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Bill/Author	Status/next hearing date	Description	Alliance Position
S T A T E B I L L S			
AB 10* (Alejo)	Failed deadline; two year bill	Raises the state minimum wage to \$8.50 per hour with an automatic annual indexing of minimum wage for every year thereafter according to the percentage of inflation	OPPOSE
AB 22 (Mendoza)	Signed by Gov.	Limits employers' ability to use consumer credit reports for legitimate employment purposes, unless the information in the report is "substantially job-related."	OPPOSE
AB 36* (Parea)	Signed by Gov.	Conforms with federal law regarding the treatment of employee premium payments for adult children health care coverage as non-taxable income.	SUPPORT
AB 52* (Feuer)	Senate Inactive File	Reduces health care choices, access and quality by creating additional bureaucracy to impose price controls on health coverage policies while failing to address the major cost drivers of rising medical costs.	OPPOSE
AB 59 (Swanson)	Failed deadline; two year bill	Significantly expands the category of individuals with serious health conditions for whom an employee can take a leave of absence to assist under the California Family Rights Act	OPPOSE
AB 75 (Hill)	Signed by Gov.	Addresses deceptive notices mailed to businesses by strengthening disclaimer requirements and increases the penalties for failing to put disclaimers on solicitations making it easier for businesses to readily recognize the disclaimers.	SUPPORT
AB 135 (Hagman)	Vetoed by Gov.	Requires that at least one of the 11 members of the CA Air Resources Board be a small business owner.	SUPPORT



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AB 153 (Skinner)	Failed deadline; two year bill	Forces major online retailers to collect California sales taxes from transactions with state residents. (Passed as budget trailer bill, ABx1 28).	WATCH
AB 178 (Gorell/Williams)	Failed deadline; two year bill.	Requires defendants released from county jail due to overcrowding sign a release agreement requiring that they promise to appear at future court dates and penalizes those who fail to appear or commit subsequent crimes while of out of custody because of the order to release inmates	SUPPORT
AB 246* (Wieckowski)	Senate Inactive File	Promotes inconsistent enforcement of water quality regulations, hindering business' compliance. Allows city or county attorneys to file cases that are handled by a single unit in the AG's Office	OPPOSE
AB 273 (Valadao)	Failed deadline; two year bill	Requires economic impacts be considered when state agencies adopt new regulations.	SUPPORT
AB 281* (Gorell/Williams)	Failed deadline; two year bill	Increases penalties for repeat offenders of gang injunction violations	SUPPORT
AB 298 (Brownley)	Failed deadline; two year bill.	Sets uniform, statewide regulations for distributing reusable bags to customers.	SUPPORT (pending amendments)
AB 302 (Garrick)	Failed deadline; two year bill	Specifies that embroidering done by a small business is not included within the definition of garment manufacturing with CA Dept. of Labor.	SUPPORT
AB 325 (Lowenthal)	Vetoed by Gov.	Provides employees with four days of unpaid bereavement leave and creates a private right of action if the employee believes he/she was discriminated against as a result of inquiring, requesting, or taking it.	OPPOSE
AB 350 (Solario)	Failed in Senate	Adds 30 additional days to existing law for contractors and subcontractors, that are awarded contracts or subcontracts by an awarding authority to provide janitorial or building maintenance services at a particular job site or sites, to retain, for a period of 60 days.	OPPOSE
AB 400* (Ma)	Failed Deadline; two year bill	Requires employers to provide employees paid sick leave at a rate of one hour for every 30 hours worked regardless of when employment started.	OPPOSE



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AB 438* (Williams)	Signed by Gov.	Requires cities to call an election if they decide to save costs by having library services covered by private management.	OPPOSE
AB 448* (Ammiano)	Assembly Revenue & Tax Committee	Undermines Prop 13 protections by redefining the term “change of ownership” for legal entities so that reassessment of such property occurs when, cumulatively, there is a transfer of 100% of the ownership interests in a rolling three-year period.	OPPOSE
AB 550* (Huber)	Failed deadline; two year bill	Reopens the historic Water Legislative Package that was passed late in 2009 and interject the State Legislature into the design of a new water conveyance system in the Delta	OPPOSE
AB 591* (Wieckowski)	Failed deadline; two year bill	Imposes unnecessary and overly onerous requirements on operators and service providers using hydraulic fracturing treatment such with broad definitions for a complicated and multi-faceted practice.	OPPOSE
AB 597 (Eng)	Signed by Gov.	Establishes the CA Financial Literacy Fund in the State Treasury for the purpose of enabling partnerships with the financial services community and governmental and nongovernmental stakeholders to improve Californians' financial literacy.	WATCH
AB 598 (Grove)	Failed deadline, two year bill	Establishes that a lead agency's decision to approve a project, certify an EIR or adopt a mitigated negative declaration based on an initial study for a project is not subject to review by a court, except for reviews initiated by the Attorney General.	SUPPORT
AB 623* (Williams)	Signed by Gov.	Authorizes the Dept. of Alcohol Beverage Control to issue a limited off-sale retail wine license that would allow the licenseholder to sell wine if certain conditions are met.	SUPPORT
AB 638 (Skinner)	Failed deadline; two year bill	Empowers CA Air Resources Board and CA Energy Commission to develop new regulations to cut petroleum use 15 percent below the 2003 level by 2020 and increase alternative fuel usage 26 percent by 2022.	OPPOSE
AB 720 (Hall)	Signed by Gov.	Repeals provisions that specify county boards of supervisors or county road commissions are prohibited from using alternative procedures (such as private contractors) governing county highway contracts.	SUPPORT



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AB 742 (Lowenthal)	Failed deadline; two year bill	Creates disincentives for businesses to locate or grow in California by usurping local land use control and by disregarding the existing regulatory approval process, which, specifically, will drive up building material costs for infrastructure.	OPPOSE
AB 830 (Olsen)	Failed deadline; two year bill	Permits individual nonexempt employees to request an employee-selected flexible work schedule providing for workdays up to 10 hours per day within a 40-hour workweek, and would allow an employer to implement this schedule without the obligation to pay overtime compensation for those additional hours in a workday	SUPPORT
AB 832 (Ammiano)	Failed deadline; two year bill	Imposes a hidden back door tax on software with a majority vote bill by making it virtually impossible for the owner to show that the software meets the property tax exemption.	OPPOSE
AB 880* (M. Perez)	Failed deadline; two year bill	Streamlines the CEQA approval process for certain projects by allowing industries subject to compliance with greenhouse gas regulations under AB 32 to go through an expedited review through a focused environmental impact report.	SUPPORT
AB 889* (Ammiano)	Failed deadline; two year bill	Adds domestic workers to those under jurisdiction of Industrial Welfare Commission to regulate their wages, hours, and working conditions.	OPPOSE
AB 893 (M. Perez)	Failed deadline; two year bill	Creates more infrastructure projects and jobs in small and rural communities by authorizing the CA Infrastructure Bank to help these areas locate and negotiate financing options, including public-private partnership projects with private companies.	SUPPORT
AB 943* (Williams)	Signed by Gov.	Saves seaports money by amending the amount of new construction and maintenance of facility contracts that need to be put out to bid for competitive bidding.	SUPPORT
AB 1062* (Dickenson)	Senate Inactive File	Dramatically increases litigation costs for employers by eliminating the right to appeal a court order denying or dismissing a petition to compel arbitration, driving more cases into the courts.	OPPOSE



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AB 1069 (Fuentes)	Signed by Gov.	Extends the California Film Commission's requirement to allocate tax credits for qualified filmmakers an additional five years, until July 1, 2019	SUPPORT
AB 1130 (Skinner)	Assembly Appropriations Committee	Targets tax increase on higher income brackets, which will have a detrimental impact on small start-up businesses and discourage growth of such companies in California.	OPPOSE
AB 1112 (Huffman)	Signed by Gov.	Prior to amendments, would have annually increased fees on oil producers by 60% to replenish the state's Spill Response Trust Fund and Spill Prevention Fund, both of which were raided last year to transfer money into the state's general fund.	NO POSITION
AB 1155 (Alejo)	Vetoed by Gov.	Increases costs and lawsuits in the workers' comp system by eroding the apportionment provision that protects an employer from paying for disability that did not arise from work.	OPPOSE
AB 1239 (Furutani)	Assembly Appropriations Committee	Establishes 10% and 11% personal income tax brackets for high-income taxpayers and increases the alternative minimum tax (AMT) rate to 8.5%.	OPPOSE
AB 1250 (Alejo)	Assembly Rules Committee	Requires redevelopment agencies to document evidence of blight and prohibits redevelopment on vacant (never developed) tracts of land of 20+ acres.	SUPPORT
AB 1326 (Furutani)	Assm Rev & Tax Committee suspense file	Imposes a new 12.5 percent tax on oil and gas produced in California, with the proceeds earmarked for higher education at the Community College, California State University and University of California systems.	OPPOSE
SJR 4 (Harman)	Senate Business Committee	Urges Congress to approve the U.S.-South Korea Free Trade Agreement, which would lower tariffs and increase trade between the two countries.	SUPPORT
SB 14 (Wolk)	Vetoed by Gov.	Requires clear goals and measures the effectiveness of all programs as part of the state budget process.	SUPPORT



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SB 15 (DeSaulnier)	Signed by Gov.	Implements multi-year budgeting based on five year fiscal forecasts.	WATCH
SBX1 23 (Steinberg)	Assembly Revenue & Tax Committee	Budget trailer bill to permit county governments to place ballot measures on their ballots to enact several types of taxes currently not allowed under state law without prior legislative consent. (See SB 653)	OPPOSE
SB 49* (Strickland)	Failed deadline; two year bill	Prohibits a city, including a charter city, county, district, municipal corporation, or public authority from charging a fee to any person, regardless of residency, for the expense of an emergency response.	SUPPORT
SB 77	Assembly Inactive file	Budget trailer bill seeking to eliminate California's redevelopment agencies.	OPPOSE
SB 104 (Steinberg)	Vetoed by Gov.	Limits agricultural employees' ability to independently and privately vote for unionization in the work place, by eliminating a secret ballot election and replacing it with the submission of representation cards signed by over 50% of the employees	OPPOSE
SB 115* (Strickland)	Failed deadline; two year bill	Requires a public officer or employee who is convicted of any felony for conduct arising directly out of his or her official duties on or after January 1, 2012, to forfeit all rights and benefits under, and membership in, any public retirement system in which he or she is a member, effective on the date of final conviction.	SUPPORT
SB 116 (De Leon)	Failed passage in Senate	Raises taxes for many companies with significant investments of property and payroll in California by making the single sales factor apportionment method mandatory.	OPPOSE
SB 129* (Leno)	Failed passage; two year bill	Establish a protected classification for employees who use medical marijuana and thereby undermines employers' abilities to provide safe and drug-free workplaces.	OPPOSE
SB 144 (Wyland)	Failed passage; two year bill	Clarifies existing but impractical laws requiring an employer to provide an employee with one meal period during a work period of more than 5 hours and 2 meal periods during a work period of 10 hours.	SUPPORT



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SB 153 (Strickland)	Failed passage; two year bill	Prohibits members appointed to specified state boards and commissions from receiving a salary for the 2012-13, 2013-14, and 2014-15 fiscal years and instead receive a specified per diem.	SUPPORT
SB 168 (Corbett)	Vetoed by Gov.	Denies the check and balance on the legislative branch by the public by limiting the use of paid signature gathers critical for successfully sponsoring a referendum while signature gatherers on special interests payroll would be exempt.	OPPOSE
SB 200* (Wolk)	Failed passage; two year bill	Selectively alters key water policy legislation, add numerous unworkable mandates that would impede ongoing efforts to fix the Delta's ecosystem and water system improvements and mandates that 12 unrelated water supply facilities be advanced prior to construction of a new Delta as well as giving Delta water agencies veto power over Delta conveyance improvements.	OPPOSE
SB 224* (Pavley)	Signed by Gov.	Gives the Department of Water Resources (DWR) the same contracting authority as the California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) to reduce red tape.	SUPPORT
SB 241 (Canella)	Failed passage; two year bill	Gives a limited number of environmentally sound infrastructure projects protections from CEQA lawsuits	SUPPORT
SB 286 (Wright)	Failed passage; two year bill	Tightens definition of blight to prevent redevelopment agencies from inappropriately utilizing eminent domain as redevelopment tool.	SUPPORT
SB 330 (Padilla)	Senate Health Committee	Raises state's cigarette tax from \$.87/pack to \$1.50/pack with revenues going to state's general fund.	OPPOSE
SB 364 (Yee)	Vetoed by Gov.	Eliminates the incentive effect of future-enacted tax incentives by requiring employers to repay the state for incentives claimed in years where their businesses experience a net loss of employees, whether or not the reduction of employees was connected to the effectiveness of the incentive	OPPOSE



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SB 366* (Calderon)	Senate Gov't Organization Committee	Directs state agencies to do a top-to-bottom review of their regulations to identify duplicative, inconsistent or outdated provisions within 180 days.	SUPPORT
SB 378* (Dutton)	Failed deadline; two year bill	Confirms employees may adopt an alternative workweek schedule that requires up to 12 hours of work per day, as long as any hours worked over 10 are paid at the appropriate rate. Also, exempts businesses of five or less employees.	SUPPORT
SB 395 (Dutton)	Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file	Exempts manufacturing and research & development equipment from sales and use taxes.	SUPPORT
SB 432 (De Leon)	Failed deadline; two year bill	Directs Cal/OSHA to regulate the sheets and cleaning tools used by hotel/motel housekeepers which may or may not be the safest methods	OPPOSE
SB 450 (Lowenthal)	Vetoed by Gov.	Restricts how redevelopment agencies spend tax increment funds deposited into low- and moderate-income housing (L&M) fund, requires Dept. of Housing & Community Development to conduct audits of RDAs and expands the oversight of RDA audits.	SUPPORT
SB 469* (Vargas)	Vetoed by Gov.	Requires proposed "superstore" projects to undergo "economic impact reports" before approval by local governments.	OPPOSE
SB 475* (Wright)	Failed deadline; two year bill	Provides local governmental agencies with more flexibility to enter into agreements with private entities for financing for specified types of revenue-generating infrastructure projects (a.k.a public-private partnerships).	SUPPORT
SB 535 (De Leon)	Failed deadline; two year bill	Increases costs and discourages job growth by implementing unlimited fees and taxes under a cap-and-trade system to fund environmental justice programs.	OPPOSE
SB 568* (Lowenthal)	Assembly Inactive File	Bans all food vendors from using polystyrene foam food service containers, which are recyclable as opposed to more costly alternatives.	OPPOSE



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SB 585 (Kehoe)	Signed by Gov.	Collects an additional \$200 million from investor-owned utility ratepayers for the California Solar Initiative to fund a shortfall in the program.	OPPOSE
SB 653 (Steinberg)	Two year bill	Permits county governments to place ballot measures on their ballots to enact several types of taxes currently not allowed under state law without prior legislative consent. (See SB x1 23)	OPPOSE
SB 686 (Padilla)	Senate Appropriations Committee	Grants sales tax exemptions on biotechnology manufacturing equipment	SUPPORT
SB 693 (Dutton)	Failed deadline; two year bill	Extends Caltrans' authority to enter into P3 transportation projects with local entities and their public private partnerships for state projects.	SUPPORT
SB 810 (Leno)	Failed deadline; two year bill	Creates a new government-run, "single payer" health care system supported by an unspecified "premium structure" to be determined by 2014 that would conflict with recently enacted federal health care reform.	OPPOSE
SB 829 (DeSaulnier)	Failed deadline; two year bill	Undermines employer rights in CalOSHA citations by allowing private parties to interfere with the appeals process which could impose significant costs on employers.	OPPOSE
FEDERAL BILLS			
H.R. 4 (Lungren)	Signed	Repeals excessive 1099 tax paperwork for employers in 2010 national healthcare overhaul.	SUPPORT
H.R. 470* (Heck)		Authorizes the Department of Energy to enter into 50-year power contracts with Hoover customers and makes available 103 megawatts (MW) of Hoover power for new entrants and other eligible entities.	SUPPORT
H.R. 3078		Lowers tariffs and fosters increased trade between both Columbia and the United States.	SUPPORT



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H.R. 3079	Lowers tariffs and fosters increased trade between both Panama and the United States.	SUPPORT
H.R. 3080	Lowers tariffs and fosters increased trade between both South Korea and the United States.	SUPPORT

*letter(s) submitted