

CHEAC Hot Sheet #3 - 2007

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Bill Number Author Subject	Bill Status	Description	CHEAC Position
ASSEMBLY BILLS			
*AB 8/Nunez <i>Health Care Reform</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly.	Speaker Nunez's Health Care Reform proposal. Currently a spot bill to providing health care coverage for all Californians.	SIC
AB 86/Lieu <i>Nutrition</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Education Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing <u>3/7/07</u> . Not Heard. <i>Last Amendment:</i> 2/22/07	Prohibits the use of trans fat in snack and entrée food items sold to pupils in elementary, middle and high schools.	S-2
AB 110/Laird <i>Public Health</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Appropriations Committee on the suspense file.	Would allow counties to use HIV prevention and education funds to support clean needle and syringe projects.	S-2
AB 217/Beall <i>VLF</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Revenue & Taxation Committee.	Requires that the VLF be paid on a biennial basis rather than an annual basis.	Watch w/ Concerns
*AB 220/Bass <i>EMS</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Appropriations Committee.	Enacts the Firefighters Procedural Bill of Rights Act.	OUA
*AB 315/Berg <i>Consolidated Contract</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Appropriations Committee. <i>Last Amendment:</i> 3/19/07	Eliminates the repeal date for the integrated health and human services program statute.	S-2
*AB 345/Saldana <i>Alcohol/Drug Public Health</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly.	Establishes the Underage Drinking Prevention Act of 2007. 50% of the annual amount raised would be distributed to counties to reimburse the costs of publicly funded emergency and trauma services and youth alcohol treatment, recovery and prevention programs.	S-2
*AB 345/Beall <i>Alcohol/Drug Public Health</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly.	Establishes the Prevention of Youth Access to Alcoholic Beverages with Special Appeal to Minors Act of 2007. Requires beer manufacturers and wholesalers to submit info on their products to the ABC in order for the department to determine whether that product or brand has a special appeal to minors. Other provisions.	S-2
*AB 363/Berg <i>Medi-Cal FQHC</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Appropriations Committee.	Authorizes the provision of FQHC services to a patient by certain qualified health professionals at locations other than the FQHC's primary clinic site.	S-2
*AB 423/Beall <i>Mental Health Alcohol/Drug</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Health Committee. <i>Last Amendment:</i> 3/22/07	Expands coverage requirements for health plans and insurance, beginning 1/1/08, to include diagnosis and treatment of mental illness (current law only covers "severe mental illness") and substance abuse.	S-2

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*AB 425/Adams <i>Public Health</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Transportation Committee.	Exempts motorcycle riders, over the age of 18, who have either completed a motorcycle rider training program or have been issued a class M1 license, from the helmet safety law.	O-1
*AB 474/DeVore <i>VLF</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Transportation Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing <u>4/9/07</u> . <i>Last Amendment:</i> 3/28/07	Permits the Director of the DMV to establish a biennial vehicle registration period.	Watch w/ Concerns
*AB 615/Torrico <i>Emergency Preparedness</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Governmental Organization Committee. <i>Last Amendment:</i> 3/26/07	Requires the state to prepare for the language needs of persons with limited English proficiency in creating emergency and disaster response plans.	S-2
*AB 681/Carter <i>Health Departments</i>	<i>Location:</i> Referred to Assembly Local Government Committee and Assembly Health Committee.	Requires the San Bernardino County health department to establish a pilot program to prepare a local health assessment and planning report assessing the quality of health care provided to county residents.	Watch w/ Concerns
*AB 708/Huff <i>Public Health</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Health Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing <u>4/17/07</u> . <i>Last Amendment:</i> 3/26/07	Requires DPH to develop and implement an abstinence education program that would maximize federal financial participation.	Watch w/ Concerns
*AB 1386/Price <i>IHSS</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Human Services Committee.	Defines, for IHSS workers, the scope of accompaniment to a health-related appointment.	Watch w/ Concerns
*AB 1603/Caballero <i>EMS</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly.	Provides that any city, district or other local government may elect to provide ambulance transportation service within its geographic jurisdiction.	O-1
*AB 1634/Levine <i>Animal Control</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Business & Professions Committee.	Prohibits anyone from owning an unaltered dog or cat over the age of 4 months unless that person possesses an intact permit. Establishes an intact permit fee in an amount to be determined by a local jurisdiction and to be used for the administration of the local permit program.	S-2
*AB 1646/DeSaulnier <i>Public Health Districts</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Health and Local Government Committees. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing <u>4/17/07</u> (Health).	Authorizes the formation of public health districts.	Watch w/ concerns
SENATE BILLS			
SB 7/Oropeza <i>Public Health</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee.	Makes it an infraction to smoke in a motor vehicle in which there is a minor.	S-2
*SB 48/Perata <i>Health Care Reform</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Health Committee <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing <u>4/25/07</u> .	Senator Perata's Health Care Reform proposal. Would expand health insurance coverage through employer/employee mandates and some public program expansions.	SIC
SB 137/Torlakson <i>CCS</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing <u>4/16/07</u> . <i>Last Amendment:</i> 3/21/07	Changes the eligibility limitation for CCS eligible families (currently at \$40,000) to a family with an annual or monthly income equal to or less than 400% FPL.	OUA

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*SB 147/Ashburn <i>Public Health</i>	<i>Location: In Senate Appropriations Committee.</i>	Appropriates \$1 million to DHS to research the development of a vaccine for Valley Fever.	S-2
*SB 260/Steinberg <i>Medi-Cal</i>	<i>Location: In Senate Health Committee. Hearing: Set for hearing <u>4/11/07</u>.</i>	Provides that more than one Medi-Cal encounter between a patient and a provider on the same day and at a single location may be billed separately under certain circumstances. Also provides that under specified circumstances, visits with different health care professionals on the same day of service may be billed as separate visits.	S-2
*SB 471/Margett <i>Vital Records</i>	<i>Location: In Senate Appropriations Committee. Last Amendment: 3/26/07</i>	Requires any person who requests, in person, a certified copy of a birth or death certificate record to provide the official with valid identification.	WC
*SB 583/Ridley-Thomas <i>EMS</i>	<i>Location: In Senate Appropriations Committee. Last Amendment: 3/26/07</i>	Limits the authority of local EMS agency or public safety agency medical directors to take disciplinary actions regarding certificates issued or renewed by that local EMS or public safety agency.	OUA

NOTE: Bills with an asterisk reflect CHEAC Legislative Committee action and positions are unofficial until ratified by the General Membership.

Definitions of Legislative Terms

Chaptered – A bill passed by the Legislature and signed into law by the Governor.

Concurrence – The approval by the house of origin of a bill that was amended in the opposite house .

Dead Bill – A bill that has not met legislative deadlines for passage. Usually occurs at the beginning of the second year of a two-year legislative session.

Failed Passage – A bill that has been voted on in either a committee or assembly or senate floor and did not receive a majority vote. An urgency measure or tax increase must receive 2/3 vote on the floor.

Gut and Amend – An amended bill where the previous legislative language is removed and replaced with entirely new subject matter.

Held in Committee – Status of a bill that is heard in committee but no action is taken.

Inactive File – A bill ready for floor consideration but placed on a dormant list upon the author’s request.

Interim Study – The assignment of a bill’s subject matter to the appropriate committee for study during the period the Legislature is not in session.

Reconsideration Granted – A motion giving the opportunity to take another vote on a bill that has failed passage in a committee hearing or floor session.

Rules Committee – All bills are initially referred to this committee in each house for policy committee assignments.

Spot Bill (or intent bill) – A bill that proposes nonsubstantive changes to a code section in a particular subject. Often used as a legislative vehicle later in the legislative session for ideas not fully fleshed out when the bill is introduced.

Suspense File – Bills meeting a certain appropriation threshold in fiscal committees are placed on the suspense file. Fiscal committees in each house hold a special hearing close to the fiscal committee deadlines (late May and August) to determine which bills will come off the suspense file and move forward. The decision on each bill is pre-determined by leadership and the committee vote is mostly a formality.

CHEAC Legislative Position Chart

S - 1 Strong Support	S - 2 Soft Support	S - 3 Discretionary Support	SIA Support if Amended
O - 1 Strong Oppose	O - 2 Soft Oppose	O - 3 Discretionary Oppose	OUA Oppose Unless Amended
WC Watch with Concerns	W - SIB Watch - Special Interest Bill	W Watch	R/BB Refer/Bring Back

► Please note the Legislative Committee, on 3/22/07, recommended Support in Concept (SIC) positions for AB 8/Nunez and SB 48/Perata, the two major health care proposals before the Legislature.