

CAC LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

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CAC BILLS OF INTEREST

AB 525

(Chiu D) Energy: offshore wind generation.

Current Status: 9/23/21 Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 231, Statutes of 2021.

Current Location: 9/23/21 A-CHAPTERED

Summary: The 100 Percent Clean Energy Act of 2018 established as a policy of the state that eligible renewable energy resources and zero-carbon resources supply 100% of retail sales of electricity to California end-use customers and 100% of electricity procured to serve all state agencies by December 31, 2045. The act requires the Public Utilities Commission (PUC), State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (Energy Commission), and State Air Resources Board to, as part of a public process, issue a joint report to the Legislature by January 1, 2021, and every 4 years thereafter, that includes specified information relating to the implementation of the policy. This bill would require the Energy Commission, on or before June 1, 2022, to evaluate and quantify the maximum feasible capacity of offshore wind to achieve reliability, ratepayer, employment, and decarbonization benefits and to establish offshore wind planning goals for 2030 and 2045, as specified.

AB 680

(Burke D) Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: California Just Transition Act.

Current Status: 10/9/2021 Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 746, Statutes of 2021.

Current Location: 10/9/21 A-CHAPTERED

Summary: Would enact the California Jobs Plan Act of 2021, which would require the State Air Resources Board to work with the labor agency to update, by July 1, 2025, Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund 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 provided. The bill would require the state board to work with administering agencies to leverage existing programs and funding to assist applicants in meeting these standards. The bill would require, among other things, administering agencies, on and after the adoption of the update to the funding guidelines, to give preference to applicants that demonstrate a partnership with an educational institution or training program targeting residents of under-resourced, tribal, and low-income communities, as defined, in the same region as the proposed project and to applicants that demonstrate the creation of high-quality jobs, as defined, by the proposed project.

SB 18

(Skinner D) Green hydrogen.

Current Status: 8/27/21 Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(12). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 8/19/2021)(May be acted upon Jan 2022)

Current Location: 8/27/21 A-2 YEAR

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 identify the role of hydrogen, and particularly green hydrogen, in helping California achieve the goals of the act and the state's other climate goals. The bill would require the state board, in consultation with the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (Energy Commission) and Public Utilities Commission (PUC), to prepare an evaluation posted to the state board's internet website by June 1, 2023, that includes specified information relative to the deployment, development, and use of hydrogen. The bill would require the state board, in making these evaluations, to consult with the California Workforce Development Board and labor and workforce organizations.

SB 33

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

Current Status: 9/10/21 Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(15). (Last location was RLS. on 6/17/2021)(May be acted upon Jan 2022)

Current Location: 9/10/21 A-2 YEAR

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 Status: 9/10/21 Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(15). (Last location was INACTIVE FILE on 9/1/2021)(May be acted upon Jan 2022)

Current Location: 9/10/21 S-2 YEAR

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. 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 Status: 10/6/21 Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 557, Statutes of 2021.

Current Location: 10/6/21 A-CHAPTERED

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 Status: 10/7/21 Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 615, Statutes of 2021.

Current Location: 10/7/21 A-CHAPTERED

Summary: Would enact various conforming and technical changes related to another bill, AB 473, which recodifies and reorganizes the California Public Records Act. This bill would only become operative if AB 473 is enacted and reorganizes and makes other nonsubstantive changes to the California Public Records Act that become 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 Status: 9/27/21 Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 323, Statutes of 2021.

Current Location: 9/27/21 A-CHAPTERED

Summary: Current law creates the Breaking Barriers to Employment Initiative Fund, as specified, in the State Treasury. Moneys in the fund are subject to appropriation by the Legislature for the purpose of carrying out these provisions in support of the initiative. Implementation of the initiative is contingent upon the board notifying the Department of Finance that sufficient moneys have been appropriated by the Legislature for this purpose. 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 the initiative is intended to focus on innovative approaches to, and proven practices for, addressing racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic disparities in the labor market opportunities, and make recommendations to the board to strengthen implementation.

AB 643

(Ramos D) Apprenticeship programs: career fairs.

Current Status: 9/27/21 Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 324, Statutes of 2021.

Current Location: 9/27/21 A-CHAPTERED

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 Status: 9/10/21 Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(15). (Last location was INACTIVE FILE on 9/9/2021)(May be acted upon Jan 2022)

Current Location: 9/10/21 A-2 YEAR

Summary: Would require the Labor and Workforce Development Agency to create 2 programs, to be known as the California Jobs Plan Program and the United States Jobs Plan Program. The bill would require the programs to meet specified objectives, including supporting the creation and retention of quality, nontemporary full-time jobs, as specified, and the hiring of displaced workers and individuals facing barriers to employment. The bill would require, as a component of applications for covered public contracts, as defined, the creation of forms for each program that state the minimum numbers of proposed jobs that are projected to be retained and created if the applicant wins the covered public contract. These components of the application would be known as the California Jobs Plan and the United States Jobs Plan, which the bill would define.

AB 709

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

Current Status: 9/10/21 Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(15). (Last location was REV. & TAX on 3/25/2021)(May be acted upon Jan 2022)

Current Location: 9/10/21 A-2 YEAR

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 Status: 10/5/21 Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 550, Statutes of 2021.

Current Location: 10/5/21 S-CHAPTERED

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 Status: 9/23/21 Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 223, Statutes of 2021.

Current Location: 9/22/21 S-CHAPTERED

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 with an employer of record, which may include, but not be limited to, 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 Status: 9/24/21 Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 296, Statutes of 2021.

Current Location: 9/24/21 A-CHAPTERED

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 Status: 10/8/21 Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 732, Statutes of 2021.

Current Location: 10/8/21 S-CHAPTERED

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 emissions of greenhouse gases to 40% below 1990 levels by 2030. Current law requires the commission to update the assessment once every 2 years. This bill would require the commission, as a part of the assessment, to identify workforce development and training resources needed to meet those goals.

IACA BILLS OF INTEREST

AB 565

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

Current Status: 9/22/21 Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 194, Statutes of 2021.

Current Location: 9/22/21 A-CHAPTERED

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 Status: 10/4/21 Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 477, Statutes of 2021.

Current Location: 10/4/21 A-CHAPTERED

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 Status: 8/27/21 Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(12). (Last location was APPR. on 7/6/2021)(May be acted upon Jan 2022)

Current Location: 8/27/21 A-2 YEAR

Summary: Would, contingent upon an appropriation by the Legislature, as specified, 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.

SB 804

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

Current Status: 10/7/21 Vetoes by the Governor. In Senate. Consideration of Governor's veto pending.

Current Location: 10/7/21 S-VETOED

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, as provided, or successfully served on a hand crew at the county level and were recommended for participation by county probation and county fire departments.