

2017 POLICY REPORT



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BILL COUNT

	SPONSORED	SUPPORT	TOTAL
HELD	0	14	14
VETOED	-	2	2
GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE	1	18	19
TOTAL	1	34	35

SPONSORED BILLS

[SR 37](#) (Hertzberg): **Diabetes Awareness Resolution**

This resolution encourages all Californians to seek screening to identify their diabetes risk and pursue early treatment if necessary. It also calls on members of the Senate to focus on additional prevention efforts in communities that are disproportionately affected by this disease.

- Status: Adopted
- LCHC Stance: Support

CO-SPONSORED BILLS

[AB 1003](#) (Bloom): **Sugar Sweetened Beverage Tax**

This bill imposes a \$0.02 per fluid ounce tax on sugar sweetened beverages and requires moneys collected to be deposited in the California Community Health Fund (CCHF) and to be used to diminish the human and economic costs of diabetes, obesity, heart disease, and dental disease and to reduce inequitable disparities in health between population groups in California

- Status: Held
- LCHC Stance: Support

PREVENTION POLICY

PREVENTION POLICY: ASSEMBLY BILLS

AB 9 (Cristina Garcia) No Tax on Tampons

This bill would exempt feminine hygiene products from the sales and use tax at both the state and local level.

- Status: Held
- LCHC Stance: Support

AB 10 (Cristina Garcia) Tampons Access in Shelters, Schools & Universities

This bill would provide menstrual pads for free in schools, universities and shelters.

- Status: Chaptered
- LCHC Stance: Support

AB 250 (Gonzalez-Fletcher) Lower Cost Coastal Accommodations Program

This bill requires the State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) to develop and implement a Lower Cost Coastal Accommodations Program (Program) to improve the availability of lower cost accommodations within three miles of the coast. Additionally this bill requires SCC to prepare an assessment to determine the availability of lower cost coastal accommodations and authorizes the SCC to develop and implement a pilot program.

- Status: Chaptered
- LCHC Stance: Support

AB 291 (Chiu) Protecting Immigrant Tenants

This bill would protect immigrant tenants from intimidation and retaliation by landlords and enacts commonsense privacy protections that respond directly to the abuses most commonly observed by tenant advocates. This bill is vitally important given current dangers facing both documented and undocumented immigrant Californians.

- Status: Chaptered
- LCHC Stance: Support

AB 841 (Weber) Healthy Food Marketing in Schools

This bill would codify the federal regulation relating to local school wellness policy requirements preventing schools from marketing unhealthy foods and beverages on participating school campuses during school hours pursuant to the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids act (HHFKA)

- Status: Chaptered
- LCHC Stance: Support

AB 1318 (Chiu) Safe Place to Learn Act

This bill will prevent harassment and discrimination against students from vulnerable communities, including Muslim students, other students of color, and immigrant and LGBTQ students. This is critically important given that incidents of harassment and intimidation have increased dramatically since the November election -- with K-12 schools being one of the most common locations of such incidents.

- Status: Held
- LCHC Stance: Support

AB 1431 (Arambula) Energy Programs for Low-Income Disadvantaged Communities

This bill requires agencies administering energy efficiency, renewable energy, and rate assistance programs targeted to low-income and disadvantaged communities to collect and report specified data to be included in a database that breaks down spending by zip code.

- Status: Held
- LCHC Stance: Support

PREVENTION POLICY: SENATE BILLS

SB 138 (McGuire) Medi-Cal Free and Reduced Meals

This bill will improve the current certification process and ensure that all school districts utilize Medi-Cal data to seamlessly enroll income-eligible students in free and reduced-price school meals.

- Status: Chaptered
- LCHC Stance: Support

SB 191 (Beall) Pupil mental health and substance use disorder services

This bill would authorize a local educational agency to enter into a contract with a county or qualified mental health service provider to create a partnership for providing mental health services to students. This bill would create a new special fund, from which funding could be provided to support such programs.

- Status: Held
- LCHC Stance: Support

SB 239 (Wiener) Infectious and Communicable Diseases: HIV and AIDS: Penalties

This bill modifies criminal penalties related to human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) that specify higher punishment than those that apply to other communicable diseases.

- Status: Chaptered
- LCHC Stance: Support

SB 300 (Monning) Health Warning Label on Sugar-Sweetened Beverages

This bill requires health-warning label be placed on sugar-sweetened beverages (SSBs) sold in California that contain added sweeteners and 75 calories or more per 12 ounces. SB 300 provides information about the harmful effects of consuming sugary drinks, such as sodas, sport drinks, energy drinks, and sweetened teas. The warning label informs consumers about the risks that link sugary drink consumption to obesity, type 2 diabetes, and tooth decay.

- Status: Held
- LCHC Stance: Support

HEALTH ACCESS POLICY

HEALTH ACCESS POLICY: ASSEMBLY BILLS

AB 205 (Wood) Medi-Cal State Fair Hearing

This bill would implement the May 2016 rule that requires Medicaid managed care plans to have a grievance and appeal system in place for enrollees.

- Status: Chaptered
- LCHC Stance: Support

AB 207 (Arambula) Medical School at CSU Fresno

This bill will establish a medical school at California State University, Fresno to help address the shortage of California's primary care workforce, particularly in underserved communities.

- Status: Held
- LCHC: Support

AB 254 (Thurmond) Local Educational Agency Behavioral Health Integration

This bill would establish a pilot program that would maximize participation and federal reimbursement under the LEA Billing Program while improving the mental health of Medi-Cal eligible students through a Whole Person Care approach.

- Status: Held
- LCHC: Support

AB 391 (Chiu/Gomez) The Asthma Preventative Services Program Act of 2017

This bill expands preventative asthma services for low-income Californians in Medi-Cal. Such services have been shown to reduce healthcare costs, eliminate health disparities, and improve health outcomes.

- Status: Vetoed
- LCHC Stance: Support

AB 340 (Arambula) Mental Health Services- Low Income Children

This bill would require, consistent with federal law, that screening services under the EPSDT program include screening for trauma, as defined by the bill and as specified. The bill also would require the department, in consultation with the State Department of Social Services and others, to adopt, employ, and develop, as appropriate, tools and protocols for screening children for trauma and would authorize the department to implement, interpret, or make specific the screening tools and protocols by means of all-county letters, plan letters, or plan or provider bulletins, as specified.

- Status: Chaptered
- LCHC Stance: Support

AB 470 (Arambula) Medi-Cal: Specialty Mental Health Services

This bill requires the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to create a performance outcome dashboard for specialty mental health services, as specified, and to make it available to specified entities no later than December 31, 2018. This bill DHCS to convene a stakeholder advisory committee, as specified, for purposes of creating the dashboard, and to make frequent updates to the dashboard, as specified. Requires the dashboard to contain specified information, including mental health disparities, measurements of timely access, and language capacity and access.

- Status: Chaptered
- LCHC Stance: Support

AB 569 (Gonzalez-Fletcher) California Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination

This bill prohibits workplace discrimination based on an employee's reproductive health decisions, including when and how a women becomes pregnant, the use of birth control, and other private decisions.

- Status: Vetoed
- LCHC Stance: Support

AB 595 (Wood) Health care service plans: mergers and acquisitions

This bill requires prior approval by the Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC) for mergers and other transactions of health care service plans (health plans).

- Status: Held
- LCHC Stance: Support

AB 620 (Holden) Trauma Focused Parole Assistance

This bill provides access to trauma focused program to offenders, who committed their crime before the age of 25 years old, approaching their parole hearing date.

- Status: Held
- LCHC Stance: Support

HEALTH ACCESS POLICY: SENATE BILLS

SB 171 (Hernandez) Medi-Cal managed care plans

This bill requires the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to develop time and distance standards for health care provider types specified in federal regulation to ensure access to medically necessary covered services.

- Status: Chaptered
- LCHC Stance: Support

SB 223 (Atkins) Strengthening Nondiscrimination

This bill preserves in state law the strongest provisions of the federal law and codifies California's leading practices. This bill ensures all Californians receive equal and robust access to language assistance and clear notification of their rights to receive health care without discrimination.

- Status: Chaptered
- LCHC Stance: Support

SB 320 (Leyva) On campus student health centers

This bill requires student health care plans offered by California State University (CSU) or California Community Colleges (CCC) campuses to cover abortions. Requires on-campus health centers operated on CSU and CCC campuses to offer medication abortion and abortion counseling to its students, as specified. Requires the University of California, as a condition for the use of state funds, as specified, to include coverage for abortions and to provide medication abortion and abortion counseling, as specified.

- Status: Held
- LCHC Stance: Support

SB 349 (Lara) The Dialysis Patient Safety Act

This bill would improve dialysis patient safety and reduce avoidable medical complications for patients receiving treatment at outpatient clinics. This will be achieved by establishing minimum staffing ratios, increasing clinic inspections, and requiring adequate time to clean and prepare dialysis equipment between patients.

- Status: Held
- LCHC Stance: Support

SB 743 (Hernandez/Leyva) Freedom of Choice in Family Planning

This bill would prohibit a Medi-Cal managed care plan from restricting the choice of the qualified provider, as defined, from whom a Medi-Cal beneficiary enrolled in the plan may receive family planning services.

- Status: Chaptered
- LCHC Stance: Support

IMMIGRATION PROTECTION POLICY

IMMIGRATION PROTECTION POLICY: ASSEMBLY BILLS

AB 3 (Bonta) Stronger Public Defenders Act

This bill would provide state funding to create Regional Centers and Statewide Resource Centers for public defenders to gain immigration expertise. Regional Centers will provide legal training, written materials, mentoring, and technical support to public defenders’ offices on issues relating to the immigration consequences of criminal convictions. Statewide Resource Centers will provide Regional Centers and public defender offices with ongoing training, written materials, technical assistance, and mentoring.

- Status: Held (Gut and Amend)
- LCHC Stance: Support

AB 90 (Weber) CalGang Database

This bill would address accuracy and fairness in the collection and accessing of gang allegations through CalGang and other shared gang databases, including enacting reforms outlined in the 2016 audit of shared gang databases released by the California State Auditor.

- Status: Chaptered
- LCHC Stance: Support

AB 578 (Reyes) Threatening a witness: threats to report immigration status

This bill would punish exclusively as a felony threatening to report the immigration status of a victim or witness to prevent or dissuade that person from providing a testimony, attending court proceedings, or reporting a crime.

- Status: Held
- LCHC Stance: Support

AB 699 (O’Donnell and Chiu) Safe Schools for Immigrant Students

This bill requires the Attorney General (AG) to publish model policies limiting assistance with immigration enforcement at public schools, requires local educational agencies (LEAs) to adopt the model policies or equivalent policies, and provides education and support to immigrant students and their families.

- Status: Chaptered
- LCHC Stance: Support

IMMIGRATION PROTECTION POLICY: SENATE BILLS

SB 6 (Hueso) Due Process for All Act

This bill would create a program supported by state funds to provide access to qualified legal counsel to immigrants in deportation or removal proceedings.

- Status: Gut and Amend
- LCHC Stance: Support

SB 29 (Lara) Dignity Not Detention Act

This bill would prohibit local governments from contracting with private facilities to detain immigrants for profit, require detention facilities to meet the basic standards laid out by ICE’s 2011 Performance-Based National Detention Standards and protect the rights of LGBT immigrants, as well as allow individuals to bring a civil action against a facility in the event that their rights are violated.

- Status: Chaptered
- LCHC Stance: Support

SB 31 (Lara) Fight4CA Religious Freedom

This bill prohibits a state or local agency from providing or disclosing to federal authorities personally identifying information regarding a person’s religious affiliation when the information is sought for compiling a database of individuals based on religious affiliation, national origin, or

ethnicity. This bill also prohibits state and local law enforcement from collection information about an individual's religious beliefs or affiliations except under certain circumstances.

- Status: Chaptered
- LCHC Stance: Support

SB 54 (de Leon) The California Values Act

This bill will provide essential safeguards to ensure that police, schools, health facilities, and courts remain accessible to Californians from all walks of life and that California's limited resources are directed to matters of greatest concern to state and local governments.

- Status: Chaptered
- LCHC Stance: Support

SB 68 (Lara) AB 540 Modernization

This bill will enable two years at a California Community College to count towards AB 540 eligibility. Additionally, the bill will allow the completion of an Associate's degree or satisfaction of the minimum requirements to transfer to the University of California (UC) or California State University (CSU), in lieu of a high school diploma to allow a student to qualify for in-state tuition and financial aid.

- Status: Chaptered
- LCHC Stance: Support

SB 244 (Lara) Privacy Protection Act

This bill will protect the personal information of all individuals that is collected or obtained by state and local agencies for administration of public programs.

- Status: Held
- LCHC Stance: Support

BUDGET ITEMS

<p>Proposal 1: SB 75 Health for All Young Adults</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Support● Status: Held
<p>Prop. 56 (Tobacco Tax)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Revenue allocated towards restoration of Medi-Cal (Denti-Cal) adult dental benefits● Support● Status: Passed