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Legislative Status Report

The following Chamber-supported bills have advanced to the Governor’s desk:

- **AB 5 (Gonzalez)** will impact how business classifies employees and independent contractors. Note: While we advocated for a number of exemption/amendments that were not included, the Governor’s signature will help certain segments of the business community who secured exemptions. We will continue to advocate in 2020 for solutions for others, including resolution to the gig economy issue.

### Housing
- **SB 330 (Skinner)** would block local municipalities from downzoning or imposing new prohibitions on housing construction.
- **AB 1197 (Santiago)** would exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act any Los Angeles shelter or homeless housing project that gets funding from several state and local sources, including Prop HHH funds.
- **AB 1483 (Grayson)** would improve data collection on housing.
- **SB 13 (Wieckowski)** would prohibit or significantly limit impact fees on accessory dwelling units.

### Transportation
- **AB 47 (Daly)** implements a violation point against a driver’s record for distracted driving if an electronic device violation happens within 36 months of the same offense.
- **AB 1560 (Friedman)** revises CEQA’s definition of “major transit stop” to include BRT.

### Energy and Environment
- **AB 1054 (Holden, Burke, Mayes)** to establish the Wildfire Safe Advisory Board and require the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety and CPUC to develop consistent approaches to share data related to electric infrastructure safety. Also establishes Wildfire Fund and allows costs recovery for electric companies.
- **SB 190 (Dodd)** requires Office of State Fire Marshall to develop a model defensible space program for localities to use to enforce defensible space provisions.
- **SB 209 (Dodd)** established CA Wildfire Warning Center to monitor weather patterns that may be related to fire-threat weather conditions.

### Technology
- **AB 25 (Chau)** fixes an unintended consequence of having businesses treat employees or job applicants’ data as consumer data.
- **AB 1146 (Berman)** addresses vehicle information shared between a new motor vehicle dealer and the manufacturer vehicle repair relating to warranty work or a recall.
- **AB 1564 (Berman)** requires businesses to staff an email address provided to consumers to exercise their privacy rights.

### Healthcare
- **AB 414 (Caballero)** ensures that Californians are covered under minimum essential medical coverage.
• AB 174 (Wood) administers enhanced premium assistance to reduce healthcare premiums for those at the federal poverty level.
• AB 1004 (McCarty) requires the inclusion of developmental screening services for children zero to three.

Education
• AB 150 (Beall) **Chamber sponsored**, will improve access to the Chafee Grant Program, which provides state financial aid for current and former foster youth who are enrolled in a postsecondary education or training program.
• AB 943 (Chiu) would authorize the use of funding for the Student Equity and Achievement program for the provision of emergency student financial assistance.
• SB 554 (Roth) authorizes the governing board of a school district overseeing an adult education program or the governing board of a community college district overseeing a noncredit program to authorize a student pursuing a high school diploma or a high school equivalency certificate to enroll as a special part-time student at a community college.
• AB 1645 (Rubio) would require the California Community Colleges and the California State University, and request the University of California, to designate a Dreamer Resource Liaison on each of their respective campuses to assist students meeting specified requirements, including undocumented students.
• SB 354 (Durazo) would expand DREAM loan eligibility to a student who is enrolled in a program of study leading to a professional or graduate degree, including, but not limited to, a teaching credential, if the student meets the other applicable qualifications.
• AB 540 (Limon) would change the name of the Cal Grant B Service Incentive Grant Program to the California Dreamer Service Incentive Grant Program.
• SB 419 (Skinner) would prohibit a student from being suspended from a school district or charter school or recommended for expulsion, unless the superintendent of the school district or the principal of the school determines that the student has committed a specified act.

The **Chamber successsfully advocated against the following bills, which are dead for the year:**
• ACA 14 (Gonzalez) would have made it mandatory for all contracted employees for the University of California systems to have the same protections and standards as full time employees. **Granted reconsideration for 2020.**
• AB 1066 (Gonzalez) would have raised Unemployment Insurance costs by using UI to pay workers on strike. **Granted reconsideration for 2020.**
• SB 633 (Stern) would have changed existing Department of Toxic Substance Control cleanup standards that would result in less cleanup of contaminated sites and create uncertainty for all cleanup sites.
• AB 516 (Choi) would have taken away authority for peace officers to remove vehicles from the public right away that have five or more delinquent traffic tickets or parking citations.
• AB 764 (Bonta) aimed to prohibit businesses from offering incentives, such as manufactures coupons, for their beverages containing sugar.
• AB 765 (Wicks) would prohibit certain beverages in the checkout area of a store.
• AB 766 (Bonta) would prohibit retailer from selling an unsealed beverage container more than 16 fluid ounces.
• AB 138 (Bloom) would impose a tax on sugar-sweetened beverages.
• SB 567 (Caballero and Skinner) increases workers’ compensation costs for public and private hospitals by presuming certain diseases and injuries are caused by the workplace.
• SB 347 (Monning) establishes the Sugar-Sweetened Beverages Safety Warning Act, requiring a safety warning on all sealed sugar-sweetened beverage containers.

The Chamber opposes and will advocate for the Governor to veto:
• AB 857 (Chiu & Santiago) would allow local governments to create public banks.
• SB 1 (Atkins) freezes in place a number of federal environmental act standards in place on January 19, 2017 until January 20, 2025.
• AB 751 (O’Donnell) would pave the way for districts to replace the 11th grade CAASPP assessment with either the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or the ACT.

The following Chamber-supported priority bills did not advance:
• AB 58 (Wiener) to create a pilot program to extend bar hours in select cities.
• SB 736 (Umberg) to create the Creative Economy Task Force.
• AB 1416 (Rubio) to ensure the integrity of the MAUCRSA that requires all cannabis advertisements and marketing to accurately and legibly identify the licensee responsible for content.