DRC had a support position)**

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200ACA11

Adopted: 7/1/2020. Chapter No. 2020-31

SB 1079 (Skinner) – Residential Property: Foreclosure

Requires a notice of sale to also contain a specified notice to a tenant regarding the tenant's potential rights to purchase a property containing from one to four single family residences pursuant to a process the bill would prescribe. Prescribes an alternative process in connection with a trustee's sale of property under a power of sale contained in a deed of trust or mortgage on real property containing one to four residential units.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB1079

Signed: 9/28/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-202

SB 1157 (Bradford) – Tenancy: Credit Reporting: Lower Income Households

Requires a landlord of an assisted housing development to offer tenants obligated on the lease of units in the development the option of having their rental payments reported to at least one consumer reporting agency.

Authorizes a landlord to charge a tenant that elects to have rent reported the lesser of a certain amount per month or the actual cost to the landlord to provide the service. **(DRC had a support position)**

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB1157

Signed: 9/28/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-204

SB 1190 (Durazo) – Tenancy: Termination

Authorizes a tenant to terminate their tenancy without penalty because an immediate family member was the victim of a crime. Expands the list of eligible crimes to include, among others, a crime that caused bodily injury or death. Authorizes a tenant to attach to the notice any form of documentation that reasonably verifies that the qualifying crime or act occurred. **(DRC had a support position)**

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB1190

Signed: 9/28/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-205

Immigration

AB 2788 (Gloria) – Public Utilities: Immigration Authorities

Prohibits an electrical corporation, gas corporation, or local publicly owned electric utility from sharing, disclosing, or otherwise making accessible to any immigration authority a customer's electrical or gas consumption data without a court ordered subpoena or judicial warrant.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB2788

Signed: 9/27/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-189

AB 3133 (Aguiar-Curry) – Refugees: Resettlement

Prohibits a refugee from being denied resettlement in this state based on any criterion, method of administration, or practice that has the purpose of effect of discriminating on the basis of specified protected characteristics.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB3133

Signed: 9/27/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-189

AB 3228 (Bonta) – Private Detention Facilities

Requires any private detention facility operator to comply with, and adhere to, the detention standards of care and confinement agreed upon in the facility's contract for operations. Provides for civil causes of action and penalties. **(DRC had a support position)**

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB3228

Signed: 9/27/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-190

Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD)

AB 2512 (Stone) - Death Penalty: Person with an Intellectual Disability

Changes the definition of intellectual disability to include conditions that manifest before the end of the developmental period, as defined by clinical standards. Prohibits the results of a test measuring intellectual functioning to be changed or adjusted based on race, ethnicity, national origin, or socioeconomic status. Authorizes a person in custody pursuant to a judgment of death to apply for an order directing that a hearing to determine intellectual disability be conducted. **(DRC had a support position)**

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB2512

Signed: 9/30/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-331

SB 1264 (Senate Human Services Committee) – Human Services

Makes the emergency and disaster preparedness provisions that are applicable to a residential care facility for the elderly applicable to adult residential facilities and certain types of a children's residential facility licensed under the Community Care Facilities Act, and a residential care facility for persons with chronic life-threatening illness. **(DRC had a support position)**

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB1264

Signed 9/30/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-367

Juvenile Justice

AB 2425 (Stone) – Juvenile Police Records

Authorizes a record sealed pursuant to the satisfactory completion of a program of diversion or supervision to be accessed, inspected, or utilized by the prosecuting attorney in order to meet a statutory or constitutional obligation to disclose favorable or exculpatory evidence to a defendant in a criminal case in which the prosecuting attorney has reason to believe that access to the record is necessary to meet the disclosure obligation.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB2425

Signed 9/30/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-330

SB 203 (Bradford) – Juveniles: Custodial Interrogation

Requires youth under a certain age to consult with legal counsel prior to a custodial interrogation and before waiving certain rights. Directs a court to consider any willful failure of a law enforcement officer to allow a youth under a certain age to speak with counsel before a custodial interrogation in determining the credibility of that law enforcement officer. **(DRC had a support position)**

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB203

Signed 9/30/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-335

SB 1290 (Durazo) – Juveniles Costs

Vacates certain county assessed or court ordered costs imposed before a specified date for the parents or guardians of wards in specified circumstances, minors who were ordered to participate in drug and substance abuse testing, and adults who were under a certain age at the time of their home detention.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB1290

Signed 9/30/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-340

Long-Term Services & Supports (LTSS)

SB 214 (Dodd) – Medi-Cal: California Community Transitions Program

Requires the State Department of Health Care Services to provide services consistent with the Money Follows the Person Rebalancing Demonstration for transitioning eligible individuals out of an inpatient facility who have not resided in the facility for at least ninety consecutive days. Provides that services would not be provided pursuant to the bill during any period that the Department has obtained any necessary federal approvals under the Demonstration to not apply the residence eligibility requirement. **(DRC sponsored this bill)**

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB214

Signed: 9/29/2020. Eff: 9/29/2020. Chapter No. 2020-300

Medi-Cal

AB 2520 (Chiu) – Access to Medical Records

Requires a health care provider to provide an employee of a nonprofit legal services entity representing the patient a copy of the medical records at no charge under certain conditions. Includes speech language pathologists, audiologists, and physician assistants and nurse practitioners within the definition of a health care provider. Prohibits a health care provider from charging a fee to a patient for filling out forms or providing information that support certain claims or appeals. **(DRC had a support position)**

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB2520

Signed: 9/18/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-101

Mental Health

AB 465 - Mental Health Workers: Supervision

Requires any program permitting mental health professionals to respond to emergency mental health crisis calls in collaboration with law enforcement to ensure the program is supervised by a licensed mental health professional, including a licensed clinical social worker.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB465

Signed: 9/25/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-137

AB 2112 (Ramos) – Suicide Prevention

Authorizes the State Department of Public Health to establish the Office of Suicide Prevention. Requires the Office to perform specified duties, including providing information and technical assistance to statewide and regional partners regarding best practices on suicide prevention policies and programs, and reporting on the progress to reduce rates of suicide. Authorizes the Office to apply for and use federal grants. **(DRC had a support position)**

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB2112

Signed: 9/25/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-142

AB 2265 (Quirk-Silva) - Mental Health Services Act: Use of Funds

Authorizes the services for adults, older adults, and children, as well as innovative programs and prevention and early intervention programs that are provided by counties as part of the MHSA, to include substance use

disorder treatment for children, adults, and older adults with cooccurring mental health and substance use disorders who are eligible to receive mental health services. **(DRC had a support position)**

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB2265

Signed: 9/25/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-144

AB 3371 (Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee) – Veteran Suicides: Report

Requires the report on veteran suicide compiled by the State Department of Public Health to include information on the counties of residence of the veterans. Authorizes the report to include additional information. Requires the report to include a cross tabulation of that data and to compare the data to the data from the previous year.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB3371

Signed: 9/11/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-77

SB 803 (Beall) - Mental Health Services: Peer Support Specialists

Requires the State Department of Health Care Services to establish statewide requirements for counties to use in developing certification programs for the certification of peer support specialists, who are individuals who self identify as having lived experience with the process of recovery from mental illness, substance use disorder, or both. Requires the Department to seek any federal waivers it deems necessary to establish a demonstration or pilot project regarding peer support services. **(DRC had a support position)**

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB803

Signed 9/25/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-150

SB 855 (Wiener) - Health Coverage: Mental Health or Substance Use

Requires a health care service plan contract or disability insurance policy to provide coverage for medically necessary treatment of mental health and substance use disorders under the same terms and conditions applied to other medical conditions. Requires a health care service plan or disability insurer that provides hospital, medical, or surgical coverage to base medical necessity determinations and the utilization review criteria. **(DRC had a support position)**

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB855

Signed 9/25/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-151

Mobile Homes

AB 2782 (Stone) – Mobilehome Parks: Change of Use: Rent Control

Amends the Mobilehome Residency Law. Requires a person proposing the change in use to provide a report to a resident of each mobilehome in the mobilehome park in a specified number of days before a hearing. Requires the legislative body or advisory agency, before approving the change of use, to take into consideration both the impact report as a whole and the overall housing availability within the local jurisdiction. **(DRC had a support position)**

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB2782

Signed: 8/31/2020. Eff: 01/01/2021. Chapter No. 2020-35

Public Safety

AB 846 (Burke) – Public Employment: Peace Officers

Requires the evaluation of peace officers by a physician and surgeon, or psychologist, to include bias against race or ethnicity, gender, nationality, religion, disability, or sexual orientation. Requires every department or agency that employs peace officers to review the job descriptions used in the recruitment and hiring of those peace officers and to make changes that deemphasize the paramilitary aspects of the job and place more emphasis on community interaction and collaborative problem solving.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB846

Signed: 9/30/2020. Eff: 01/01/2021. Chapter No. 2020-322

AB 1185 (McCarty) – County Board of Supervisors: Sheriff Oversight

Authorizes a county to establish a Sheriff Oversight Board to assist the Board of Supervisors with those duties as they relate to the Sheriff, either by action of the Board of Supervisors or through a vote of county residents. Authorizes the Chair of the Oversight Board and the Inspector General to issue a subpoena or subpoena duces tecum when deemed necessary to investigate a matter within their jurisdiction.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB1185

Signed: 9/30/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-342

AB 1506 (McCarty) – Police Use of Force

Requires a state prosecutor to investigate incidents of an officer involved shooting resulting in the death of an unarmed civilian. Makes the Attorney General the state prosecutor unless otherwise specified or named.

Authorizes the state prosecutor to prepare a written report and to post any reports made on a public internet website. Requires the Attorney General to operate a Police Practices Division to review the use of deadly force policies of a requesting law enforcement agency. **(DRC had a support position)**

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1506

Signed: 9/30/2020. Eff: 01/01/2021. Chapter No. 2020-326

AB 1950 (Kamlager-Dove) – Probation: Length of Terms

Restricts the period of probation for a misdemeanor. Authorizes a court to impose a term of probation of not longer than two years. **(DRC had a support position)**

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1950

Signed: 9/30/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-328

AB 3234 (Ting) – Public Safety

Authorizes a judge in the Superior Court in which a misdemeanor is being prosecuted to offer misdemeanor diversion to a defendant over the objection of a prosecuting attorney, except as specified. Authorizes the judge to continue a diverted case for a certain period and order the defendant to comply with the terms the judge deems appropriate. Requires the judge, at the end of the diversion period, and if the defendant complies with all required terms, to dismiss the action against the defendant. **(DRC had a support position)**

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB3234

Signed: 9/30/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-334

SB 132 (Wiener) – Corrections Provisions

Requires the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to, during initial intake and classification, and in a private setting, ask each individual

entering into the custody of the Department to specify the individual's gender identity and sex assigned at birth, whether the individual identifies as transgender, nonbinary, or intersex, and their gender pronoun and honorific. Requires the Department, for a person who is transgender, nonbinary, or intersex, to conduct a search accordingly.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB132

Signed: 9/26/2020. Eff: 01/01/2021. Chapter No. 2020-182

Residential Care Facilities

AB 2377 (Chiu) – Residential Facilities

Requires an applicant or licensee of an adult community care facility or a residential care facility for persons with chronic life-threatening illnesses to maintain an email address of record with the Department of Social Services and notify the Department in writing of the email address and any change to that address. Gives a city or county the first opportunity to make an offer to purchase the property and continue the operation of an adult residential facility.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB2377

Signed: 9/25/2020. Eff: 01/01/2021. Chapter No. 2020-146

Seniors

AB 2471 (Maienschein) – Senior Citizens: Rescission of Contracts

Amends existing law which requires home improvement contracts to include a notice regarding the buyer's three day right to cancel. Extends the period of time to cancel the contract, if the buyer or property owner is a senior citizen.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB2471

Signed: 9/25/2020. Eff: 01/01/2021. Chapter No. 2020-158

Transportation

AB 1286 (Muratsuchi) – Shared Mobility Devices: Agreements

Requires a shared mobility service provider to enter into an agreement with, or obtain a permit from, the city or county with jurisdiction over the area of use. Requires the provider to maintain a specified amount of commercial general liability insurance in a user agreement before

distributing a shared mobility device within that jurisdiction. Defines shared mobility device. **(DRC had a support position)**

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1286

Signed: 9/18/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-91

Utilities

AB 2421 (Quirk) – Emergency Standby Generators

Requires local agencies to make the installation of an emergency standby generator to serve a macro cell tower site that meets specified requirements of a permitted use. Requires a local agency to review an application for installation on an administrative, nondiscretionary basis. Requires a local agency to prepare, or cause to be prepared, and certify the completion of, an environmental impact report on a project. **(DRC had a support position)**

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB2421

Signed: 9/29/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-255

SB 350 (Hill) – Golden State Energy Act

Authorizes the Public Utilities Commission to petition a court to appoint a receiver to assume possession of PG&E's property and to operate its electrical and gas systems, under certain circumstances. Authorizes the Governor to incorporate Golden State Energy as a nonprofit public benefit corporation for the purpose of owning, controlling, operating, or managing electrical and gas services for its ratepayers for the benefit of all Californians.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB350

Signed: 6/30/2020. Eff. 01/01/2021. Chapter No. 2020-27

SB 596 (Stern) – In Home Supportive Services; Medical Baseline

Authorizes a county welfare department to use materials provided by an electrical corporation that is serving the county to inform each applicant or recipient of benefits under the IHSS program that the applicant or recipient may be eligible to receive that higher energy allowance and any advanced notifications that are provided by a public utility, when the public utility plans to deenergize portions of the electrical distribution system or in an emergency. **(DRC had a support position)**

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB596

Signed: 9/29/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-304

Voting

AB 646 (McCarty) – Elections: Voter Eligibility

Removes the prohibition against voting by a person on parole, thereby allowing a person on parole to preregister, register, and vote. **(DRC had a support position)**

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB646

Signed: 9/30/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-320

AB 860 (Berman) - Elections: Vote by Mail Ballots

Requires county elections officials to mail a ballot to every registered voter for the November 3, 2020, statewide general election. Requires county elections officials to permit any voter to cast a ballot using a certified remote accessible vote by mail system. Extends the deadline by which vote by mail ballots must be received. **(DRC had a support position)**

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB860

Signed: 6/18/2020. Eff: 6/18/2020. Chapter No. 2020-04

AB 2314 (Ramos) – Native American Voting Accessibility Committee

Requires the Secretary of State to establish a Native American Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee. Provides that the Committee would serve in an advisory capacity to the Secretary and would make specified recommendations and take other actions to make voting more accessible to Native American voters.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB2314

Signed: 9/25/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-169

ACA 6 (McCarty) – Elections: Disqualification of Electors

Proposes an amendment to the state Constitution to direct the Legislature to provide for the disqualification of electors who are serving a state or federal prison sentence for the conviction of a felony. Deletes the requirement that the Legislature provide for the disqualification of electors while on parole for the conviction of a felony. This is included on the November ballot as Proposition 17. **(DRC had a support position)**

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200ACA6

Adopted: 6/25/2020. Chapter No. 2020-24

SB 423 (Umberg) – Statewide General Election

Authorizes a county to not have its vote centers open before the third day prior to the statewide general election. Provides an alternative procedure for the statewide general election authorizing an elections official to establish consolidated precinct boards, located within the same physical polling place, serving the voters residing in multiple adjacent precincts.

(DRC had a support position)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB423

Signed: 8/6/2020. Eff: 8/6/2020. Chapter No. 2020-31

Veterans

AB 408 (Frazier) – Vehicles: Disabled Veterans

Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to accept a certificate from a county veterans service officer or the Department of Veterans Affairs that certifies that the applicant for a special license plate or placard is a disabled veteran.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB408

Signed: 9/09/2020. Eff. 01/01/2021. Chapter No. 2020-42

Selected Budget and Budget Trailer Bills (enacted in September 2020)

AB 1864 (Limón) – Department of Financial Protection and Innovation

Renames the Department of Business Oversight as the Department of Financial Protection and Innovation. Puts this Department in charge of various other laws relating to providing financial products and services in this state. Enacts the State Consumer Financial Protection Law to strengthen consumer protections by expanding the ability of the Department to improve accountability and transparency in the state's financial system and promote nondiscriminatory access to responsible, affordable credit.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1864

Signed 9/25/2020. Eff. 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-157

AB 1867 (Assembly Budget Committee) – Small Employer Family Leave Mediation

Requires the Department of Fair Employment and Housing to create a small employer family leave mediation pilot program to authorize a small employer or the employee to request all parties to participate in mediation through the Department's dispute resolution division within a specified timeframe after notice. Requires a food employee working at any food facility to be permitted to wash their hands every thirty minutes. Establishes COVID 19 food sector supplement paid sick leave.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1867

Signed: 9/9/2020. Eff: 9/9/2020. Chapter No. 2020-45

AB 1869 (Assembly Budget Committee) – Criminal Fees

Repeals the authority to collect specified criminal fees. Makes the unpaid balance of these court imposed costs unenforceable and uncollectible. Deletes the authority of a court to impose liens on a defendant's property and make a post-trial determination of the defendant's ability to pay and to order the defendant to pay the costs of the public defender. Makes an appropriation. **(DRC had a support position)**

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1869

Signed 9/18/2020. Eff: 9/18/2020. Chapter No. 2020-92

AB 1885 (Assembly Budget Committee) – Debtor Exemptions: Homestead Exemption

Makes the homestead exemption the greater of a specified amount or the countywide median sale price of a single-family home in the calendar year prior to the calendar year in which a judgment debtor claims the exemption.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1885

Signed: 9/18/2020. Eff: 1/1/2021. Chapter No. 2020-94

SB 820 (Senate Budget & Fiscal Review Committee) – Education Finance

Extends the date for completion of the English language teacher observation protocol. Authorizes a county Superintendent of Schools,

during the portion of the school year in which schools were closed due to the coronavirus pandemic and the upcoming school year, to rely on information obtained only through means other than a physical visit to the school site for a certain report.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB820

Signed: 9/18/2020. Eff: 9/18/2020. Chapter No. 2020-110

SB 823 (Senate Budget & Fiscal Review Committee) - Juvenile Justice Realignment: Office of Youth

Repeals the provisions that would have created the Department of Youth and Community Restoration and the provisions that would have transferred the responsibilities of the Division of Juvenile Justice that that Department. Establishes a Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant program to provide county-based custody, care, and supervision of youth who are realigned from the Division of Juvenile Justice and would have otherwise been eligible for commitment to the Division.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB823

Signed: 9/30/2020. Eff: 9/30/2020. Chapter No. 2020-337

Vetoed Bills:

COVID 19

AB 826 (Santiago) – Emergency Food Assistance: Coronavirus

Establishes a program to provide emergency food assistance during the coronavirus public health emergency. Requires, upon the appropriation of funds, the Department of Social Services to contract with a Feeding America partner state organization with the capacity to provide a food assistance benefit statewide, or another nonprofit entity, to issue food assistance benefits in the form of a one-time use, prepaid card preloaded with a specified amount for use at retailers that sell groceries.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB826

Vetoed 9/29/2020 – Veto Message

To the Members of the California State Assembly: I am returning Assembly Bill 826 without my signature. This bill would require the California Department of Social Services to contract with a Feeding America partner state organization or other appropriate nonprofit entity

to provide a food assistance benefit to those who self-attest that they are eligible for state or federal nutrition assistance or immigration legal services. It has been my firm commitment that my Administration would support all Californians during the COVID-19 crisis. To that end, my Administration has advanced efforts to provide relief that is both inclusive of and directed to undocumented Californians. As we continue to address the needs of Californians during the pandemic, it is prudent to consider the most appropriate and responsible means to offer support to those in need. Given the significant General Fund impact annually that this bill would have, I am unable to sign this measure.

Education

AB 331 (Medina) - High School Graduation Requirements: Ethnic Studies

Adds the completion of a one semester course in ethnic studies, meeting specified requirements, to the high school graduation requirements commencing with pupils graduating in the 2029-30 school year, including for pupils enrolled in a charter school.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB331

Vetoed 9/30/2020 – Veto Message

To the Members of the California State Assembly: I am returning Assembly Bill 331 without my signature. This bill would require a course that incorporates ethnic studies as its primary content as a high school graduation requirement starting in the 2029-30 school year. I value the role ethnic studies plays in helping students think critically about our history and understand the experience of marginalized communities in our state. This academic discipline will help prepare our young adults to become civically engaged and participate fully in our democracy. For these reasons, I already signed AB 1460, which will mandate ethnic studies as a graduation requirement for the California State University system. I appreciate the amendments the author accepted to ensure that any ethnic studies coursework is free of bias and discrimination. I am also pleased that many more schools and districts have recently joined the hundreds of schools across our state that have adopted ethnic studies courses, and we intend to support these schools with professional development resources. This bill, however, would require ethnic studies to be taught in high school at a time when there is much uncertainty about the appropriate K-12 model curriculum for ethnic

studies. I have been closely monitoring the progress of the development of the K-12 ethnic studies model curriculum. Last year, I expressed concern that the initial draft of the model curriculum was insufficiently balanced and inclusive and needed to be substantially amended. In my opinion, the latest draft, which is currently out for review, still needs revision. I am directing staff in my Administration to work with State Board of Education President Linda Darling-Hammond and State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond to ensure that the draft ethnic studies model curriculum achieves balance, fairness, and is inclusive of all communities. In California, we don't tolerate our diversity. We celebrate it. That should be reflected in our high school curriculum. look forward to our model curriculum achieving these goals.

AB 1835 (Weber) – Education Finance: Local Control Funding Formula

Requires each school district, county office of education, and charter school to identify unspent supplemental and concentration grant funds by annually reconciling and reporting to the Department of Education its estimated and actual spending of those moneys.

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Vetoed 9/30/2020 – Veto Message

To the Members of the California State Assembly: I am returning Assembly Bill 1835 without my signature. I deeply support the underlying goal of this bill - to ensure that unspent Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) supplemental and concentration grant funds are expended on services for our most vulnerable students - and I applaud Dr. Weber for her continued leadership. However, I believe there are some fundamental flaws with the bill, and I am concerned that it cannot be implemented in a manner that is smooth or timely. There is a simpler solution that allows us to address the objectives of AB 1835 much sooner and with more transparency. Therefore, I am directing the Department of Finance to propose language for your consideration as part of my budget in January. As written, AB 1835 would necessitate that the State Board of Education initiate a lengthy rulemaking process to amend the LCFF spending regulations to add definitions and make other necessary changes to clarify the requirements of the bill. This process would likely delay implementation for two school years. This bill would also impose new and unnecessary procedural requirements on schools that are and will be managing unprecedented challenges related

to COVID-19. We all share the same goal, and it is critical that we act quickly to ensure that funding meant to support our state's most vulnerable students is used for that purpose. I look forward to working with Dr. Weber and the Legislature to implement this requirement in next year's budget.

Health

AB 2164 (Rivas) – Telehealth Services

Provides that a Federally Qualified Health Center or Rural Health Clinic visit includes an encounter between an FQHC or RHC patient and a health care provider using telehealth by synchronous real time or asynchronous store and forward. Specifies that an FQHC or RHC is not precluded from establishing a patient who is located within the FQHC's or RHC's federal designated service area through synchronous interaction or asynchronous store and forward as of the date of service if specified requirements are met.

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Vetoed 9/25/2020 – Veto Message

To the Members of the California State Assembly: I am returning Assembly Bill 2164 without my signature. This bill would authorize a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) and Rural Health Center (RHC) to establish a relationship with a patient who is located within their service area by synchronous or asynchronous (store-and-forward) telehealth. AB 2164 would sunset 180 days after the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency has been terminated by the state of California. While I am supportive of utilizing telehealth to increase access to primary and specialty care services, the Department of Health Care Services is currently in the process of evaluating its global telehealth policy to determine what temporary flexibilities should be extended beyond the COVID-19 pandemic. Changes to FQHC and RHC telehealth is better considered within the context of a global assessment around telehealth in the state of California. Further, the cost of these changes is also more appropriately considered alongside other policy changes in the budget process next year.

Homelessness

AB 1845 (Rivas) – Homelessness: Office to End Homelessness

Creates, within the Governor's office, the Office to End Homelessness, which would be administered by the Secretary on Homelessness appointed by the Governor. Requires that the Office serve the Governor as the lead entity for ending homelessness in the state and tasks the Office with coordinating homeless programs, services, data, and policies between federal, state, and local agencies, among other responsibilities. Provides for the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council. **(DRC had a support position)**

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Vetoed 9/28/2020 – Veto Message

To the Members of the California State Assembly: I am returning Assembly Bill 1845 without my signature. This bill would establish the Office to End Homelessness within the Office of the Governor and realign several of the state's ongoing efforts related to homelessness. I sincerely appreciate the author's leadership on this issue and the intent of this bill, but I do not support this particular vision of organizational restructuring at this time. Homelessness has been and remains one of my top priorities, commanding the dedicated attention of a Senior Counselor on Homelessness and Housing in the Governor's office and the dedication of senior members of my Administration including multiple Agency Secretaries. Since taking office in January 2019, we have invested over \$2 billion in new, direct aid for homelessness. I am also proud of our work to implement Project Roomkey and Homekey, which help to protect homeless Californians from COVID-19 during this pandemic. These initiatives and investments demonstrate our commitment to prioritizing this vulnerable population, no matter what other challenges we confront. And they serve as a proof point of the interagency coordination we have led to develop and implement them successfully. Homelessness must not be considered in a vacuum. Our Administration has taken a demonstrably integrated approach to preventing and ending homelessness by empowering leaders in the health care and housing space to work together on coordinated solutions. Separating policy development on homelessness from that on health care or housing will lead to more fragmentation, not less. Looking at homeless spending through a separate lens, divorced from our health care and housing budgets, will lead to more duplication and inefficiency.

There are certainly ways in which we can improve upon state government's collective work in this area. However, I am not convinced that the approach outlined in this bill is the best path forward. I am committed to partnering with the author and the Legislature next year to continue making progress on this critical issue.

AB 2746 (Gabriel) – Funding Accountability: Homelessness

Requires a recipient that receives state funds for specified CalWORKS programs related to homeless assistance, the Housing and Disability Income Advocacy Program, or for a Whole Person Care pilot program, to submit a report containing specified information regarding the use of state funds to the appropriate agency. Requires the Department of Finance to post an aggregated report on its internet website that is easily accessible by the public.

http://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB2746

Vetoed 9/29/2020 – Veto Message

To the Members of the California State Assembly: I am returning Assembly Bill 2746 without my signature. This bill would require recipients of state funding for the CalWORKs Homeless Assistance Program, the Housing and Disability Income Advocacy Program, and the Whole Person Care pilot programs to submit annual data reports regarding the use of program funds to the Department of Social Services and the Department of Health Care Services, respectively. My Administration is exploring ways to increase transparency in our homeless assistance programs and improve the efficiency in the delivery of those services to those who most need the help. This is important work, and we are dedicated to this effort. Unfortunately, the requirements of this measure are duplicative of existing requirements and would create additional, unnecessary data collection costs. For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Housing

AB 2405 (Burke) – Right to Safe, Decent, and Affordable Housing

Declares that it is the policy of the state that every individual has the right to safe, decent, and affordable housing. Requires the policy to consider homelessness prevention, emergency accommodations, and permanent housing. Requires agencies to consider that state policy when revising, adopting, or establishing policies, regulations, and grant criteria pertinent to

advancing the guidelines of the Housing First policy. **(DRC had a support position)**

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB2405

Vetoed 9/28/2020 – Veto Message

To the Members of the California State Assembly: I am returning Assembly Bill 2405 without my signature. This bill would declare a state policy that every individual in California has the right to safe, decent, and affordable housing. The bill also requires state departments and agencies to consider this policy when revising or adopting policies, regulations, and grant criteria. This is a laudable goal that I share, and undoubtedly, California must continue to do more to address homelessness. Regrettably, however, I cannot support this bill considering the cost implications of such a policy, estimated at over \$10 billion annually. Moreover, I have always maintained that our efforts must come with greater accountability and better results. Although well-intentioned, this bill is duplicative of existing efforts and may ultimately force us to expend resources without commensurately creating new housing or services for people experiencing homelessness. I am committed to working with the Legislature and local government partners on a detailed strategy to improve behavioral health outcomes and increase housing opportunities for people experiencing homelessness. To make progress, we need more than policy goals. We need tangible funding strategies and legal requirements - this means challenging accepted norms and rejecting the status quo and identifying necessary revenues.

In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)

AB 1993 (Kamlager-Dove) - Unemployment and Disability Insurance: In Home Services

Provides that the definition of employment for the purposes of unemployment insurance coverage includes services performed by an individual in the employ of their parent, child, or spouse if that individual is providing services through the In-Home Supportive Services program or the Waiver Personal Care Services program. Provides that no money is continuously appropriated for purposes of these provisions. **(DRC had a support position)**

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1993

Vetoed 9/30/2020 – Veto Message

To the Members of the California State Assembly: I am returning Assembly Bill 1993 without my signature. AB 1993 would amend the definition of "employment" for the purposes of unemployment insurance coverage to include services performed by an individual in the employ of their parent, child, or spouse if that individual is a provider of In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) or Waiver Personal Care Services (WPCS). As a result, it will result in significant new borrowing of federal funds to the Unemployment Insurance fund, increasing interest costs borne by the state General Fund that were not included in the 2020 Budget and cannot be considered in conjunction with the full home health care budget. Expanding benefits and protections for home health care workers is critical, especially in light of the COVID-19 pandemic but these expansions must be developed through the budget process when new investments can be viewed through the lens of the state's full home health care budget.

AB 2387 (Grayson) – In Home Supportive Services: Needs Assessment

Authorizes counties to perform the needs reassessment using telehealth, including video conference or telephone, if certain conditions are met, including that the recipient has had at least one in person assessment since the initial program intake and the recipient has had at least one in person assessment in the past twelve months. Requires the county to notify recipients within a certain number of days of a proposed assessment by video conference or telephone.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB2387

Vetoed 9/25/2020 – Veto Message

To the Members of the California State Assembly: I am returning Assembly Bill 2387 without my signature. This bill would authorize counties to perform the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) reassessment using telehealth, including video conference or telephone, subject to continuing federal approval, if certain conditions are met. The California Department of Social Services has permitted counties and other entities to use video conference or telephone to perform duties that would otherwise be done in-person during the COVID-19 pandemic. This bill would extend flexibilities that were made in response to a public health emergency. It is premature to make statutory changes to these policies until the Department has had the opportunity to assess their

impact on consumers and alignment with overall program goals and processes. Moreover, although this bill may provide counties greater case management flexibility, it may also impede social workers' ability to directly and accurately assess IHSS recipients' abilities, limitations, living conditions, health and safety.

Long-Term Services and Supports

SB 1257 (Durazo) – Employment Safety Standards

Provides that the term employment does not include household domestic service that is publicly funded. Requires the Chief of the Division of Occupational Safety to convene an advisory committee in consultation with the Commission on Health and Safety and Workers' Compensation. Requires investigations of complaints in household domestic service employment to be conducted in a manner that avoids any unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB1257

Vetoed 9/29/2020 – Veto Message

To the Members of the California State Assembly: I am returning Senate Bill 1257 without my signature. This bill would expand the jurisdiction of the Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal-OSHA) to cover household domestic service employees working in residential dwellings, with the exception of services that are publicly funded. This would in effect bring approximately 11 million homes and apartments under the regulatory jurisdiction of Cal-OSHA. I strongly share the belief of the bill's author and proponents that, like all other California workers, domestic service employees deserve protections to ensure that their workplaces are safe and healthy. That is why I was proud to sign legislation last year that extended collective bargaining rights to California's childcare workers and continue efforts through the Future of Work Commission to expand safety and opportunity for these workers. However, new laws in this area must recognize that the places where people live cannot be treated in the exact same manner as a traditional workplace or worksite from a regulatory perspective. SB 1257 would extend many employer obligations to private homeowners and renters, including the duty to create an injury prevention plan and requirement to conduct outdoor heat trainings. Many individuals to whom this law would apply to lack the expertise to comply with these regulations. The bill would also put into statute a potentially onerous and protracted

"investigation by letter" procedure between Cal-OSHA and private tenants and homeowners. In short, a blanket extension of all employer obligations to private homeowners and renters is unworkable and raises significant policy concerns. My Administration, through the Labor Agency and Cal-OSHA, is committed to engaging with the author and stakeholders to carefully consider and develop solutions that protect domestic workers and the privacy of an individual's private residence. The dialogue that SB 1257 has opened up is an invaluable step in the right direction, and I look forward to an ongoing partnership with the Legislature to continue our work on this critical issue.

Mental Health

AB 2360 (Maienschein) – Telehealth: Mental Health

Amends the Knox Keene Health Care Service Plan. Requires health care service plans and health insurers, by a specified date, to establish or provide access to a telehealth consultation program meets specified criteria and that provides providers who treat children and pregnant and postpartum persons with access to a mental health consultation program conducted by telephone or telehealth video. **(DRC had a support position)**

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB2360

Vetoed 9/25/2020 – Veto Message

To the Members of the California State Assembly: I am returning Assembly Bill 2360 without my signature. This bill would require health care service plans, including Knox-Keene licensed Medi-Cal managed care health plans, to provide access to a provider-to-provider telehealth consultation program for providers who treat children and pregnant and postpartum persons. While I appreciate the author's intent to expand mental health services for children and pregnant and postpartum persons, the bill would create costs that would be more appropriately addressed through the annual budget process.

AB 2483 (Bauer-Kahan) – County Jails: Recidivism: Reports

Requires the Sheriff in each county to compile and submit specified data to the Board of State and Community Corrections on their antirecidivism programs and success rates in reducing recidivism. Requires the Board to annually compile a report based upon those findings. **(DRC had a support position)**

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB2483

Vetoed 9/29/2020 – Veto Message

To the Members of the California State Assembly: I am returning Assembly Bill 2483 without my signature. This bill would require, from January 1, 2023 to January 1, 2027, the sheriff in each county to annually compile and submit the following data to the Board of State and Community Corrections: (1) data on each of the anti-recidivism programs they provide inmates in their county jail facilities; and (2) their success rates in reducing recidivism in each of those programs. Data collection on recidivism is important. Unfortunately, the broad nature of this bill leaves too much discretion to local governments to decide what is and what is not a recidivism program, and it could lead to a significant and costly mandate. For this reason, I am unable to sign this bill.

SB 369 (Hertzberg) – Prisoners: California Reentry Commission

Establishes the California Reentry Commission in the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Specifies the members of the Commission. Requires the Commission to prepare and develop a new health and safety agency for those returning home from prison or jail, coordinate with the Department to develop a grant program to provide grants to reentry service providers, conduct a review of reentry barriers, and review current state criminal justice policies. **(DRC had a support position)**

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB369

Vetoed 9/30/2020 – Veto Message

To the Members of the California State Assembly: I am returning Senate Bill 369 without my signature. This bill would establish the California Reentry Commission and task it with developing a new health and safety agenda for those returning home from custody, reviewing the barriers to reentry and coordinating with other entities to establish a grant program for reentry service providers. I share the author's commitment in supporting successful re-entry for persons returning to the community from prison. That is why I launched Returning Home Well, a public-private partnership that will provide critical supports including housing, healthcare, treatment, transportation, direct assistance, and employment support for Californians returning home from prison early due to COVID-19. I also agree that there is more to do to ensure that all persons returning home are given the support that they need. I do not, however, think that creating a new commission with over 20 members and

appointees is necessary to achieve this goal. I am, instead, directing the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and the Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health to engage with stakeholders, evaluate the barriers of reentry and determine what steps need to be taken to overcome those barriers.

Public Safety

AB 1299 (Salas) – Peace Officers: Employment

Requires any agency that employs specified peace officers to provide a notification to the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training when a peace officer is terminated or, if an officer leaves the agency with a complaint, charge, or investigation of a serious nature pending. Requires the agency to complete the investigation as specified and notify the Commission of its findings. **(DRC had a support position)**

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Vetoed 9/30/2020 – Veto Message

To the Members of the California State Assembly: I am returning Assembly Bill 1299 without my signature. This bill would require an agency that employs specified peace officers to provide a notification to the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) when a peace officer is terminated, or if an officer leaves the agency with a complaint, charge, or investigation of a serious nature. This bill would also require said agency to complete the investigation as specified, within one year, and notify POST of its findings. The bill would require POST to make that information available to any law enforcement agency conducting a preemployment background investigation of the subject of the profile. I agree with the intent of this legislation - officers with a history of misconduct should not be able to resign in lieu of termination and simply move to a different department without a completed investigation or file of misconduct. But this bill does not go far enough. I am concerned this bill will slow momentum for broader decertification measures in future legislative sessions. The Legislature has signaled that it will continue its work on decertification, and I support the development of legislation with a broader approach.

SB 555 (Mitchell) – Jails and Juvenile Facilities: Services: Contracts

Amends existing law allowing the Sheriff of each county to operate a store in connection with the county jail and to fix the sale prices of the articles offered for sale at the store. Prohibits the items in the store from being

offered at a price in excess of a specified percentage above the cost paid to the vendor supplying the article. Renames the Inmate Welfare Fund the Incarcerated Peoples' Welfare Fund. Caps telephone and other service rates.

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Vetoed 9/30/2020 – Veto Message

To the Members of the California State Assembly: I am returning Senate Bill 555 without my signature. This bill would limit the amount that a county jail can charge for items in the jail canteen and the per minute rate that can be charged for phone calls and video communications. It would also prohibit commission provisions in telephone and communications service contracts and would require such telephone and communication service contracts to be negotiated and awarded to the lowest cost provider. While I strongly support the goals of this bill - reducing the financial stress that families of those in jail face and supporting the ability of those incarcerated to remain in contact with their families - I cannot support this bill in its current form. I am concerned it will have the unintended consequence of reducing important rehabilitative and educational programming for individuals in custody. I am committed to working with the Legislature and stakeholders to address this issue in the next legislative session in a manner that mitigates impacts on programming.

SB 1220 (Umberg) – Peace and Custodial Officers

Requires each prosecuting agency to maintain a Brady list. Requires any state or local law enforcement agency maintaining personnel records of peace officers and custodial officers to annually, to each prosecuting agency within its jurisdiction, and upon request to any prosecuting agency, provide a list of names and badge numbers of officers employed by the agency in the five years prior to providing the list who meet specified criteria.

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Vetoed 9/30/2020 – Veto Message

To the Members of the California State Assembly: I am returning Senate Bill 1220 without my signature. This bill would require each prosecuting agency to maintain a Brady list, which is a list containing the names of peace officers whose personnel files are likely to contain evidence of dishonesty or bias. This bill requires state and local law enforcement

agencies to annually, or upon request, provide a list of names and badge numbers of officers employed by the agency in the preceding five years who have sustained findings of certain misconduct, are facing criminal prosecution, or are on probation to specified prosecuting agencies beginning January 1, 2022. This bill would impose a significant state mandate and, because of the costs associated with this mandate, I cannot sign this bill. However, I share the author's goal of ensuring that our criminal justice system provides transparency and due process for criminal defendants. I am thereby directing the California Highway Patrol and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to develop a process in which they proactively provide information in the form of a list containing officer names and badge numbers to the 58 California district attorneys' offices in order to assist them to fulfill their prosecutorial discovery obligations.

Utilities

SB 1207 (Jackson) – Skilled Nursing Facilities: Backup Power System

Requires a skilled nursing facility to have an alternative source of power to protect resident health and safety for no less than a specified number of hours during any type of power outage that complies with specified federal requirements. **(DRC had a support position)**

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB1207

Vetoed 9/25/2020 – Veto Message

To the Members of the California State Assembly: I am returning Senate Bill 1207 without my signature. SB 1207 would require Skilled Nursing Facilities to have an alternative source of power for no less than 96 hours during any type of power outage. Skilled Nursing Facilities are a central part of our system of care for vulnerable individuals. As such, it is important that they have sufficient emergency backup power in the event of a power interruption. However, this bill relies on an unclear federal standard as justification. Moreover, the timeline for implementing this bill is unfeasible given the need for significant renovations that facilities would need to complete to comply with this bill. I am directing the California Department of Public Health and the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development to convene a stakeholder group to ensure that relevant experts can fully assess alternatives and develop recommendations to appropriately address resident and staff safety in the event of a power shut-off by April 1, 2021. This approach will identify

recommendations regarding an emergency power standard that protects patients and allows facilities to make necessary upgrades in a timely manner.

Youth

SB 912 (Beall) – Fostering Connections to Success Act

Provides that a nonminor dependent who turned twenty-one years of age between specified dates, or who turns that age during the upcoming fiscal year, or who received funding after turning twenty-one, would be eligible to continue receiving extended foster care support through a certain date. Requires that extended foster care support continue for a certain number of months from the date of a declared state of emergency.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB912

Vetoed 9/28/2020 – Veto Message

To the Members of the California State Senate: I am returning Senate Bill 912 without my signature. During the current state of emergency related to the pandemic, the State of California has addressed the needs of many of our vulnerable populations through executive orders that immediately extended benefits and waived specified requirements to remove obstacles to provide ongoing aid. Foremost among these actions was including over \$40 million in the 2020 Budget Act to allow nonminor dependents (NMDs) who would have otherwise aged out of extended foster care access to supports and services until June 30, 2021. This bill, however, is seeking to extend court jurisdiction for all NMDs who aged out of extended foster care once the state of emergency was declared on March 4, 2020, until June 30, 2021. Further, this bill also would, for any statewide or county-by-county state of emergency declared by the Governor on or after January 1, 2021, require NMDs who turn 21 years of age while the state of emergency is in effect to continue to receive foster care support for six months from the date of the declaration. Because disasters and pandemics vary and are difficult to predict, this bill would obligate the State to a specific approach that may not always be the most prudent or effective.