



2022 STATE YEAR-END OVERVIEW

The California legislature adjourned on August 31, 2022 and the Governor took final action by September 30, 2022. He received 1,166 bills; he signed 997 and vetoed 169 (14.5%). Below are the bills CalTravel took positions on and their final outcomes.

SIGNED

AB 152 (Committee on Budget): COVID-19 relief: supplemental paid sick leave. – WATCH
Extends COVID paid sick leave from September 30, 2022 to December 31, 2022. Does not include additional hours. Also creates a grant program for expenses small businesses and nonprofits incur due to COVID supplemental paid sick leave and excludes these grants from “gross income” for tax purposes.

AB 1613 (Irwin): Theft: Jurisdiction. – WATCH
Expands the territorial jurisdiction in which the Attorney General can prosecute specified theft offenses and associated offenses connected together in their commission to the underlying theft offenses. Makes it easier to prosecute organized retail theft and car theft.

AB 1653 (Patterson) Property crimes: regional property crimes task force. – WATCH
Current law, until January 1, 2026, requires the Department of the California Highway Patrol to coordinate with the Department of Justice to convene a regional property crimes task force to identify geographic areas experiencing increased levels of property crimes and assist local law enforcement with resources, such as personnel and equipment. This bill would specify theft of vehicle parts and accessories as a property crime for consideration by the regional property crimes task force.

AB 2075 (Ting) Energy: electric vehicle charging standards. – SUPPORT
Requires the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) to convene a workshop every three-year rulemaking cycle on electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure standards. Initially introduced to require EV charging infrastructure in future commercial and residential buildings.

AB 2188 (Quirk) Discrimination in employment: use of cannabis. – OPPOSE
Requires saliva testing be used when conducting marijuana testing in pre-employment or workplace settings. Prohibits discrimination based on marijuana usage.

AB 2243 (E. Garcia) Occupational safety and health standards: heat illness: wildfire smoke. – OPPOSE

Suggests Cal/OSHA consider various updates to the Wildfire Smoke Regulation and Heat Illness Prevention in Outdoor Places of Employment regulations but does not compel action. Previously included duplicative and ambiguous provisions, as well as compelling Cal/OSHA to approve the listed changes.

AB 2647 (Levine) Local Government: open meetings. – SUPPORT

Allows writings distributed to members of a board subject to the Brown Act to be posted online if they were distributed less than 72 hours before an open, regular meeting and if physical copies are made available for public inspection at the beginning of the next regular business hours at a public office or designated location.

AB 2890 (Bloom) Property and business improvement districts. – SUPPORT

Clarifies PBID assessment calculation procedures to protect against litigation challenges that could severely impede or eliminate PBIDs and the benefits they provide.

ACR 174 (Boerner Horvath) California Tourism Month – SUPPORT

Declared May 2022 California Tourism Month.

SB 972 (Gonzalez) California Retail Food Code. – OPPOSE

Follow up to SB 946 (Lara, 2018) that decriminalized street vending. Makes street vending permits easier to obtain by creating a compact mobile food operation designation in the CA Retail Food Code and modifying mobile cart specifications required by public health. Eliminates civil penalties for noncompliant vendors, limiting code enforcement officers' ability to go after bad actors.

SB 1044 (Durazo) Employers: emergency condition: retaliation.– MOVED TO NEUTRAL

Allows workers when they are in immediate risk of physical harm, or if an evacuation order is issued at work, home or at their child's school to leave the worksite. Also prohibits employers from stopping workers from using mobile devices or other forms of communication for emergency assistance. Moved to neutral after amendments we worked for were imposed on the author to remove "state of emergency" to more clearly defined "emergency condition" and provide certain exemptions.

SB 1162 (Limon) Employment: Salaries and Wages. – OPPOSE

Requires companies with 100 or more employees to submit a pay data report to the California Civil Rights Department that includes the median and mean hourly rate for each combination of race, ethnicity, and sex within each job category. Amendments were imposed on the bill to prevent the data from being made public. Also requires employers to provide pay range for job postings and to employees who request the information.

SB 1338 (Umberg) Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Court Program – SUPPORT

Establishes the Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Court Program and the CARE Act to provide comprehensive treatment, housing and support services to Californians with complex behavioral health care needs.

DEAD

The following bills did not make it to Governor Newsom's desk for action. If you would like additional detail, please email emellia@caltravel.org.

- **AB 1993 (Wicks) Employment: COVID-19 vaccination requirements. – WATCH**
- **AB 2095 (Kalra): Employment information: worker metrics. – OPPOSE**
- **AB 2133 (Quirk) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: emissions. – OPPOSE**
- **AB 2177 (Irwin) Coastal recreation: designated state surfing reserves. – SUPPORT**
- **AB 2844 (Kalra) Cannabis catering. – SUPPORT**
- **AB 2932 (Low) Workweek: hours and overtime. – WATCH**
- **SB 485 (Portantino) Income taxes: tax credits: motion picture credit: extension: diversity workplan. – SUPPORT**
- **SB 930 (Wiener) Alcoholic beverages: hours of sale. – SUPPORT**
- **SB 1290 (Allen): Sidewalk vendors. – SUPPORT**