

California WIC Association 2023 Final Bill Monitor Report

Bills Signed into Law:

ACR 2 (Weber) Maternal Health Awareness Day
[CWA SUPPORT – Chaptered by Secretary of State](#)

SB 616 (Gonzales) Paid Sick Days in CA

This measure increases the number of paid sick days from 3 to 5 in California. Despite heavy opposition from business groups and employers, the measure passed the legislature and was signed into law by Governor Newsom. CWA has supported similar efforts in previous years, as well, to modify and update the Healthy Families Healthy Workplace Act of 2014.

[CWA SUPPORT - Chapter 309, Statutes of 2023](#)

AB 899 (Muratsuchi) Food Safety: Infant Baby Food

Requires, beginning January 1, 2024, a manufacturer of baby food sold or distributed in this state to test a representative sample of each production aggregate of baby food product, at a proficient laboratory meeting specified criteria (including being accredited; using an analytical method; demonstrating proficiency), for toxic elements (meaning arsenic, cadmium, lead, and mercury). Requires, for the final baby food products sold, manufactured, delivered, held, or offered for sale in the state or and after January 1, 2025, to disclose specified information to consumers, including making publicly available on its internet website the name and level of each toxic element present in each product aggregate of the final baby food product. Requires manufacturers to include on the product label a quick response code that links to a page on the manufacturer's internet website containing testing results for the toxic element and a link to related United States (U.S.) Food and Drug Administration (FDA) guidance, if a product tested for a certain toxic element subject to an action level, regulatory limit, or tolerance established by the FDA. [CWA WATCH - Chapter 668, Statutes of 2023](#)

AB 1203 (Bains & Cervantes) Tax Exemption for Breast Pumps & Related Supplies

This bill provides a complete state tax exemption for breast pumps, breast pump collection and storage supplies, breast pump kits, and breast pads. The exemption would apply for a five-year period, from April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2028. [CWA WATCH – Chapter 833, Statutes of 2023](#)

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The following measures were vetoed by Governor Newsom:

AB 524 (Wicks)	Discrimination: Would Have Added Family Caregiver Status to CA’s Fair Employment and Housing Act
AB 575 (Papan)	Paid Family Leave: Would have added “in loco parentis” parents to PFL Act.
AB 608 (Schiavo)	Comprehensive Perinatal Services Program Expansion: Would have expanded the coverage of postpartum services under Medi-Cal to 12 months.
AB 1057 (Weber)	CA Home Visiting Program: Governor Newsom vetoed the bill but asked CDPH to work more closely with the program partners and county health officers to ensure a successful program.
AB 1123 (Addis)	CSU Paid Leave for One Full Semester: Governor Newsom vetoed the measure due to the \$20 million annual cost.

The following bills were either held in committee (dead for the year) or were pulled by author:

- AB 4 Covered CA Expansion
- AB 228 Infant Formula Stockpile
- AB 274 Cal Works: Cal Fresh Income Exclusions
- AB 311 CA Food Assistance Program Changes
- AB 18 Paid Family Leave
- AB 583 Birthing Justice
- AB 605 Cal Fresh Expansion
- AB 1110 Public Health: Changes to the ACEs Program
- SB 245 CA Food Assistance Program Changes