

CHEAC Legislative Hot Sheet 2004 - #2

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SUPPORT 1

AB 1363/Berg - Authorizes cities, counties or cities and counties to develop clean needle and syringe exchange projects that contain prescribed components.

LAST ACTION: Assembly Appropriations

STATUS: Withdrawn from Assembly Appropriations - Re-referred to Assembly Health Committee

***AJR 54/Pacheco** - Memorializes the President and Congress to revise the formula used to calculate the FMAP to consider, in addition to a state's per capita income, the total number of persons living in poverty in that state.

STATUS: Introduced & Referred to Assembly Health Committee

SB 678/Ortiz - Appropriations bill for the CDC and HRSA bioterrorism preparedness grants. **Authorizes DHS to enter into contracts for the purpose of meeting the federally approved BT plan; exempts those contracts from provisions of law relating to contracting by state agencies.**

LAST ACTION: Assembly Floor

STATUS: Amended 1/29/04

SUPPORT 2

AB 472/Correa – Requires that federal funding received by the state for bioterrorism preparedness and emergency response is continuously appropriated to DHS during any fiscal year that the Budget Act is not enacted by July 1 of that year.

LAST ACTION: Passed out of Assembly Health (24-1) - 5/7 Heard in Assembly Appropriations - placed on suspense file

STATUS: Assembly Appropriations Committee - Heard, remains in committee

AB 988/Maze - Authorizes a credit against the personal income taxes for each taxable year beginning on or after 1/1/03, and before 1/1/08 in an amount either 20% of the amount received by a qualified medical care professional for treating Medi-Cal beneficiaries in a qualified county, or 10% of the salary received by a qualified medical care professional as an employee in either a qualified health center or a clinic operated by a federally recognized Indian tribe or the Indian Health Service.

LAST ACTION: Heard in Assembly Revenue & Taxation, placed on suspense file

STATUS: Assembly Revenue & Taxation Committee - Heard, remains in committee

***AB 1091/Negrete McLeod** - Requires the reportable diseases list to include reportable conditions and requires DHS to consult with CCLHO before making a change to the list. Exempts modifications to the list from certain existing adoption of administrative rules and regulations law provisions.

LAST ACTION: Assembly Floor

STATUS: Passed to Senate (78-0)

SB 101/Chesbro – Requires Knox-Keene health care service plans and disability insurance policies to provide coverage for the treatment of medically necessary substance related disorders on the same basis as they provide coverage for any other medical condition. Other provisions.

STATUS: Senate Insurance Committee

SB 142/Alpert – Creates the Medi-Cal to Healthy Families Accelerated Enrollment Program that would make children meeting specified criteria eligible for health, dental, and vision coverage under the Healthy Families Program. Other provisions.

LAST ACTION: Senate Floor

STATUS: Passed to Assembly (24-11)

OPPOSE 1

AB 206/Richman – Implements the Emergency Health Powers Act.

LAST ACTION: Passed out of Assembly Health (16-4) - 5/21 Heard in Assembly Appropriations, placed on suspense file

STATUS: Assembly Appropriations Committee - Heard, remains in committee

AB 1200/Longville – Limits the helmet law to drivers and passengers who are 17 years of age or less.

LAST ACTION: Amended 1/5/04

STATUS: Assembly Transportation Committee - Failed Passage (9-11) - Amended 1/15/04

AB 1470/Vargas - Authorizes, in any county, the increase in IHSS wages, benefits, or both, by voter initiative to the same extent that these wages and benefits may be increased by the BOS under the IHSS program. Requires a voter initiative to only be placed on the ballot of a previously scheduled county election and specifies the events that would have to occur in order for the voter initiative to take place.

LAST ACTION: Passed out as amended from Senate Health & Human Services (8-2) - Amended 7/16/03

STATUS: Senate Appropriations Committee - Set for hearing 8/29 - not heard, remains on Suspense File

OPPOSE 2

SB 685/Hollingsworth - Exempts from safety helmet requirements a person who has on file with the DMV a certificate signed by a physician or surgeon or a licensed chiropractor substantiating a disability that renders the person unable to wear a safety helmet as required under existing law.

LAST ACTION: Failed Passage in Senate Transportation (6-7) - Reconsideration Granted

STATUS: Senate Transportation Committee - Returned to Secretary of Senate pursuant JR 62(a) - dead bill

SPECIAL INTEREST BILLS

AB 30/Richman - Requires MRMIB to expand HFP to provide coverage to employed childless adults who are uninsured and meet certain income criteria only if the program has been expanded to uninsured parents and caretakers of children in the program. Subject to approval of federal waiver and appropriation of state matching funds.

LAST ACTION: Passed out as amended from Senate Insurance (5-2) - Amended 7/8/03

STATUS: Senate Appropriations Committee - Set for hearing 8/29 - not heard, remains on Suspense File

SB 431/Ortiz - Appropriates funds from the Federal Trust Fund to DHS to implement state and local bioterrorism preparedness measures.

LAST ACTION: Senate Floor

STATUS: Passed to Assembly (23-10)

SB 767/Florez - Enacts the California Health Care Safety Net Act of 2003 that would set a minimum level of funding for specified health care programs, and would prohibit these programs from being included in any transfer of responsibility and funding from state government to local governments. Requires a hospital, as a condition of receiving funds allocated for emergency departments from public sources, to have a written MOU or other formal agreement between the hospital and nonprofit community health centers in its area that would require emergency departments to establish a process, including protocols, whereby an emergency department would refer non-emergency care patients to nonprofit health centers for preventive primary care services and nonprofit community health centers would refer inpatient care cases to hospitals. Requires DHS Director to establish a task force composed of reps from specified provider groups to assess whether other programs should be added to the programs included in the health care safety net.

STATUS: Senate Rules Committee

SB 858/Ortiz – Intent bill to establish the Department of Public Health and to realign some responsibilities of DHS to the newly created department.

LAST ACTION: Passed out of Senate (37-0) - In Assembly

STATUS: Assembly Health Committee - Amended 7/29/03

***New Bills to the Hot Sheet - Please note these are unofficial positions until ratified by the General Membership in March.**