



# MEMORANDUM

To: Panel Members  
cc: Peter Cooper, Assistant Director  
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Subject: Legislative Update

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The following bills are pending in the current 2018-19/19-20 legislative session that have a *potential* or *direct* impact on the Employment Training Panel (ETP) program:

## **BUDGET BILLS**

- **AB 89: (Ting) Budget Act of 2020 (2019-2020)**

**Summary:** This bill would amend the Budget Act of 2019 by appropriating \$500,000,000 from the General Fund to be used for any purpose related to the Governor's March 4, 2020 proclamation of a state of emergency. This bill would authorize additional appropriations in increments of \$50,000,000, up to a total appropriation of \$1,000,000,000. The bill would amend the act to state the Legislature's intent that the administration work with stakeholders, including members of the Legislature and legislative staff, to develop strategies to be considered for inclusion in the Budget Act of 2020 to provide assistance related to the impacts of COVID-19. The bill would amend the act by adding an item of appropriation to the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery.

**Status:** 06/29/2020; Chaptered by Secretary of State – Chapter 7, Statutes of 2020.

- **AB 1863: Budget Act of 2020**

**Summary:** This bill expresses the intent of the Legislature to enact statutory language to the Budget Act of 2020.

**Status:** 07/01/2020: Referred to Senate Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review.

- **AB 1917: (Ting) Budget Act of 2020 (2019-2020)**

**Summary:** This bill would make appropriations for the support of state government for the 2020–21 fiscal year.

**Status:** 1/17/20 Referred to Com. on BUDGET

- **SB 808: (Mitchell) Budget Act of 2020**

**Summary:** This bill would make appropriations for the support of state government for the 2020–21 fiscal year.

**Status:** 06/10/2020; From committee with author’s amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Senate Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review.

## **ASSEMBLY BILLS**

- **AB 1457 (Reyes & Cervantes) Regional business training center network; pilot project**

**Summary:** This bill would require the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) to create a two-year pilot project to create a regional business training center network through a partnership with the California Community Colleges, the Employment Training Panel, and the Labor and Workforce Development Agency. The purpose of this bill is to establish a statewide network of regional-based business training centers to support the upskilling of workers to meet the demand for jobs within essential industry sectors during the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the demand within emerging and dominant industry sectors in a post COVID-19 economy.

**Status:** As amended 06/29/2020. On 07/02/2020, referred to Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee.

- **AB 1839 (Bonta) Economic, environmental, and social recovery: California COVID-19 Recovery Deal**

**Summary:** Would enact the California COVID-19 Recovery Deal. The bill would make a series of legislative findings and declarations pertaining to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and various economic, environmental, and social conditions in the state. The bill would state the intent of the Legislature that the state adopt a policy framework with principles and goals committed to accomplish specified economic, environmental, and social objectives and priorities as part of the state’s COVID-19 recovery spending. The bill would state that the Legislature establishes various spending rules for the COVID-19 recovery, including adopting spending measures that prohibit businesses, organizations, or agencies from accepting public funds for any long-term projects that prolong the emission of greenhouses gases or lead to the expansion of fossil fuel projects and ensuring that recovery spending includes specific measures for California populations and communities most negatively impacted by COVID-19.

**Status:** 05/11/2020; Re-referred to Assembly Committee on Natural Resources.

- **AB 2669: (Irwin) Information security**

**Summary:** Current law establishes the Office of Information Security within the Department of Technology for the purpose of ensuring the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of state

systems and applications and to promote and protect privacy as part of the development and operations of state systems and applications to ensure the trust of the residents of this state. The law requires an entity within the executive branch that is under the direct authority of the Governor to implement the policies and procedures issued by the office. The law additionally authorizes the office to conduct, or require to be conducted, an independent security assessment of every state agency, department, or office, as specified. The law authorizes the Military Department to perform an independent security assessment of any state agency, department, or office. This bill would require state agencies not covered by the provisions described above to adopt and implement information security and privacy policies, standards, and procedures based upon standards issued by the National Institute of Standards and Technology and the Federal Information Processing Standards, as specified.

**Status:** 5/5/20 Re-referred to Assembly Committee on Privacy and Consumer Protection.

- **AB 2702: (Burke) Bioscience worker training initiative**

**Summary:** Existing law establishes in state government the Labor and Workforce Development Agency in the Department of Industrial Relations to foster, promote, and develop the welfare of the wage earners of California and to advance their opportunities for profitable employment, among other duties. Under existing law, the agency consists of the Office of the Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development and the California Workforce Development Board, among others. This bill would require the office and the board to establish, in collaboration with the California Economic Strategy Panel, a bioscience worker training initiative for the purpose of making California workers more skilled in the competitive global biosciences manufacturing and science value chain, as defined. The bill would require the initiative to be conducted in partnership with specified sectors and entities, including the state's life science industry sector and the Employment Development Department, to develop a strategy to support regionally based workforce intermediaries to provide one-time trainings, retraining, and ongoing training in advanced scientific research and development.

**Status:** 05/05/20 Re-referred to Assembly Committee on Labor & Employment.

## **SENATE BILLS**

- **SB 53 (Wilk) Open meetings**

**Summary:** Would specify that the definition of "state body" includes an advisory board, advisory commission, advisory committee, advisory subcommittee, or similar multimember advisory body of a state body that consists of 3 or more individuals, as prescribed, except a board, commission, committee, or similar multimember body on which a member of a body serves in their official capacity as a representative of that state body and that is supported, in whole or in part, by funds provided by the state body, whether the multimember body is organized and operated by the state body or by a private corporation.

**Status:** 8/30/19 August 30 hearing: Held in committee and under submission.

- **SB 315 (Hertzberg) Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development: taxation: gross income exclusions: opportunity zones**

**Summary:** Current law authorizes the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development to develop content on its internet website or through other mediums to be used for public dissemination, through outreach activities, in order to provide information and resources to inform the general public about place-based and other geographically targeted economic development programs, including California Promise Zones and California Opportunity Zones. Current law requires the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development to convene, at least annually, representatives from various programs and agencies across the state and from various federal programs and agencies for the purpose of discussing how California can leverage Promise Zones and Opportunity Zones to meet state and local community and economic development needs. This bill, until January 1, 2025, would eliminate the duties of the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development described above relating to California Promise Zones.

**Status:** 07/10/2019; Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(10). Last location was REV. & TAX on 07/10/2019)(May be acted upon Jan 2020).

- **SB 462 (Stern) Community colleges: Urban and Rural Forest and Woodlands Restoration and Fire Resiliency Workforce Program**

**Summary:** Would require the Chancellor's Office of the California Community Colleges, working in collaboration with the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges, to develop a forest and woodlands restoration workforce model curriculum and vocational programs to be offered by community college districts commencing on or before July 31, 2021. The bill would require the chancellor's office to allocate funds appropriated for purposes of the bill to community college districts that offer the coursework in accordance with the model curriculum, as specified.

**Status:** 08/30/19; Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(12). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 8/14/2019)(May be acted upon Jan 2020).

- **SB 749 (Senator Maria Elena Durazo) California Public Records Act: trade secrets**

**Summary:** Would provide that specified records of a private industry employer that are prepared, owned, used, or retained by a public agency are not trade secrets and are public records, including certain records relating to employment terms and conditions of employees working for a private industry employer pursuant to a contract with a public agency, records of compliance with local, state, or federal domestic content requirements, and records of a private industry employer's compliance with job creation, job quality, or job retention obligations contained in a contract or agreement with a state or local agency.

**Status:** 09/15/19; Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(15). (Last location was INACTIVE FILE on 9/13/2019)(May be acted upon Jan 2020).

- **SB 792: (Committee on Labor, Public Employment and Retirement) Employment Training Panel**

**Summary:** Current law establishes the Employment Training Panel within the Employment Development Department and prescribes the functions and duties of the panel with respect to certain employment training programs. Current law relating to the panel references the superseded federal act and refers to the state and local boards by their former names. This bill would update statutory references in provisions relating to the panel to refer to the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, the California Workforce Development Board, and local workforce development boards.

**Status:** Inactive Bill – Died.

### **CANNABIS RELATED BILLS**

- **AB 1948 (Assembly Member Rob Bonta) Taxation: Cannabis**

**Summary:** AUMA requires the Legislative Analyst's Office to submit a report to the Legislature by January 1, 2020, with recommendations for adjustments to the tax rate to achieve the goals of undercutting illicit market prices and discouraging use by persons younger than 21 years of age while ensuring sufficient revenues are generated for specified programs. AUMA authorizes the Legislature to amend its provisions with a 2/3 vote of both houses to further its purposes and intent. This bill would reduce that excise tax rate to 11% on and after the operative date of this bill until July 1, 2023, at which time the excise tax rate would revert back to 15%. The bill would suspend the imposition of the cultivation tax on and after the operative date of this bill until July 1, 2023. The bill would require the bureau, the Department of Food and Agriculture, and the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration to provide the Legislature with reports measuring the success of this bill, as specified.

**Status:** 03/09/2020; In committee: Hearing for testimony only.

- **SB 67 (Senator Mark McGuire) Cannabis: temporary licenses**

**Summary:** MAUCRSA, until January 1, 2020, authorizes a licensing authority to issue a provisional license to an applicant that holds, or held, a temporary license for the same premises and the same commercial cannabis activity, if specified conditions are met. Current law required the provisional license to be valid for 12 months and prohibits the provisional license from being renewed. This bill would, until September 15, 2019, revalidate an expired temporary license issued by the Department of Food and Agriculture, if the licensee submitted an application for an annual state license and application fees for the same premises and commercial cannabis activity for which the temporary license was issued, before the licensee's temporary license expiration date.

**Status:** 06/05/19 From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on B. & P. (Ayes 8. Noes 0.) (June 5). Re-referred to Com. on B. & P.