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Bill/Author	Status/next hearing date	Description	Alliance Position
STATE ISSUES			
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 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 196 (Vallejo)	Assembly Labor & Employment Committee	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	
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)	Assembly Public Safety Committee, failed passage	Increases penalties for repeat offenders of gang injunction violations	SUPPORT



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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 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
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)	Assembly Water Committee, failed passage	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 598* (Grove)	Assembly Natural Resources Committee, failed passage	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 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



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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)	Assembly Rules Committee	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 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
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



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AB 1148 (Brownley)	Assembly Appropriations Committee	Amends the Political Reform Act to expand disclosure requirements for ballot measures, independent expenditures and general issue advocacy, including unbalanced “disclosures” on broadcast and mass mailing advertisements, including provisions for TV and radio that could consume as much as 6 seconds of air time for 30-second spots.	
AB 1207 (Furutani)	Assembly Judiciary Committee, failed passage	Increases litigation exposure for property owners, developers, contractors, architects, engineers and other service providers by removing the statute of limitations for civil claims related to exposure to a pollutant or hazardous substance.	
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 Housing Committee	Requires redevelopment agencies to document evidence of blight and prohibits redevelopment on vacant (never developed) tracts of land of 20+ acres.	SUPPORT
AB 1439 (Alejo)	Assembly Labor Committee, Feb. 4	Annually indexes minimum wage based on previous year’s economic indicators.	
AB 1450 (Allen)	Assembly Labor Committee, Feb. 4	Establishes a protected class for unemployment.	
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 115* (Strickland)	Senate Public Employees & Retirees Committee	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	SUPPORT



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		retirement system in which he or she is a member, effective on the date of final conviction.	
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
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 200* (Wolk)	Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file	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 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 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 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 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



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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
SB 653 (Steinberg)	Senate Inactive File	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 ISSUES			
Trans-Pacific Trade Agreement		In 2011, Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Chile, Malaysia, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, Vietnam, and the United States—announced the achievement of the broad outlines of an ambitious, 21st-century trade agreement to enhance trade and investment among the TPP partner countries. Canada, Japan and Mexico have recently request inclusion in TPP negotiations.	SUPPORT
HR 2501 (DeLauro)		Prohibits employers and employment agencies from refusing to consider or offer employment to an individual because of their present or past unemployment status.	



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*letter(s) submitted