



2015-2016 Two Year Legislative Session

CA WIC Association (CWA) Bill Monitor Report

Breastfeeding Support Bills:

AB 2589 (Gomez)

Status: DEAD BILL

**(CWA Is Addressing Issue Administratively)
GOMEZ SENT LETTER TO SECTY DOOLEY**

AB 2589 seeks to support California families through the development of key metrics and improved programmatic coordination that will increase enrollment in the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program and improve breastfeeding rates among women in California. Specifically, this bill would direct the Department of Public Health (DPH), in coordination with the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), to:

- (1) Develop procedures to streamline the California Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program enrollment
- (2) Engage stakeholders to establish measures and outcomes for breastfeeding.

Sponsor: CA WIC Association (CWA) & CA Primary Care Association (CPCA)

CWA Position: SUPPORT-SPONSOR

AB 302 (Garcia):

Status: SIGNED INTO LAW IN 2015

Breastfeeding: Lactation Accommodation in High Schools

This bill would require a school district to provide reasonable accommodations to a lactating pupil on a high school campus to express breast milk, breastfeed an infant child, or address other needs related to breastfeeding. The bill would require that these reasonable accommodations include, but are not limited to, access to a private and secure room, other than a restroom, to express breast milk or breastfeed an infant child, permission to bring onto a school campus any equipment used to express breast milk, access to a power source for that equipment, and access to a place to safely store expressed breast milk.

Sponsor: Author & ACLU Northern CA

CWA Position: SUPPORT

Public Health Bills:

AB 2782 (Bloom):

Sugar Sweetened Beverages: Health

Status: DEAD BILL

This bill imposed a \$0.02 per fluid ounce fee on the distributors of Sugar Sweetened Beverages. Monies will go into a fund to treat diabetes, obesity, and dental disease.

Sponsor: Latino Coalition for Healthy CA, Public Health Institute, and others

CWA Position: RECOMMEND SUPPORT

SB 277 (Pan):

Status: SIGNED INTO LAW IN 2015

Requires Vaccines for All Children in CA

This bill would require all children in CA to receive the recommended vaccines, unless it is medically unsafe to administer vaccines to the child. This measure eliminates the "personal exemption" for families simply not wanting to vaccinate their child based on personal beliefs.

Sponsor: Dr. Pan and the AAP & CMA

CWA Position: SUPPORT

Family Justice Bills:

SB 23 (Mitchell): **Status: ON ASSEMBLY FLOOR (INACTIVE)**
Would Repeal CalWORKS Maximum Family Grant **ISSUE ADOPTED IN STATE BUDGET**
This bill proposes to abolish the CalWORKS maximum family grant. Limits to the family grant further strap struggling families in need of assistance.
Note: This Issues Was Adopted in the State Budget Process in June!!
Sponsor: Western Center on Law & Poverty and Others
CWA Position: SUPPORT

AB 908 (Gomez) **Status: SIGNED INTO LAW IN 2016**
Bill to Modify Paid Family Leave Program
This bill will modify the Paid Family Leave program to enhance benefits, increase the wage replacement, and increase the maximum duration of the benefit.
Sponsor: Author with Attorney General's Office
CWA Position: SUPPORT

Food Policy Bills:

AB 2054 (Thurmond): **Status: DEAD BILL**
Summer EBT Program for Children
This bill would direct the State of CA to 1) Develop the framework for a Summer EBT Program for children and 2) would require CA to pursue all federal resources and federal authority available to operate the program. The bill was recently amended to be based on availability of federal funds.
Sponsor: CA Food Policy Advocates
CWA Position: SUPPORT

AB 2099 (Stone) **Status: DEAD BILL**
Safe Drinking Water Assistance
This bill would require the State Department of Social Services to establish and administer a safe drinking water assistance program to provide cash benefits to low-income households, as defined, with inadequate access to safe drinking water so that they may obtain safe drinking water.
Sponsor: CA Food Policy Advocates
CWA Position: SUPPORT

CA Children's Services (CCS) Bills:

AB 187 (Bonta): **Status: SIGNED INTO LAW IN 2015**
CCS Program Protection Bill
This bill would eliminate the sunset/expiration date of the CCS "Carve Out" from Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans January 1, 2017.
Sponsor: Author (Supported by American Academy of Pediatrics and others)
CWA Position: SUPPORT

Misc Bills:

SB 1316 (Wolk) **Status: DEAD BILL**
Human Milk Tissue Banks
This bill was introduced by Senator Wolk to address issues related to Human Milk Tissue Banks and would require standards for the for-profit Tissue Banks in CA.
Sponsor: Author
CWA Position: SUPPORT

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AB 1644 (Bonta)

Status: DEAD BILL

School Based Mental Health Services for Early Childhood Trauma

This bill is the highest priority for Assembly Member Bonta this Session and would address early childhood trauma by creating support programs in the public schools in CA.

Sponsor: Children Now

CWA Position: SUPPORT

AB 2151 (Chu)

Status: DEAD BILL

\$20 Extra Allowance for Special Dietary Needs Under CalWORKS

This bill would require an additional payment of \$20 per month to address special dietary food needs of CalWORKS recipients.

Sponsor: Women's Foundation of CA Policy Institute

CWA Position: SUPPORT

SB 654 (Jackson)

Status: NEWLY AMENDED BILL

Parental Leave Act Improvements

ON GOVERNOR'S DESK

This bill would require an employer of 20 or more employees to allow paid parental leave for up to 6 weeks (unpaid) to bond with a new child.

Sponsor: CA Employment Lawyer's Association

CWA Position: SUPPORT

Cowger & Associates for CWA -- September 21, 2016