

CAC LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

May 4, 2023

CAC BILLS OF INTEREST

AB 221

(Ting D) **Budget Act of 2023.**

Current Text: Introduced: 1/10/2023

Introduced: 1/10/2023

Status: 1/26/2023-Referred to Com. on BUDGET.

Location: 1/26/2023-A. BUDGET

Summary: Would make appropriations for the support of state government for the 2023–24 fiscal year.

AB 290

(Hoover R) **Career technical education: California Career Technical Education Incentive Grant Program: Strong Workforce Program.**

Current Text: Introduced: 1/25/2023

Introduced: 1/25/2023

Status: 2/2/2023-Referred to Coms. on ED. and HIGHER ED.

Location: 2/2/2023-A. ED.

Summary: Current law provides, for the 2021–22 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, that \$300,000,000 shall be available to the State Department of Education, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the California Career Technical Education Incentive Grant Program. Current law requires an applicant to demonstrate a proportional dollar-for-dollar match and sets that amount for the 2021–22 fiscal year, and each fiscal year thereafter, at \$2 for every \$1 received from the program. Current law prohibits an applicant from being awarded an amount higher than the amount that the allocation formula determines them to be eligible to receive under the program. This bill instead would provide, for the 2024–25 fiscal year, and each fiscal year thereafter, that \$450,000,000 shall be made available to the department upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the program. The bill would reduce the proportional match for the 2023–24 fiscal year, and each fiscal year thereafter, to \$1 for regional occupational centers or programs operated by a joint powers authority or those operated by a county office of education, and to \$1.50 for local educational agencies. The bill would delete the prohibition against an applicant being awarded more than the amount determined by the allocation formula.

AB 338

(Aguiar-Curry D) **Public works: definition.**

Current Text: Introduced: 1/30/2023

Introduced: 1/30/2023

Status: 4/19/2023-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to suspense file.

Location: 4/19/2023-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Summary: Current law requires that, except as specified, not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages, determined by the Director of Industrial Relations, be paid to workers employed on public works projects. Existing law defines the term “public works” for purposes of requirements regarding the payment of prevailing wages to include construction, alteration, demolition, installation, or repair work done under contract and paid for using public funds, except as specified. Current law makes a willful violation of laws relating to the payment of prevailing wages on public works a misdemeanor. This bill would,

commencing January 1, 2025, expand the definition of “public works” to include fuel reduction work done under contract and paid for in whole or in part out of public funds performed as part of a fire mitigation project, as specified. The bill would limit those provisions to work that falls within an apprenticeable occupation in the building and construction trades for which an apprenticeship program has been approved and to contracts in excess of \$100,000. The bill would delay the application of those provisions until January 1, 2026, for nonprofits.

AB 372

(Nguyen, Stephanie D) **CalWORKs: eligibility: income exclusions.**

Current Text: Amended: 3/2/2023

Introduced: 2/1/2023

Last Amend: 3/2/2023

Status: 4/19/2023-Coauthors revised. From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (April 18). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 4/18/2023-A. APPR.

Calendar: 5/3/2023 9 a.m. - 1021 O Street, Room 1100 ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS, HOLDEN, CHRIS, Chair

Summary: Would additionally exempt income received by an apprentice or preapprentice for performing work as part of a specified apprenticeship program or preapprenticeship program from consideration as income for purposes of determining eligibility or calculating grant amounts under the CalWORKs program. The bill would authorize the State Department of Social Services to implement these provisions through an all-county letter or similar instruction until regulations are adopted. By expanding the scope of eligibility for CalWORKs, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

AB 558

(Arambula D) **Fresno County Transportation Authority.**

Current Text: Amended: 4/18/2023

Introduced: 2/8/2023

Last Amend: 4/18/2023

Status: 4/19/2023-Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV.

Location: 3/23/2023-A. L. GOV.

Calendar: 4/26/2023 10 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 127 ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AGUIAR- CURRY, CECILIA, Chair

Summary: The Fresno County Transportation Improvement Act provides for the creation of the Fresno County Transportation Authority with 9 members, as specified. Current law authorizes the authority to raise revenue, as specified, and to fund regional and local transportation improvements. Current law imposes various requirements on public works projects, including a requirement that, at minimum, all workers employed on a public works project be paid the general prevailing rate of per diem wages for work of a similar character in the locality in which a public work is performed, as specified. This bill would increase the membership of the authority to 13 members by adding to the authority a member of the public at large who represents a labor organization, a youth member, a local community member who is from a disadvantaged, unincorporated area of the county, and an educational member representing the county, as specified.

AB 694**(Gipson D) Teachers: teacher residency apprenticeship programs.****Current Text:** Amended: 3/27/2023**Introduced:** 2/13/2023**Last Amend:** 3/27/2023**Status:** 3/28/2023-Re-referred to Com. on APPR.**Location:** 3/23/2023-A. APPR.**Calendar:** 4/26/2023 9 a.m. - 1021 O Street, Room 1100 ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS, HOLDEN, CHRIS, Chair

Summary: Current law requires state and local public agencies to make a diligent effort to establish apprenticeship programs for apprenticeable occupations in their respective workforces. Current law establishes the Teacher Residency Grant Program and appropriates funds from the General Fund to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to make one-time grants to develop new, or expand, strengthen, or improve access to existing, teacher residency programs that support, among other things, a list of designated shortage fields. This bill would require the commission to submit the Teacher Residency Grant Program standards for approval as a registered apprenticeship program through the Division of Apprenticeship Standards and the United States Department of Labor and to act as the sponsoring authority for purposes of the state applying for United States Department of Labor grant funding. The bill would authorize a local educational agency with a commission-approved teacher residency program, or a local educational agency, in partnership with an institution of higher education, with a teacher residency apprenticeship program that is not approved by the commission as a teacher residency program, to submit these programs for approval as registered apprenticeship programs with Division of Apprenticeship Standards, the United States Department of Labor, or both of those entities, as provided.

AB 735**(Berman D) Workforce development: utility careers.****Current Text:** Introduced: 2/13/2023**Introduced:** 2/13/2023**Status:** 2/23/2023-Referred to Com. on L. & E.**Location:** 2/23/2023-A. L. & E.**Calendar:** 4/26/2023 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447 ASSEMBLY LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT, KALRA, ASH, Chair

Summary: Would establish the High Road Utility Careers (HRUC) program, to be administered by the California Workforce Development Board, to connect existing resources with individuals interested in careers in the utility sector and ensure a continued reliable workforce for California utilities. The bill would require the board to administer the HRUC program through partnerships with statewide water, wastewater, and energy utility associations and to coordinate the program with existing and future programs and initiatives administered by the board, including high road training partnerships, in order to align interested individuals with available resources. The bill would require the HRUC program, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to dedicate funding and resources toward accomplishing specified goals, including connecting workers to high-quality jobs or entry-level work with defined routes to advancement and increasing skills and opportunities while expanding pipelines for low-income populations.

AB 800**(Ortega D) Workplace Readiness Week: work permits.****Current Text:** Amended: 4/3/2023**Introduced:** 2/13/2023**Last Amend:** 4/3/2023**Status:** 4/13/2023-Coauthors revised. From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on L. & E. (Ayes 5. Noes 2.) (April 12). Re-referred to Com. on L. & E.**Location:** 4/13/2023-A. L. & E.**Calendar:** 4/26/2023 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447 ASSEMBLY LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT, KALRA, ASH, Chair

Summary: Would require the week of each year that includes April 28 to be known as "Workplace Readiness Week." The bill would require all secondary schools to annually observe that week by providing information to pupils on their rights as workers and would specify the topics to be covered. The bill would require the observances to be integrated into the regular school program in grades 11 and 12, consistent with the history-social science framework. By imposing additional duties on public school officials, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The bill would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to annually send a written notice to every secondary school with certain information relating to Workplace Readiness Week, as provided.

AB 1243**(Essayli R) Property taxation: exemptions.****Current Text:** Introduced: 2/16/2023**Introduced:** 2/16/2023**Status:** 2/17/2023-From printer. May be heard in committee March 19.**Location:** 2/16/2023-A. PRINT

Summary: The California Constitution exempts from taxation, among other types of property, growing crops, property used for free public libraries and free museums, property used exclusively for public schools, community colleges, state colleges, and state universities, and property belonging to the state or a local government. Current property tax law provides that these exemptions are as specified in the California Constitution, except as otherwise provided under certain other provisions of the California Constitution. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to the statutory provisions implementing those exemptions.

AB 1365**(Ortega D) Workforce development: grocery industry.****Current Text:** Amended: 3/9/2023**Introduced:** 2/17/2023**Last Amend:** 3/9/2023**Status:** 3/13/2023-Re-referred to Com. on L. & E.**Location:** 3/9/2023-A. L. & E.

Summary: Current law authorizes the California Apprenticeship Council and the Division of Apprenticeship Standards, in cooperation with specified state entities, including the agency, to foster and promote on-the-job training programs other than apprenticeship, in accord with, and agreed to by the parties to, any applicable collective bargaining agreements, as specified. This bill would require the agency to develop a labor-management training partnership to identify workforce training methods appropriate for the grocery industry.

AB 1370**(Ta R) California Community Colleges Economic and Workforce Development Program.****Current Text:** Amended: 3/28/2023**Introduced:** 2/17/2023**Last Amend:** 3/28/2023**Status:** 4/12/2023-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on L. & E. with recommendation: To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 12. Noes 0.) (April 11). Re-referred to Com. on L. & E.**Location:** 4/11/2023-A. L. & E.**Calendar:** 4/26/2023 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447 ASSEMBLY LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT, KALRA, ASH, Chair

Summary: Would revise and recast several provisions of the California Community Colleges Economic and Workforce Development Program. The bill would extend operation of the program indefinitely and would repeal the Job Development Incentive Training Program. The bill would revise and recast the principles governing the Economic and Workforce Development Program, provisions on the duties and membership of the program's advisory committee, the decision criteria for allocating program funds to colleges, and the definitions that apply to the program's provisions.

AB 1493**(Carrillo, Wendy D) Civil service: Career Development Apprenticeship Program.****Current Text:** Amended: 3/23/2023**Introduced:** 2/17/2023**Last Amend:** 3/23/2023**Status:** 3/27/2023-Re-referred to Com. on P.E. & R. Measure version as amended on March 23 corrected.**Location:** 3/23/2023-A. P.E. & R.**Calendar:** 4/26/2023 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 444 ASSEMBLY PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AND RETIREMENT, MCKINNOR, TINA, Chair

Summary: The State Civil Service Act creates the Department of Human Resources and grants to the department the powers, duties, and authority necessary to operate the state civil service system in accordance with Article VII of the California Constitution, the Government Code, the merit principle, and applicable rules duly adopted by the State Personnel Board. Current law requires the State Personnel Board to prescribe rules consistent with a merit-based civil service system to govern classifications, examinations, probationary periods, disciplinary actions, appointments, and other matters related to the board's authority under the California Constitution. This bill would require the department to administer and oversee the Career Development Apprenticeship Program, which would provide an alternative to the traditional civil service examination and appointment process, as specified. The bill would require the department to implement the program, including establishing eligibility criteria for participation, special job classifications or position tenure and status designations, alternative examination and appointment types, and appeal procedures. The bill would require the department or its designee to conduct competitive examinations to determine the qualifications and readiness of career development apprentices for permanent state employment.

AB 1567

(Garcia D) **Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, and Workforce Development Bond Act of 2024.**

Current Text: Amended: 4/7/2023

Introduced: 2/17/2023

Last Amend: 4/7/2023

Status: 4/19/2023-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on NAT. RES. (Ayes 10. Noes 2.) (April 18). Re-referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

Location: 4/19/2023-A. NAT. RES.

Calendar: 4/24/2023 2:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447 ASSEMBLY NATURAL RESOURCES, RIVAS, LUZ, Chair

Summary: Would enact the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, and Workforce Development Bond Act of 2024, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$15,105,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for safe drinking water, wildfire prevention, drought preparation, flood protection, extreme heat mitigation, and workforce development programs.

AB 1630

(Garcia D) **Planning and zoning: housing development approvals: student housing projects.**

Current Text: Amended: 3/21/2023

Introduced: 2/17/2023

Last Amend: 3/21/2023

Status: 3/22/2023-Re-referred to Com. on H. & C.D.

Location: 3/9/2023-A. H. & C.D.

Summary: Would enact The Student Housing Crisis Act of 2023. The bill would require a city, county, or city and county to classify student and faculty and staff housing as a permitted use on all real property within 1,000 feet of a university campus, as defined, for zoning purposes. The bill would require a proposed student or faculty and staff housing project, as defined, to be considered ministerially, without discretionary review or a hearing, if specified requirements are met, including that a minimum of 20% of the units in the project be rented by students or faculty and staff of the university. The bill would prohibit a local agency from imposing or enforcing on a student or faculty and staff housing project subject to ministerial consideration certain restrictions, including a minimum automobile parking requirement. The bill would require student or faculty and staff housing to have certain recorded deed restrictions, except as provided, that ensure for at least 55 years that, among other things, at least 20% of the units are affordable to lower income households, as defined, except as provided. In connection with an application submitted pursuant to these provisions, the bill would require a city, county, or city and county to take specified actions, including, upon the request of the applicant, provide a list of permits and fees that are required by the city, county, or city and county. By imposing new duties on local jurisdictions, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

SB 72**(Skinner D) Budget Act of 2023.****Current Text:** Introduced: 1/10/2023**Introduced:** 1/10/2023**Status:** 1/11/2023-From printer.**Location:** 1/10/2023-S. BUDGET & F.R.**Summary:** Would make appropriations for the support of state government for the 2023–24 fiscal year.**SB 332****(Cortese D) Apprenticeship programs: career fair: report.****Current Text:** Amended: 4/19/2023**Introduced:** 2/7/2023**Last Amend:** 4/19/2023**Status:** 4/19/2023-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re- referred to Com. on APPR.**Location:** 4/13/2023-S. APPR.**Calendar:** 4/24/2023 10 a.m. - 1021 O Street, Room 2200 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS, PORTANTINO, ANTHONY, Chair**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. Current law requires 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. This bill would require the Department of Industrial Relations to evaluate the effectiveness of the above-described notification requirement and submit, by January 1, 2026, a report making recommendations to the Legislature on how to improve outreach to high school students regarding apprenticeship and preapprenticeship opportunities, as well as ways to expand preapprenticeships and incentivize businesses to offer them.**SB 467****(Portantino D) Community colleges: apprenticeship or internship training programs.****Current Text:** Introduced: 2/13/2023**Introduced:** 2/13/2023**Status:** 3/23/2023-Read second time. Ordered to third reading.**Location:** 3/23/2023-S. THIRD READING**Calendar:** 4/24/2023 #31 SENATE BILLS -THIRD READING FILE**Summary:** Current law authorizes a student enrolled in a community college class or classes pursuant to an apprenticeship training program or an internship training program who does not have a social security number to use an individual tax identification number for purposes of any background check required by the class or program. This bill would prohibit a student from being denied admission to a community college apprenticeship or internship training program because the student uses an individual tax identification number for purposes of the background check required by the class or program.

SB 685**(Hurtado D) Apprenticeship Innovation Funding Program: AgTech.****Current Text:** Introduced: 2/16/2023**Introduced:** 2/16/2023**Status:** 4/13/2023-Set for hearing April 26.**Location:** 3/1/2023-S. L., P.E. & R.**Calendar:** 4/26/2023 9:30 a.m. - 1020 N Street, Room 100 SENATE LABOR, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AND RETIREMENT, CORTESE, DAVE, Chair

Summary: Current law establishes the Apprenticeship Innovation Funding Program, to be operative and implemented only upon appropriation of funds by the Legislature. Current law requires the Division of Apprenticeship Standards, within the Department of Industrial Relations, to administer the program to provide grants, reimbursements, or other funding for the support of an apprenticeship program or training of apprentices. This bill, during the first 5 years of the program's grant funding period, would require the division to prioritize at least 20% of grant funds to be dedicated to reimbursing wage loss of farmworkers transitioning to AgTech, as defined, or a related career, incurred while enrolled in a farmworker-related training program.

SB 740 (**Cortese D**) Hazardous materials management: stationary sources: skilled and trained workforce.

Current Text: Amended: 4/11/2023**Introduced:** 2/17/2023**Last Amend:** 4/11/2023**Status:** 4/20/2023-Set for hearing April 26.**Location:** 3/1/2023-S. E.Q.**Calendar:** 4/26/2023 9 a.m. - 1021 O Street, Room 1200 SENATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, ALLEN, BENJAMIN, Chair

Summary: Current law establishes an accidental release prevention program for the state. Under that law, stationary sources subject to the accidental release prevention program may be required to prepare and submit a risk management plan (RMP) to prevent accidental releases of certain substances. Current law requires an owner or operator of a stationary source that is engaged in certain petroleum-related activities, and with one or more covered processes that require the preparation and submission of an RMP, when contracting for the performance of construction, alteration, demolition, installation, repair, or maintenance work at the stationary source to require that its contractors and any subcontractors use a skilled and trained workforce to perform all onsite work within an apprenticeable occupation in the building and construction trades. Current law defines "skilled and trained workforce" to include, among other criteria, skilled journeypersons who are paid at least a rate equivalent to the applicable prevailing hourly wage rate. This bill would extend that workforce requirement to contracts awarded, extended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2024, by an owner or operator of a stationary source that is engaged in manufacturing hydrogen, biofuels, or certain specified chemicals, or in capturing, sequestering, or using carbon dioxide in specified conditions.

SB 822**(Durazo D) Workforce development: Interagency High Road Team.****Current Text:** Amended: 4/18/2023**Introduced:** 2/17/2023**Last Amend:** 4/18/2023**Status:** 4/20/2023-Set for hearing April 25.**Location:** 4/12/2023-S. G.O.**Calendar:** 4/25/2023 9 a.m. - 1021 O Street, Room 1200 SENATE GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION, DODD, BILL, Chair

Summary: Current law requires the board to assist the Governor in promoting the development of a well-educated and highly skilled 21st century workforce, and the development of a high road economy that offers an educated and skilled workforce with fair compensation and treatment in the workplace. Current law requires the California Workforce Development Board to assist in developing standards, procedures, and criteria for high road employers, high road jobs, high road workforce development, and high road training partners, as specified. Current law defines "high road" for these purposes to mean a set of economic and workforce development strategies to achieve economic growth, economic equity, shared prosperity, and a clean environment. This bill would require the Labor and Workforce Development Agency, the Government Operations Agency, including the Department of General Services, and the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development to establish, and be referred to as, the Interagency High Road Team. The bill would require the team to collectively be responsible for oversight and decision making, including, among other duties, creating high road evaluation metrics and providing technical assistance to state agencies. The bill would require the board to also assist in developing standards, procedures, and criteria for high road contracting and high road procurement, as specified, and would make conforming changes. The bill would require the team, upon request by a state agency and approval by the team, to establish interagency agreements that advance the objectives of high road procurement, contracting, and incentive programs. The bill would require, by November 1, 2024, each state agency to report to the team the agency's plan to incorporate high road employment requirements in that state agency's procurement processes, contracts, and incentives programs. The bill would require the team to compile specified information related to high road employment requirements reported by state agencies and to report this information to the Legislature by January 1, 2025.