

2021 STATE YEAR-END OVERVIEW

The California legislature adjourned another unusual session on September 10, 2021 and the Governor took final action by October 10, 2021. The Governor received 836 bills; he signed 770 and vetoed 66. Below are the bills CalTravel took positions on and their outcomes.

<u>SIGNED</u>

AB 61 (Gabriel): Business pandemic relief. – SUPPORT

Extends outdoor dining operations expanded as part of COVID regulatory relief for a year after the March 4, 2020 state of emergency is ended.

AB 361 (R. Rivas) Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences. – SUPPORT

Starting October 1, 2021 until January 1, 2024, allows local agencies subject to the Brown Act to use teleconferencing without complying with the Brown Act teleconferencing requirements when a meeting is held during a declared state of emergency.

AB 504 (McCarty) Solid waste: commercial and organic waste: recycling bins. – SUPPORT

Cleans up a piece of 2020 legislation relating to the number of recycling bins required at theme parks and attractions.

AB 654 (Reyes) COVID-19: exposure: notification. - MOVED TO NEUTRAL

Initially required the CA Department of Public Health to list the name and address of every worksite that had a COVID outbreak. After pushback that this would publicly shame already struggling businesses, that provision was amended out, removing CalTravel opposition.

AB 901 (Calderon) Rental passenger vehicle transactions. - SUPPORT

Modernizes various provisions of rental car law, including relating to hanger tags, charges for additional drivers, and damage waivers.

SB 60 (Glazer) Residential short-term rental ordinances. – SUPPORT

Raises the maximum fines for violating a local short-term rental ordinance committed in the same year: \$1000 for first; \$3000 for second; \$5000 for each additional violation.

SB 314 (Wiener): Alcoholic Beverages – SUPPORT

Extends outdoor dining operations expanded as part of COVID regulatory relief for a year after the March 4, 2020 state of emergency is ended.

SB 606 (Gonzalez) Workplace safety: violations of statutes. - OPPOSE

Establishes a rebuttable presumption that an employer's written policy that violates health and safety regulations exists at all of an employer's worksites.

<u>VETOED</u>

AB 1074 (Gonzalez): Employment: displaced workers. - OPPOSE

Adds hotel workers who work for a contractor or subcontractor to the Displaced Janitor Opportunity Act, which requires a new contractor to retain employees from a previous contractor for 60 days or risk being taken to court.

AB 339 (Lee): State and local government: open meetings. - MOVED TO NEUTRAL

Initially had onerous impacts on all entities subject to the Brown Act but was amended down to impact only city councils and boards of supervisors, removing CalTravel opposition.

TWO-YEAR/DEAD

The following bills may not be carried forward in 2022. If you would like additional detail, please email ezamani@caltravel.org.

- AB 106 (Salas) Regions Rise Grant Program. SUPPORT
- AB 395 (Lackey) Unlawful entry of a vehicle. SUPPORT
- AB 420 (Quirk-Silva) Public health: amusement parks and COVID-19. SUPPORT
- AB 1192 (Kalra) Employment information: worker metrics. OPPOSE
- SB 49 (Umberg) Income taxes: credits: California Fair Fees Tax Credit. SUPPORT
- SB 285 (McGuire) California Tourism Recovery Act. SUPPORT
- SB 408 (Min) Income & corporate taxes: credits: restaurants, bars, & hotels SUPPORT
- SB 410 (Leyva) Occupational safety and health: regulations. OPPOSE
- SB 424 (Durazo) Tax credits: employment: homelessness. SUPPORT
- SB 555 (McGuire) Local agencies: transient occupancy taxes WATCH
- SB 621 (Eggman) Conversion of motels and hotels: streamlining SUPPORT
- SB 678 (Rubio) Unaccompanied Women Experiencing Homelessness SUPPORT