

CHEAC Hot Sheet #8– 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 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
AB 1646/DeSaulnier <i>Public Health Districts</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Health and Revenue & Taxation Committees.	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 sales and use tax to provide funding for these purposes.	S-2
AB 1900/Nava <i>Vital Records</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Judiciary Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing <u>3/25/08</u> .	Authorizes a Board of Supervisors to increase fees for certified copies of death records with proceeds to be distributed to nonprofit senior providers in the community.	SIA
AB 2129/Beall <i>Alcohol/Drug</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Health Committee.	Requires CDPH to develop, coordinate and oversee the implementation of a universal screening, assessment, referral and treatment model program for women either pregnant or of child-bearing age suffering from drug and alcohol abuse. Other provisions.	Watch w/ Concerns
NEW BILL AB 2352/Fuentes <i>Child Health</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Judiciary Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing <u>4/1/08</u> .	Allows the courts to remove morbidly obese children from their homes.	Watch w/ Concerns

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NEW BILL AB 2490/Jeffries <i>Emergency Preparedness</i>	<i>Location:</i> Referred to Assembly Public Safety and Business & Professions Committees. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing <u>3/25/08</u> (Pub Safety).	Creates the mega Public Safety Agency including EMSA, OES and Homeland Security among others.	OUA
NEW BILL AB 2702/Nunez <i>EMS</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Health Committee.	Adds standby emergency services in a Los Angeles facility to the list of eligible entities fro Maddy Fund emergency services reimbursements.	Watch w/ Concerns
NEW Bill AB 2902/Swanson <i>Public Health</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Health Committee.	Modifies current law creating the Rural Health Policy Council to now require the Governor to appoint an Officer of Health Access Awareness. Language encouraging the use of community-based health care workers is inserted into various program statutes including the diabetes control program, asthma and lead poisoning.	Watch w/ Concerns
NEW BILL AB 2904/Hayashi <i>Child Health</i>	<i>Location:</i> Referred to Assembly Health and Judiciary Committees. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing <u>4/1/08</u> (Hlth).	Requires counties to establish Child Mortality Review Panels to investigate the circumstances surrounding a child in protective custody's death within seven days.	Watch w/ Concerns
NEW BILL AB 2996/De La Torre <i>Emergency Preparedness</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Health Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing <u>4/1/08</u> .	Requires CDPH and local health departments (LHDs) to establish a process when conducting exercises on the outbreak of an infectious disease to identify any deficiencies in their preparedness plans and procedures and to track implementation of corrective measures.	Watch w/ Concerns
SENATE BILLS			
NEW BILL SB 158/Florez <i>Hospitals Infection Control</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Utilities & Commerce Committee.	Repeals the Hospital Infectious Disease Control Program established in 2006. Creates a new program within CDPH for health care infection surveillance, prevention and control. 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
NEW BILL SB 1058/Alquist <i>Health Facilities</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Health Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing <u>4/2/08</u> .	Establishes the Medical Facility Infection Control & Prevention Act that requires all health facilities to implement procedures for the screening, prevention and reporting of specific acquired infections. Requires DPH to sponsor local and regional trainings to prepare LHDs to control and track disease outbreaks, to provide LHDs and health officers with an inventory of basic electronic disease investigation data analysis software & to develop statewide exercises on communicable disease investigations.	Watch w/ Concerns
SB 1179/Aanestad <i>Immunizations</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Health Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing <u>4/9/08</u> .	Eliminates from current school immunization law language allowing the inclusion of other required immunizations recommended by the US Public Health Services' Centers for Disease Control Immunization Practices Advisory Committee and the American Academy of Pediatrics Committee of Infectious Diseases.	Watch w/ Concerns
SB 1236/Padilla <i>EMS</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Public Safety Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing <u>3/25/08</u> .	Eliminates the sunset that authorizes Boards of Supervisors to levy additional penalties collected for criminal offenses to be used for pediatric trauma centers and county EMS.	S-2
NEW BILL SB 1184/Kuehl <i>Disease Reporting</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Health Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing <u>3/26/08</u> .	Requires all clinical labs to report all CD4 count test results to health officers within seven days. Other provisions.	S-2

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SB 1394/Lowenthal <i>Public Health</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Transportation & Housing and Judiciary Committees. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing 3/25/08 (Trans).	Deletes existing provisions relating to physician reporting requirements for patients that experience lapses of consciousness. Instead authorizes physicians to in good faith patient lapses of consciousness if the physician reasonably believes that the reporting serves the public interest.	Watch w/ Concerns

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