

# CAC LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

July 2021

## CAC Bills of Interest

### [AB 525](#) **(Chiu D) Energy: offshore wind generation.**

Current Text: Amended: 7/14/2021

Introduced: 2/10/2021

Last Amend: 7/14/2021

Status: 7/14/2021-Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 7/13/2021-S. APPR.

Calendar: 8/16/2021 9 a.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SENATE  
APPROPRIATIONS, PORTANTINO, Chair

Summary: Would require the Energy Commission, in coordination with specified agencies, to develop a strategic plan to achieve a goal of at least 10,000 megawatts of offshore wind energy developments installed off the California coast by 2040, with an interim target of 3,000 megawatts installed by 2030. The bill would require the Energy Commission to submit the strategic plan to the Natural Resources Agency and the Legislature on or before June 1, 2022. The bill would impose various requirements on the Energy Commission in relation to the strategic plan and would require the strategic plan to include specified information relating to identification of sea space, economic and workforce development, transmission planning, and permitting.

### [AB 680](#) **(Burke D) Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: California Just Transition Act.**

Current Text: Amended: 7/13/2021

Introduced: 2/12/2021

Status: 7/13/21 Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 7/12/21 S-APPR.

Summary: Would enact the California Just Transition Act, which would require the Labor and Workforce Development Agency to work with the state board to update, by July 1, 2023, the funding guidelines for administering agencies to ensure that all applicants to grant programs funded by the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund meet specified standards, including fair and responsible employer standards and inclusive procurement policies, as defined. The bill would require administering agencies to give preference to applicants that demonstrate a partnership with an educational institution or training program targeting residents of disadvantaged, tribal, and low-income communities.

**SB 7**

**(Atkins D) Environmental quality: Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act of 2021.**

Current Text: Chaptered: 5/20/2021

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Last Amend: 2/18/2021

Status: 5/20/2021-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 19, Statutes of 2021.

Location: 5/20/2021-S. CHAPTERED

Summary: Would enact the Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act of 2021, which would reenact the former leadership act, with certain changes, and would authorize the Governor, until January 1, 2024, to certify projects that meet specified requirements for streamlining benefits related to CEQA. The bill would additionally include housing development projects, as defined, meeting certain conditions as projects eligible for certification. The bill would, except for those housing development projects, require the quantification and mitigation of the impacts of a project from the emissions of greenhouse gases, as provided. The bill would revise and recast the labor-related requirements for projects undertaken by both public agencies and private entities. The bill would provide that the Governor is authorized to certify a project before the lead agency certifies the final EIR for the project.

**SB 18**

**(Skinner D) Green hydrogen.**

Current Text: Amended: 6/30/2021

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Last Amend: 6/30/2021

Status: 7/7/2021-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 11. Noes 0.) (July 7). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 7/7/2021-A. APPR.

Summary: Would require the State Air Resources Board, by December 31, 2022, as a part of the scoping plan and the state's goal for carbon neutrality, to prepare a strategic plan for accelerating the production and use of hydrogen, including a specific plan to accelerate production and use of green hydrogen, as defined, in California and an analysis of how curtailed electrical generation could be better utilized to help meet the state's greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals. The bill would require the state board, in developing the strategic plan, to consult with the California Workforce Development Board and labor and workforce organizations.

**SB 33**

**(Cortese D) Apprenticeship: annual report: task force.**

Current Text: Amended: 4/7/2021

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Last Amend: 4/7/2021

Status: 6/17/2021-Re-referred to Com. on RLS. pursuant to Assembly Rule 96.

Location: 6/17/2021-A. RLS.

Summary: Would require the Director of Industrial Relations, on or before September 1, 2022, to convene a task force to promote apprenticeship for all populations throughout the state, to be known as the Construction Apprenticeship Advancement Task Force, with membership as prescribed. The bill would require the task force, in consultation with specified entities, to study the recruitment, retention, and barriers to entry of women and other minority, underrepresented, and disadvantaged populations in the State of California for purposes of ensuring apprenticeship opportunities are more inclusive of those populations.

## CAC & IACA Bills of Interest

### AB 421

**(Ward D) Community colleges: career development and college preparation courses.**

Current Text: Amended: 6/29/2021

Introduced: 2/4/2021

Status: 7/5/21 In committee: Referred to suspense file.

Current Location: 7/5/21 S-APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

**Summary:** Would require the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to adopt regulations, no later than May 31, 2022, requiring the accounting, for purposes of state funding of community colleges, of students enrolled in certain types of courses to be conducted by positive attendance count or on a census date basis in accord with certain computational requirements. To the extent these provisions would add additional duties on community college districts, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

### AB 340

**(Ward D) Golden State Scholarshare Trust: Personal Income Tax Law: gross income: deductions.**

Current Text: Amended: 6/24/2021

Introduced: 1/28/2021

Last Amend: 6/24/2021

Status: 7/15/2021-In committee: Referred to suspense file.

Location: 7/15/2021-S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

**Summary:** The Golden State Scholarshare Trust Act, establishes the Golden State Scholarshare College Savings Trust, under the administration of the Scholarshare Investment Board, to provide financial aid for postsecondary education costs of participating students. Current law defines "qualified higher education expenses" for purposes of the Golden State Scholarshare Trust Act to mean the expenses of attendance at an institution of higher education, as specified. This bill would add expenses associated with participation in a registered apprenticeship program and payment on the principal or interest of a qualified education loan to the definition of "qualified higher education expenses."

### AB 474

**(Chau D) California Public Records Act: conforming revisions.**

Current Text: Amended: 6/21/2021

Introduced: 2/8/2021

Last Amend: 6/21/2021

Status: 7/8/2021-From Consent Calendar. Ordered to third reading.

Location: 7/8/2021-S. THIRD READING

**Summary:** Would enact various conforming and technical changes related to another bill that recodifies and reorganizes the California Public Records Act. The bill would only become operative if the related bill recodifying the act is enacted and becomes operative on January 1, 2023. The bill would also specify that any other bill enacted by the Legislature during the 2021 calendar year that takes effect on or before January 1, 2022, and that affects a provision of this bill shall prevail over this act, except as specified.

**AB 628**

**(Garcia, Eduardo D) Breaking Barriers to Employment Initiative.**

Current Text: Amended: 6/30/2021

Introduced: 2/12/2021

Last Amend: 6/30/2021

Status: 7/15/2021-In committee: Referred to suspense file.

Location: 7/15/2021-S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Summary: Current law establishes the Breaking Barriers to Employment Initiative, which includes a grant program administered by the board to support prescribed education and training activities. Current law specifies that the initiative is not intended to duplicate or replicate existing programs or to create new workforce and education programs, but rather to provide supplemental funding and services to ensure the success of individuals either preparing to enter or already enrolled in workforce and education programs operating under the policy vision of this division and the state plan under this division. This bill would instead provide that, instead of duplicating or replicating existing programs, the initiative should focus on innovative approaches to addressing racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic disparities in the labor market. The bill would require the executive director of the board to convene an advisory group, as prescribed, to establish grant application criteria and parameters for eligible organizations, review and make recommendations to the board regarding grant proposals, support identification of prospective grantees, support technical assistance opportunities, and make recommendations to the board to strengthen implementation.

**AB 643**

**(Ramos D) Apprenticeship programs: career fairs.**

Current Text: Introduced: 2/12/2021

Introduced: 2/12/2021

Status: 7/15/2021-From committee: Be ordered to second reading pursuant to Senate Rule 28.8.

Location: 7/15/2021-S. SECOND READING

Summary: Current law provides for the establishment of apprenticeship programs in various trades, to be approved by the Chief of the Division of Apprenticeship Standards within the Department of Industrial Relations in any trade in the state or in a city or trade area whenever the apprentice training needs justify the establishment. This bill would require a school district or school to notify each apprenticeship program in the same county as the school district or school of a career or college fair it is planning to hold, as specified.

**SB 674**

**(Durazo D) Public Contracts: workforce development: transportation-related contracts.**

Current Text: Amended: 3/25/2021

Introduced: 2/19/2021

Status: 7/15/21 From committee: Be ordered to second reading pursuant to Senate Rule 28.8.

Location: 7/15/21 S-SECOND READING

Summary: Would require relevant public agencies, as defined, to develop a program, known as the California Jobs Plan Program, to meet specified objectives, including, as a component of applications for covered public contracts, as defined, creation of a form that states the minimum numbers of proposed jobs that are projected to be retained and created if the applicant wins the covered public contract, and proposed wages, benefits, and investment in training. That component of the application would be known as the California Jobs Plan, as defined. Other objectives of the program, pursuant to the bill, would include supporting the hiring of displaced workers and individuals facing barriers to employment, as defined; encouraging the development of the state's long-term green transportation and related infrastructure and manufacturing sector; and protecting public health by supporting the adoption of specific protections for worker health and safety.

**AB 709**

**(Nguyen R) Personal Income Tax Law: Corporation Tax Law: tax credits: foster youth.**

Current Text: Amended: 3/25/2021

Introduced: 2/16/2021

Last Amend: 3/25/2021

Status: 3/26/2021-Re-referred to Com. on REV. & TAX.

Location: 3/25/2021-A. REV. & TAX

Summary: The Personal Income Tax Law and the Corporation Tax Law allow various credits against the taxes imposed by those laws. This bill, for each taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2021, and before January 1, 2028, would allow a credit against the taxes imposed by those laws to an employer for an amount equal to 40% of the qualified wages paid to a qualified employee, subject to a specified limitation. The bill would define "qualified wages" to mean wages paid for work completed as part of a Work Experience Education Program or a registered apprenticeship or preapprenticeship program.

**SB 753**

**(Roth D) Unemployment information: California Workforce Development Board: program outcomes.**

Current Text: Amended: 4/6/2021

Introduced: 2/19/2021

Last Amend: 4/6/2021

Status: 6/23/2021-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To consent calendar. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (June 22). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 6/22/2021-A. APPR.

Summary: Under current law, the information obtained in the administration of the Unemployment Insurance Code is for the exclusive use and information of the Director of Employment Development in the discharge of the director's duties and is not open to the public. Current law makes it a crime for any person to knowingly access, use, or disclose this confidential information without authorization. Current law requires the Director of Employment Development to permit the use of information in the director's possession for, among other purposes, to enable specified state agencies to access relevant quarterly wage data for the evaluation and reporting of their respective program performance outcomes as required and permitted by various local, state, and federal laws pertaining to performance measurement and program evaluation. This bill would also require the director, in the above-described circumstances, to permit the use of this data to evaluate and report program performance outcomes pertaining to specified Unemployment Insurance Code and Streets and Highways Code provisions concerning workforce training and investment.

**SB 779**

**(Becker D) California Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act: earn and learn programs.**

Current Text: Amended: 5/17/2021

Introduced: 2/19/2021

Last Amend: 5/17/2021

Status: 7/12/2021-From consent calendar on motion of Assembly Member Reyes. Ordered to third reading.

Location: 7/12/2021-A. THIRD READING

Summary: Current law requires, as part of the California Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, the board to, among other things, identify opportunities for "earn and learn" job training opportunities that meet the industry's workforce demands and that are in high-wage, high-demand jobs. Under existing law, "earn and learn" programs include, but are not limited to, transitional and subsidized employment particularly for individuals with barriers to employment. This bill would amend the list of "earn and learn" programs by specifying that an "earn and learn" program includes transitional jobs, as described in the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, and subsidized employment, including, but not limited to, subsidized employment provided by an employment social enterprise, as defined, or a worker cooperative, as defined, particularly for individuals with barriers to employment.

**AB 1096**

**(Rivas, Luz D) Alien: change of terms.**

Current Text: Amended: 7/7/2021

Introduced: 2/18/2021

Last Amend: 7/7/2021

Status: 7/8/2021-Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

Location: 7/8/2021-S. THIRD READING

Summary: Current federal law, for purposes of various provisions related to immigration, defines "alien" to mean a person who is not a citizen or national of the United States. Current state law uses the word "alien" on its own and within various other terms to refer to persons in provisions relating to, among other things, education, housing, natural resources, employment, probate, social services, drivers' licenses, firearm permits, service in the state militia, and criminal punishment. This bill would revise those state law provisions to refer instead to those persons using other terms that do not contain the word "alien," including a person who is not a citizen or national of the United States. The bill would make other related nonsubstantive changes. The bill would state the intent of the Legislature in enacting this measure to make only nonsubstantive changes, as specified.

**SB 589**

**(Hueso D) Air pollution: alternative vehicles and vehicle infrastructure.**

Current Text: Amended: 5/04/2021

Introduced: 2/18/2021

Last Amend: 3/25/2021

Status: 7/6/21 From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To consent calendar. (Ayes 15. Noes 0.) (July 5). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 7/6/21 A-APPR.

Summary: Current law requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, working with specified state entities, to prepare a statewide assessment of the electric vehicle charging infrastructure needed to support the levels of electric vehicle adoption required to meet the goals of putting at least 5 million zero-emission vehicles in service by 2030 and of reducing.



## IACA Bills of Interest

### AB 565

#### **(Lackey R) Interagency Advisory Committee on Apprenticeship: homeless youth and foster youth.**

Current Text: Amended: 7/8/2021

Introduced: 2/11/2021

Last Amend: 7/8/2021

Status: 7/15/2021-From committee: Be ordered to second reading file pursuant to Senate Rule 28.8 and ordered to Consent Calendar.

Location: 7/15/2021-S. CONSENT CALENDAR

Summary: Current law establishes the Interagency Advisory Committee on Apprenticeship within the Division of Apprenticeship Standards, which is in the Department of Industrial Relations. Current law prescribes the composition of the committee, which includes specified officials or their designees, serving as ex officio members, and 6 persons appointed by the Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development who are familiar with certain apprenticeable occupations, as specified requirements. This bill would add the director of the State Department of Social Services as a member of the Interagency Advisory Committee on Apprenticeship.

### AB 1273

#### **(Rodriguez D) Interagency Advisory Committee on Apprenticeship: the Director of Consumer Affairs and the State Public Health Officer.**

Current Text: Amended: 6/28/2021

Introduced: 2/19/2021

Last Amend: 6/28/2021

Status: 7/15/2021-From committee: Be ordered to second reading pursuant to Senate Rule 28.8.

Location: 7/15/2021-S. SECOND READING

Summary: Current law provides for apprenticeship programs within the Division of Apprenticeship Standards within the Department of Industrial Relations, sponsored by specific entities and employers, and requires the Chief of the Division of Apprenticeship Standards to perform various functions with respect to apprenticeship programs and the welfare of apprentices. Under current law, the Director of Industrial Relations is the Administrator of Apprenticeship and is authorized to appoint assistants necessary to effectuate the purposes of state law governing apprenticeships. This bill would make the State Public Health Officer and the Director of Consumer Affairs ex officio members of the Interagency Advisory Committee on Apprenticeship.

**SB 40**

**(Hurtado D) Health care workforce development: California Medicine Scholars Program.**

Current Text: Amended: 6/28/2021

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Last Amend: 6/28/2021

Status: 7/7/21 Coauthors revised. From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To consent calendar. (Ayes 15. Noes 0.) (July 6). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 7/6/21 A-APPR.

Summary: Would create the California Medicine Scholars Program, a 5-year pilot program commencing January 1, 2023, and would require the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development to establish and facilitate the pilot program. The bill would require the pilot program to establish a regional pipeline program for community college students to pursue premedical training and enter medical school, in an effort to address the shortage of primary care physicians in California and the widening disparities in access to care in vulnerable and underserved communities, including building a comprehensive statewide approach to increasing the number and representation of minority primary care physicians in the state. The bill would require the office to contract with a managing agency for the pilot program, as specified.

**SB 804**

**(Glazer D) California Conservation Corps: forestry training center: formerly incarcerated individuals: reporting.**

Current Text: Amended: 5/20/2021

Introduced: 2/19/2021

Last Amend: 5/20/2021

Status: 7/14/2021-Coauthors revised. From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To consent calendar. (Ayes 8. Noes 0.) (July 13). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 7/13/2021-A. APPR.

Summary: Would require the Director of the California Conservation Corps, in partnership with the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, to establish a forestry training center in northern California to provide enhanced training, education, work experience, and job readiness for entry-level forestry and vegetation management jobs. The bill would require the training center to include counseling, mentorship, supportive housing, health care, and educational services and authorize the training center to provide training modules on specified activities. The bill would require the director to enroll at the training center formerly incarcerated individuals and to prioritize enrollment for those formerly incarcerated individuals who have either successfully served on a California Conservation Camp program crew and were recommended by the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection and the Secretary of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation or successfully served on hand crew at the county level and were recommended for participation by county probation and county fire departments.