

CHEAC Hot Sheet #6 - 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 Appropriations Committee. <i>Last Amendment:</i> 4/18/07	Creates the California Cooperative Health Insurance Purchasing Program (Cal-CHIPP) to function as a health care coverage purchasing pool. Subject to the appropriation of future funds, expands the number of children eligible for HFP and Medi-Cal. Deletes the citizen and immigration requirements for children under HFP and Medi-Cal. Other provisions.	SIC
*AB 53/Dymally <i>HIV/AIDS</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Health Committee. <i>Last Amendment:</i> 3/27/07	Renames the Office of AIDS to the Office of HIV/AIDS Prevention and Education, and requires DPH to establish 6 regional HIV/AIDS centers.	Watch w/ Concerns
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. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing 4/23/07 . Not heard. <i>Last Amendment:</i> 4/9/07	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 on the Suspense File.	Enacts the Firefighters Procedural Bill of Rights Act.	OUA
AB 315/Berg <i>Consolidated Contract</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Senate. <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 Governmental Organization Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing 4/18/07 . Heard, no action taken. <i>Last Amendment:</i> 4/11/07	Directs the BOE to calculate the revenues that would be collected if an alcoholic beverage is reclassified as distilled spirit rather than a beer. Includes intent language to use those revenues to prevent underage drinking.	S-2 Watch
*AB 346/Beall <i>Alcohol/Drug Public Health</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Governmental Organization Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing 4/18/07 . Not heard. Reset for hearing 4/25/07. <i>Last Amendment:</i> 4/18/07	Requires the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) to promulgate regs to require that any alcoholic beverage sold in CA to bear a label making its alcohol content easily discernable when the ABC determines the beverage meets specific criteria that may be appealing to minors.	S-2 Watch

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AB 363/Berg Medi-Cal FQHC	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Appropriations Committee on the Suspense File. <i>Last Amendment:</i> 4/10/07	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 Mental Health Alcohol/Drug	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Appropriations 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
AB 425/Adams Public Health	<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 VLF	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Transportation Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing 4/23/07. Not heard. <i>Last Amendment:</i> 4/16/07	Permits the Director of the DMV to establish a biennial vehicle registration period. Entitles a registrant choosing this option a 5% reduction in fees.	Watch w/ Concerns
AB 681/Carter Health Departments	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Local Government Committee and Assembly Health Committee. <i>Last Amendment:</i> 4/25/07	Requires the San Bernardino County health department, and would authorize any other local 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 Public Health	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Health Committee. Failed passage; reconsideration granted. <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 IHSS	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Appropriations Committee.	Defines, for IHSS workers, the scope of accompaniment to a health-related appointment.	Watch w/ Concerns
AB 1603/Caballero EMS	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Health Committee.	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 Animal Control	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Appropriations Committee. <i>Last Amendment:</i> 4/17/07	Prohibits anyone from owning dog or cat over the age of 4 months unless that has not been spayed or neutered. Establishes an intact permit fee in an amount to be determined by a local jurisdiction and to be used for the administration and enforcement of the local permit program.	S-2
AB 1646/DeSaulnier Public Health Districts	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Health and Local Government Committees.	Authorizes the formation of public health districts.	Watch w/ Concerns
SENATE BILLS			
SB 7/Oropeza Public Health	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee on the Suspense File.	Makes it an infraction to smoke in a motor vehicle in which there is a minor.	S-2

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SB 48/Perata Health Care Reform	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Rules Committee. <i>Last Amendment:</i> 4/18/07	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 CCS	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee on the Suspense File. <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
SB 147/Ashburn Public Health	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee on the Suspense File.	Appropriates \$1 million to DHS to research the development of a vaccine for Valley Fever.	S-2
*SB 254/Ashburn EMS	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Health and Public Safety Committees. <i>Last Amendment:</i> 4/17/07	Requires EMSA, beginning 1/1/09, to be the agency responsible for the statewide licensure and licensure renewal of EMT-Is and EMT-IIs. Would require all applicants for licensure to have a state and federal criminal background check. Requires all EMT-I and EMT-II employers to report in writing to the local EMS agency medical director and EMSA whenever certain disciplinary actions are taken.	S-2
SB 260/Steinberg Medi-Cal	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing 4/30/07 . <i>Last Amendment:</i> 4/19/07	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 261/Romero EMS	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee. <i>Last Amendment:</i> 4/16/07	Eliminates some of the qualifying criteria for the distribution of trauma funding. Establishes a centralized state regional trauma system administered by EMSA. Authorizes EMSA to retain an amount not to exceed 20% of trauma care funds, and requires EMSA to distribute available funds to those trauma regions.	Watch w/ Concerns
SB 583/Ridley-Thomas EMS	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing 4/30/07 . <i>Last Amendment:</i> 4/23/07	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

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*SB 809/Ashburn Clinics	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee. <i>Last Amendment:</i> 3/26/07	Sets forth the activities that a nurse practitioner is authorized to engage in. Revises the educational requirements for certification as a nurse practitioner, and requires a nurse practitioner to be certified by a nationally recognized certifying body approved by the Board of Registered Nursing. Removes the mandatory supervision of a physician or surgeon requirement for nurse practitioners. Other provisions.	Watch w/ Concerns
SB 840/Kuehl Health Care Reform	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee.	Establishes the California Health Insurance System to be administered by the newly created CA Health Insurance Agency under the control of an elected Health Insurance Commissioner. Makes all CA residents eligible for specified health care benefits under the system, which would, on a single-payer basis, negotiate for or set fees for health care services provided through the system and pay claims for those services. Requires the commissioner to seek all necessary waivers, exemptions, agreements or legislation to allow various existing federal, state and local health care payments to be paid to the system. Creates a health insurance policy board. Other provisions.	SIA

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.