

CHEAC Hot Sheet #2 – 2008

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Bill Number Author Subject	Bill Status	Description	CHEAC Position
ASSEMBLY BILLS			
AB 363/Berg <i>Medi-Cal FQHC</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee held on the Suspense File.	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 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>Last Amendment: 1/7/08</i>	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 <i>Health Departments</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Appropriations Committee <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing 1/16/08 . <i>Last Amendment: 1/17/08</i>	Requires Authorizes 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 <i>Public Health</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Health Committee. Failed passage.	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 Appropriations Committee on the Suspense File.	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 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 <i>Animal Control</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Local Government Committee.	Prohibits anyone from owning dog or cat over the age of 6 months unless that has not been spayed or neutered. Several exemptions are established. 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

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AB 1646/DeSaulnier <i>Public Health Districts</i>	<i>Location: On Assembly Floor. Last Amendment: 1/17/08</i>	Allows a Board of Supervisors to establish a public health district to provide disease prevention, surveillance and containment. Each district established shall be governed by a governing board that, at the discretion of the BOS, consists of members of the BOS, members appointed by the BOS or members elected by the voters of the district. If approved by the voters, BOS may levy a parcel sales and use tax to provide funding for these purposes.	S-2
ABX1 1/Nunez <i>Health Care Reform</i>	<i>Location: In Senate Health Committee. Hearing: Set for hearing 1/23/08. Last Amendment: 1/16/08</i>	Enacts the California Health Care Security and Cost Reduction Act.	Special Interest Bill
SENATE BILLS			
SB 147/Ashburn <i>Public Health</i>	<i>Location: In Senate Appropriations Committee on the Suspense File.</i>	Appropriates \$1 million to DHS to research the development of a vaccine for Valley Fever.	S-2
SB 254/Ashburn <i>EMS</i>	<i>Location: In Senate Health and Public Safety Committees.</i>	Requires EMSA, beginning 1/1/09, to be responsible for establishing statewide standards for EMT-Is and EMT-IIIs and to require the authority and local EMS agencies to be jointly responsible for the implementation and enforcement of statewide licensure and discipline of EMT-Is and EMT-IIIs pursuant to regulations adopted by EMSA. 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 583/Ridley-Thomas <i>EMS</i>	<i>Location: In Senate Appropriations Committee on the Suspense File.</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
SB 790/Torlakson <i>CCS</i>	<i>Location: In Senate Appropriations. Hearing: Set for hearing 1/22/08. Last Amendment: 1/7/08</i>	Ties CCS program financial eligibility to the Healthy Families Program. Revises 20% rule to use monthly income. Exempts counties' financial contribution to families over a benchmark amount equal to the dollar amount of 300% FPL for a family of two. Other provisions.	Watch w/ Concerns
SB 809/Ashburn <i>Clinics</i>	<i>Location: In Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee.</i>	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

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SB 840/Kuehl <i>Health Care Reform</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly 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. Allows the Healthcare Commissioner to determine city and county contributions to the program. 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 passed out of it’s house of origin by the end of January of the second-year of the two-year legislative session. (Please note all deadlines may be waived by Legislative leadership.)

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.

Two-Year Bill – A bill that has not passed out of it’s house of origin policy or appropriations committee by designated deadlines in the first year of a two-year legislative session. (Please note all deadlines may be waived by Legislative leadership.)

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