



MEMORANDUM

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I. **ASSEMBLY BILLS**

- **[CHAPTER 323 \(AB-628\): Breaking Barriers to Employment Initiative.](#)**

Summary: Among other things, this bill would instead provide that the initiative is intended to focus on innovative approaches to, and proven practices for, addressing racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic disparities in the labor market. The bill would require the executive director of the board to convene an advisory group, as prescribed, to make recommendations to the board on grant application criteria and parameters for eligible organizations, review and make recommendations to the board regarding grant proposals, support identification of prospective grantees, support technical assistance opportunities, and make recommendations to the board to strengthen implementation.

Status: On 09/27/2021: Approved by Governor, Chaptered by the Secretary of State.

- **[\(CHAPTER 746\) AB-680: Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: California Jobs Plan Act of 2021.](#)**

Summary: This bill would enact the California Jobs Plan Act of 2021, which would require the Labor and Workforce Development Agency to work with the state board to update the funding guidelines for administering agencies to ensure that all applicants to grant programs funded by the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund meet specified standards, including fair and responsible employer standards and inclusive procurement policies. The bill would require agencies to give preference to applicants that demonstrate a partnership with an educational institution or training program targeting residents of disadvantaged, tribal, and low-income communities.

Status: On 10/09/2021: Approved by the Governor, Chaptered by the Secretary of State.

- **AB-1106 Employment Training Panel: pilot program: employment training needs.**

Summary: This bill, upon appropriation by the Legislature, would require the Employment Training Panel to establish a pilot program to serve the employment training needs of small businesses. The bill would require the program to leverage the capacity of the existing statewide network of community college contract education centers operating with multiple employer contracts. The bill would require the Employment Training Panel to develop the pilot program to achieve specified purposes, including strengthening the linkages between higher education institutions and employers. This bill would require the Employment Training Panel, in developing the program, to work with key workforce and economic development partners, including the Chancellor's Office of the California Community Colleges, the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development, the Labor and Workforce Development Agency, and the California Workforce Development Board. The bill would also authorize the Employment Training Panel to establish one or more ad hoc advisory groups of stakeholders. The bill would require all data collected from the pilot program to be inputted into the Employment Training Panel's data tracking system. The bill would require the Employment Training Panel to submit 2 reports to the appropriate legislative committees on the implementation of the program and program activities, as specified. This bill would repeal these provisions on January 1, 2026.

Status: On 08/11/2022: In committee: Held under submission.

- **(CHAPTER 477) AB-1273: Interagency Advisory Committee on Apprenticeship: the Director of Consumer Affairs and State Public Health Officer.**

Summary: This bill would additionally make the State Public Health Officer and the Director of Consumer Affairs ex officio members of the Interagency Advisory Committee on Apprenticeship. This bill would prohibit the Department of Consumer Affairs and its various boards from prohibiting or approving an accrediting program that prohibits earn and learn programs for training in a profession licensed or certified by the board. The bill would prohibit the State Department of Public Health from prohibiting earn and learn programs for training of personnel. The bill would require boards of the Department of Consumer Affairs and the State Department of Public Health to use licensing or certification standards that authorize the use of earn and learn trainings.

Status: On 10/04/2021: Approved by the Governor, Chaptered by the Secretary of State.

- **AB-1306 Health Professions Careers Opportunity Program.**

Summary: This bill would add to the Legislative findings that there is an urgent and growing need for California to expand its pool of talented, diverse health workers, and to connect them more effectively to jobs in all communities. The bill would authorize the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development within the California Health and Human Services Agency to take specified actions, including funding internships and fellowships, to address identified barriers to entry in the health professions for students from underrepresented and low-income backgrounds, as specified. The bill would authorize the agency to establish pilot programs at University of California, California State University, California Community College, and private university campuses to serve 4,800 students, as specified, and to secure funding and establish infrastructure to develop, implement, and manage the pilot program.

Status: On 08/26/2021: In committee: Held under submission.

- **AB-1369 Buy Clean California Act: eligible materials: product-specific global warming potential emissions.**

Summary: Existing law, the Buy Clean California Act, requires the Department of General Services, by January 1, 2022, to establish and publish in the State Contracting Manual, in a department management memorandum, or on the department's internet website, a maximum acceptable global warming potential for each category of eligible materials, set at the industry

average of facility-specific global warming potential emissions for that material, expressed as specified. Existing law defines eligible materials for those purposes to mean carbon steel rebar, flat glass, mineral wool board insulation, or structural steel. This bill would define eligible materials to additionally include gypsum board, insulation, carpet and carpet tiles, and ceiling tiles. The bill would also require the department, by January 1, 2024, to establish and publish a maximum acceptable global warming potential for each category of eligible materials, set at the industry average of product-specific global warming potential emissions for those materials.

Status: On 08/11/2022: Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

- **(CHAPTER 445) AB-1407 Nurses: implicit bias courses.**
Summary: This bill would require an approved school of nursing or an approved nursing program to include direct participation in one hour of implicit bias training as a requirement for graduation. The bill would prohibit that provision from being construed to require a curriculum revision or to affect the requirements for licensure or endorsement under the Nursing Practice Act. This bill would, starting January 1, 2023, require a licensee still within the first 2 years of holding their license immediately following their initial licensure to complete one hour of direct participation in an implicit bias course, as specified, offered by a continuing education provider that has been approved by the board.

Status: On 10/01/2021: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 445, Statutes of 2021.

- **AB-1417 Community colleges: providers of care for individuals with developmental disabilities: model curriculum for certification program.**
Summary: This bill would express findings and declarations of the Legislature relating to the need in this state for well-trained providers of care for individuals with developmental disabilities. The bill would require the chancellor's office to develop a model curriculum for a certification program for providers of care for individuals with developmental disabilities, designed to be offered at community college campuses where there is sufficient student interest and a properly qualified faculty to sustain such a program. The bill would require the chancellor's office, in developing the model curriculum, to consult with individuals and organizations with expertise in the provision of care for individuals with developmental disabilities and the training of practitioners for that task.

Status: On 06/18/2021: In committee: Hearing postponed by committee.

- **AB-1431 Forestry: forest carbon and resilience goals.**
Summary: This bill would establish state goals for fuels treatment, vegetation management, and wildfire risk reduction, including, but not limited to, increasing vegetation management on nonfederal lands and urging the federal government to increase vegetation management on federal lands, as provided, and increasing the pace and scale of home hardening efforts to harden at least 100,000 existing homes per year by 2025. The bill would require that the established vegetation management goals be for activities that improve fire resiliency and reduce fire spread, duration, and intensity, fuel ignitability, or ignition of tree crowns, as applicable, and would require the state to implement, or cause to be implemented, the established vegetation management and home hardening goals in a specified manner, including prioritizing the implementation of these goals in the most vulnerable communities. The bill would require the Natural Resources Agency and the California Environmental Protection Agency, on or before January 1, 2023, and annually thereafter, to submit to the appropriate policy and budget committees of the Legislature a report on the progress made.

Status: On 08/26/2021: In committee: Held under submission.

- **AB-1436 Information privacy: digital health feedback systems.**

Summary: This bill would define “personal health record information” for purposes of the act to mean individually identifiable information, in electronic or physical form, about an individual’s mental or physical condition that is collected by a product or device, commercial internet website, online service, or mobile application that is used by an individual and that is specifically designed to collect and transmit, directly or indirectly, the individual’s personal health record information through a direct measurement of an individual’s mental or physical condition or through user input regarding an individual’s mental or physical condition. The bill would provide that a business that offers a personal health record system to a consumer shall not knowingly use, disclose, or permit the use or disclosure of personal health record information without a signed authorization, as specified. The bill would also prohibit a recipient of personal health record information pursuant to an authorization from further disclosing the health record information unless in accordance with a new authorization, as specified. The bill would make a violation of these provisions subject to specified administrative fines and civil penalties.

Status: On 08/26/2021: In committee: Held under submission.

- **AB-1524 State Air Resources Board: zero-emission drayage trucks: Project 800 initiative.**

Summary: This bill would require the state board to extend the Project 800 initiative to provide continued financial incentives to support the ordering of an additional 1,000 to 1,600 zero-emission drayage trucks in 2022 to serve California ports. The bill would express the intent of the Legislature that an additional 1,000 to 1,600 zero-emission drayage trucks will be ordered by December 31, 2022, and will begin operating at California ports by December 31, 2024, and that funding for the initiative come from, but shall not be limited to, the Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project. The bill would prohibit Project 800 initiative financial incentives from being made available to an applicant unless that applicant attests to the state board, in writing, that the applicant does not have an applicable law violation, as defined, at the time of application, and that the applicant will not have an applicable law violation for a specified period. The bill would authorize any person to submit a report that a purchaser or entity operating a zero-emission drayage truck that has received Project 800 initiative financial incentives, defined as a “participating fleet,” has failed to provide a truthful attestation or has an applicable law violation during the specified period to the Department of Industrial Relations for investigation. If the Department of Industrial Relations determines that a participating fleet failed to provide a truthful attestation or has an applicable law violation, the bill would require the participating fleet to repay all Project 800 initiative financial incentives received, including interest, as directed by the state board. The bill prohibits a participating fleet that is on a list maintained by the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement from receiving Project 800 initiative financial incentives.

Status: On 08/26/2021: In committee: Held under submission.

- **AB-1573 Small business technical assistance: California Business Retention Program.**

Summary: This bill, among other things, would add the definition of “small business technical assistance center,” which means federal small business technical assistance centers or local governments, or tax exempt nonprofit community-based organizations with a mission that includes economic or business development that operates entrepreneurial or small business development programs that provide free or low-cost services to underserved businesses and entrepreneurs, thereby expanding the scope of those entities eligible for grants under the program. The bill would provide the funding requirements applicable to an applicant that is not a federally contracted small business technical assistance center. This bill would create, upon appropriation of the necessary funds by the Legislature, a supplemental grant program designated as the Small Business Retention Program. The bill would require GO-Biz to establish the program to provide grants to small business technical assistance centers for the purpose of supporting the retention of small businesses

by leveraging the state's economic development and small business technical assistance providers, as provided.

Status: On 08/15/2022: Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

- **(CHAPTER 181) AB-1585 Health care.**

Summary: This bill would revise the required qualifications for the IP to require an IP to have primary professional training as a licensed nurse, medical technologist, microbiologist, epidemiologist, public health professional, or other health care related field. The bill would also require the IP to be qualified by education, training, clinical or healthcare experience, or certification, and to have completed specialized training in infection prevention and control. By expanding existing requirements, the bill would expand an existing crime, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program.

Status: On 09/16/2021: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 181, Statutes of 2021.

- **AB-1604 The Upward Mobility Act of 2022: boards and commissions: civil service: examinations: classifications.**

Summary: Existing law provides that it is the policy of the State of California that the composition of state boards and commissions shall be broadly reflective of the general public, including ethnic minorities and women. This bill would require that, on or after January 1, 2023, all state boards and commissions consisting of one or more volunteer members have at least one board member or commissioner from an underrepresented community. The bill would define the term "board member or commissioner from an underrepresented community" as an individual who self-identifies as Black, African American, Hispanic, Latino, Asian, Pacific Islander, Native American, Native Hawaiian, or Alaska Native; who self-identifies as gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender; who is a veteran, as defined; or who has a disability, as defined. The bill would apply these requirements only as vacancies on state boards and commissions occur.

Status: On 08/15/2022: Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

- **AB-1634 Employment: clean economy: the Office of Just Transition.**

Summary: The California Clean Energy Jobs Act has the goal of creating good-paying energy efficiency and clean energy jobs in California. This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation to create the Office of Just Transition in the Labor and Workforce Development Agency to help communities and workers transition to carbon neutrality jobs that build a robust clean economy.

Status: On 01/13/2022: From printer. May be heard in committee February 12.

- **AB-1644 Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: California Jobs Plan Act of 2021.**

Summary: The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, establishes the State Air Resources Board as the agency responsible for monitoring and regulating sources of emissions of greenhouse gases. The act authorizes the state board to include the use of market-based compliance mechanisms in regulating greenhouse gas emissions. Existing law requires all moneys, except for fines and penalties, collected by the state board from a market-based compliance mechanism to be deposited in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund and to be available to the state upon appropriation by the Legislature. Existing law, beginning in the 2022–23 fiscal year through the 2028–29 fiscal year, continuously appropriates \$200,000,000 from the fund to the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for healthy forest and fire prevention programs and projects, and the completion of prescribed fire and other fuel reduction projects. The California Jobs Plan Act of

2021 requires the state board to work with the Labor and Workforce Development Agency to update, by July 1, 2025, Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund funding guidelines for administering agencies to ensure that all applicants to grant programs funded by the fund meet specified standards, including fair and responsible employer standards and inclusive procurement policies, as provided. Existing law exempts from these standards applicants for certain types of projects. This bill would exempt from these standards applicants for healthy forest and fire prevention programs and projects, and the completion of prescribed fire and other fuel reduction projects.

Status: On 08/15/2022: Senate amendments concurred in. To Engrossing and Enrolling. (Ayes 76. Noes 0.).

- **AB-1651 Worker rights: Workplace Technology Accountability Act.**

Summary: This bill would require state agencies to periodically update their telecommuting plans to respond to changing technology and its impact on worker well-being. This bill would impose various duties on employers and their vendors regarding the ability to collect and use worker data, as defined. Specifically, the bill would confer the right to workers to know, review, correct, and secure data collected from them by their employer and would limit the ability of an employer to use that data beyond specified purposes. The bill would impose various limitations on the collection and use of data via electronic monitoring, would impose limitations on the purpose and effect of using Automatic Decision Systems, as defined, and would require employers to prepare and publish impact assessments for the use of various technology. This bill would require the Labor and Workforce Development Agency in coordination with its various departments and the Department of Fair Employment and Housing to enforce the worker data protections created by this bill.

Status: On 04/21/2022: From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on P. & C.P. (Ayes 5. Noes 2.) (April 20). Re-referred to Com. on P. & C.P.

- **AB-1679 Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development: California Business Investment Services Program: Supply Chain Senior Advisor.**

Summary: This bill would require the director to appoint a Supply Chain Senior Advisor within the office to be the principal advocate in the state for the interests of business and industry related to supply chain development and operation and to advise the director on legislation, administrative regulations, and other issues affecting the state's supply chain. The bill would also authorize the senior advisor, in consultation with the director, to establish and convene one or more advisory groups consisting of stakeholders in the state's supply chain. The bill would require the senior advisor to, among other things, collaborate with state agencies with similar duties and functions or that otherwise support or impact supply chains in the state and oversee and support the work of any advisory group established and convened pursuant to the bill's provisions. The bill would also require each state agency to furnish to the senior advisor reports, documents, and information that are public records and that the senior advisor deems necessary to carry out the advisor's duties and functions.

Status: On 05/19/2022: In committee: Held under submission.

- **AB-1733 State bodies: open meetings.**

Summary: This bill would specify that a “meeting” under the act, includes a meeting held entirely by teleconference. The bill would require all open meetings to be held by teleconference, would allow for use of teleconference in closed sessions, and would remove existing provisions of the act that require each teleconference location to be identified in the notice and agenda and accessible to the public. The bill would instead require the state body to provide a means by which the public may remotely hear, or hear and observe, the meeting and may remotely address the state body via two-way audio-visual platform or two-way telephonic service, as specified, and would require information to be provided in any notice to the public indicating how the public can access the meeting remotely. The bill would require the state body to provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the state body. The bill would require the state body to provide members of the public a physical location to hear, observe, and address the state body, and would authorize the members of the state body to participate in a meeting remotely or at a designated physical meeting location, and specify that physical presence at any physical meeting location is not necessary for the member to be deemed present at the meeting. The bill would require the agenda to be posted 10 days in advance of the meeting, or as provided in accordance with the provisions applicable to a special or emergency meeting, as well as posted on the state body’s internet website and, on the day of the meeting, at any physical meeting location designated in the notice. The bill would also provide that the notice of the meeting is required to specify the means by which a meeting may be accessed by teleconference. The bill would prohibit the notice and agenda from disclosing any information regarding any remote location from which a member is participating, and require members attending a meeting from a remote location to disclose whether any other individuals 18 years of age or older are present in the room.

Status: 04/20/2022: In committee: Hearing postponed by committee.

- **AB-1795 Open meetings: remote participation.**

Summary: This bill would require state bodies, subject to existing exceptions, to provide all persons the ability to participate both in-person and remotely, as defined, in any meeting and to address the body remotely.

Status: On 02/18/2022: Referred to Com. on G.O.

- **(CHAPTER 112) AB-1854 Unemployment insurance: work sharing plans.**

Summary: This bill would extend work sharing provisions indefinitely, and would require the department to accept electronic signatures on all work sharing plan documents. The bill would, beginning September 15, 2020, require that work sharing plan applications submitted by eligible employers, upon approval by the director, be deemed approved for one year, except as specified.

Status: On 07/19/2022: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 112, Statutes of 2022.

- **AB-1949 Employees: bereavement leave.**

Summary: This bill would require, if an existing leave policy provides for less than 5 days of bereavement leave, a total of at least 5 days of bereavement leave for the employee, as prescribed. The bill would make it an unlawful employment practice for an employer to engage in specified acts of discrimination, interference, or retaliation relating to an individual’s exercise of rights under the bill. The bill would require the employer to maintain employee confidentiality relating to bereavement leave, as specified. The bill would not apply to an employee who is covered by a valid collective bargaining agreement that provides for prescribed bereavement leave and other specified working conditions.

Status: On 08/11/2022: Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

- **AB-1996 State government: administrative regulations: review.**
Summary: This bill would require each state agency to, on or before January 1, 2026, review that agency's regulations, identify any regulations that are duplicative, overlapping, inconsistent, or out of date, to revise those identified regulations, as provided, and report to the Legislature and Governor, as specified. The bill would repeal these provisions on January 1, 2027.

Status: On 05/19/2022: In committee: Held under submission.

- **AB-2095: Employment information workers metrics.**
Summary: Current law establishes within the Labor and Workforce Development Agency the Department of Industrial Relations, one of the purposes of which is to foster, promote, and develop the welfare of the wage earners of California, to improve their working conditions, and to advance their opportunities for profitable employment. This bill would establish a program in, and administered by, the agency and would require employers with more than 1,000 employees in California, as provided, to submit various statistics regarding those employees to the agency. The bill would require the agency to develop in a prescribed manner criteria and a scoring methodology to rank employers that would qualify as an employer eligible to be certified as a high-road employer.

Status: On 05/19/2022: In committee: Held under submission.

- **AB-2132 California Medical School Tuition for Medical Service Pilot Program.**
Summary: This bill would establish the California Medical School Tuition for Medical Service Pilot Program under the administration of the Student Aid Commission. The bill would provide financial aid to certain students to support their undergraduate, medical school, and graduate medical educations. The bill would require these students to commit to practicing for a specified period of time in primary care or a high-needs specialty in California in medically underserved populations and areas. The bill would require the commission to begin implementing the pilot program during the 2023–24 academic year, including by developing program eligibility, outreach, and monitoring criteria. The bill would, among other things, require the commission to develop eligibility criteria, including by prioritizing students who are underrepresented in medicine based on race, ethnicity, and language.

Status: On 03/14/2022: Re-referred to Com. on HIGHER ED.

- **AB-2204 Clean energy: Labor and Workforce Development Agency: Deputy Secretary for Climate.**
Summary: This bill, upon appropriation by the Legislature, would establish the position of Deputy Secretary for Climate within the Labor and Workforce Development Agency, to be appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the Senate, for the purpose of assisting in the oversight of California's workforce transition to a sustainable and equitable carbon neutral economy. This bill would require the deputy secretary to coordinate with relevant state agencies to track the progress of the state moving toward 100% clean energy, as defined, and create or coordinate programs with other state agencies to retrain and upskill workers for clean energy jobs and jobs in related fields. The bill would make the operation of the act contingent upon an appropriation by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act or another statute for its purposes. The bill would repeal these provisions on January 1, 2046.

Status: On 08/15/2022: Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

- **AB-2263 Golden State Apprenticeship and Vocational Training Emergency Assistance Grant Program.**

Summary: This bill would, upon appropriation by the Legislature, establish the Golden State Apprenticeship and Vocational Training Emergency Assistance Grant Program under the administration of the commission to provide one-time grants to California residents in financial need, as determined by the commission, who meet certain requirements for purposes of paying educational-related expenses associated with the eligible recipient's state-approved apprenticeship or vocational program of participation. The bill would establish the Golden State Apprenticeship Grant Fund as the initial depository of all moneys appropriated, donated, or otherwise received for the program, and, upon appropriation by the Legislature, would require the commission to distribute moneys in the fund to eligible recipients, as provided.

Status: On 05/19/2022: In committee: Held under submission.

- **AB-2342 Community Economic Resilience Fund Program.**

Summary: Current law establishes the Community Economic Resilience Fund Program within the Workforce Services Branch of the Employment Development Department within the Labor and Workforce Development Agency. Current law requires the branch and the Inter-Agency Leadership Team, comprised of the Labor and Workforce Development Agency, the Office of Planning and Research, and the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development, to administer the program. Current law makes the team jointly responsible for planning, oversight, and decision-making, as specified, and sets forth the specifics of the team's composition and duties. This bill would, among other things, require the Inter-Agency Leadership Team to include policies for grant funds to fund business and workforce investments in multiple sectors, state and federal recognized apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs, and other workforce programs that support career pathways to high road jobs, require collaboratives to engage local and regional planning efforts, and require the Workforce Services Branch to make available copies of the reports on the internet websites of each agency of the Inter-Agency Leadership Team within 30 days of submitting the report

Status: On 06/28/2022: Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

- **AB-2358 Alternative vehicle and vessel technologies: funding programs: commercial harbor craft.**

Summary: This bill would expand the purposes of the program to include the funding of the development, demonstration, precommercial pilot, and early commercial deployment of zero- and near-zero-emission commercial harbor craft technologies. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation to establish a grant program, within the Carl Moyer Program, to provide grants to ferry operators for engine repower and vessel replacement to comply with the state board's commercial harbor craft regulation.

Status: On 06/14/2022: In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

- **AB-2425 Community colleges: Hire UP: From Corrections to Career Pilot Program.**

Summary: This bill would establish the Hire UP: From Corrections to Career Pilot Program, to be administered by the Office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges and the Student Aid Commission. The bill would authorize the chancellor's office to enter into agreements with up to 10 community college districts to provide funding for stipends to formerly incarcerated individuals. The bill would require the chancellor's office to develop an application for community college districts wishing to participate to apply for funding, and to develop criteria for the selection of individual stipend recipients, as provided. The bill would make funding for the pilot program subject to an appropriation by the Legislature for these purposes, up to \$60,000,000 annually. The

bill would require the chancellor's office to submit an annual report to the Legislature on the implementation of the pilot program, including key conclusions and policy recommendations.

Status: On 06/13/2022: In committee: Hearing postponed by committee.

- **AB-2446 Embodied carbon emissions: construction materials.**

Summary: This bill would require the commission to develop a framework for measuring and then reducing carbon intensity in the construction of new buildings, including those for residential uses. The bill would require the commission to design the framework to achieve an 80% net reduction in the carbon intensity of construction and materials used in new construction by 2045, with interim goals of 20% below 2020 levels by 2030 and 40% below 2020 levels by 2035. The bill would require the commission to take certain actions to facilitate the achievement of these goals.

Status: On 08/15/2022: Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

- **AB-2465 Pupil instruction: third-grade literacy: literacy grant program.**

Summary: This bill would create the Family and Community Literacy: Supporting Literacy and Biliteracy in Schools, Families, and Communities Grant Program for the purpose of supporting the goal of all of California's pupils reading at grade level by third grade and engaging families at every stage of that process. The bill would require the department to award competitive grants from the California Family Literacy Innovation Project to local educational agencies, as provided. This bill would establish the California Family Literacy Innovation Project, under the administration of the department, in order to support community literacy and educational enrichment by supporting local educational agencies to engage families to improve literacy and biliteracy outcomes. The bill would require the department to award grants of up to \$1,900,000 each to at least 25 local educational agencies that conduct a needs assessment and analysis, and design an evidence-based Family Literacy and Biliteracy Innovation Plan, as provided. The bill would require grant recipients to provide annual progress reports to the department, and would require the department to contract with an external evaluator to develop a final report and evaluate program effectiveness, as provided.

Status: On 08/11/2022: In committee: Held under submission.

- **AB-2522 Public Health Workforce Loan Repayment Program.**

Summary: This bill would require the department to develop and administer the Public Health Workforce Loan Repayment Program to provide loan assistance payments to qualifying public health workforce staff. The bill would require the department to commence providing loan assistance payments to individuals as of July 1, 2024. The bill would require the department, in administering the program, to establish various things, including an application process for applicants and eligibility criteria, as specified. The bill would require the department, on or before April 4 each year, to post a report on the program, as specified. The bill would authorize the department to implement, interpret, or make specific those provisions by means of policy letters, provider bulletins, or other similar instructions, without taking regulatory action. This bill would appropriate \$90,000,000 from the General Fund to the department to administer and implement those provisions, in accordance with a specified schedule.

Status: On 08/11/2022: In committee: Held under submission.

- **AB-2562 Clean Transportation Program: hydrogen-fueling stations.**

Summary: This bill would require the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, if it awards funding to hydrogen-fueling station projects under the program, to provide preference to those projects that are located at a port and are publicly accessible, are collocated at a fueling station for medium- and heavy-duty trucks, or are located along a state

highway designated as a freight corridor. The Commission shall collaborate with entities that have expertise in workforce development to implement the workforce development components of this section, including, but not limited to, the California Workforce Development Board, the Employment Training Panel, the Employment Development Department, and the Division of Apprenticeship Standards

Status: On 05/19/2022: In committee: Held under submission.

- **AB-2627 Electronically collected personal information: state and local agencies: the California Community Colleges: memorandum of understanding.**

Summary: This bill would authorize a state or local agency, at the request of the governing board of a California Community College district, to enter into a memorandum of understanding that would allow the agency and the district to share electronically collected personal information about users, unless the user has not granted permission for that disclosure, for purposes of facilitating outreach to, and enrollment, of individuals in the California Community Colleges system and notifying the user of all available support resources.

Status: On 08/15/2022: Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

- **AB-2670 California Regional Initiative for Social Enterprises Program.**

Summary: This bill would require, upon appropriation by the Legislature, the Government Operations Agency to establish the California Regional Initiative for Social Enterprises Program for purposes of creating a statewide effort to support employment social enterprises, as described. The bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would expand on the framework for the program.

Status: 05/19/2022: In committee: Held under submission.

- **AB-2696 Electricity: transmission facilities: study.**

Summary: This bill would require the Energy Commission, in consultation with the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank, the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development, the Independent System Operator, and the Public Utilities Commission, to conduct a study to review potential lower cost ownership and alternative financing mechanisms for new transmission facilities needed to meet the state's clean energy and climate targets, as specified, and to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature, on or before September 30, 2023, with findings and recommendations related to the study.

Status: On 08/11/2022: In committee: Held under submission.

- **AB-2807 Transportation funding programs: eligibility: commercial harbor craft: public transportation ferries.**

Summary: This bill would expand the purposes of the program to include the funding of the development, demonstration, precommercial pilot, and early commercial deployment of zero- and near-zero-emission commercial harbor craft technologies. This bill would expand the programs and projects that are eligible to receive funding under the Clean Transportation Program to include programs and projects that accelerate the commercialization of commercial harbor craft and alternative and renewable fuels and programs and projects to retrofit fleets of commercial harbor craft with technologies that create higher fuel efficiencies. This bill would expand the programs that are eligible to receive funding under the Air Quality Improvement Program to include incentives for commercial harbor craft, including low- or zero-emission commercial harbor craft. This bill would specifically provide that expenditures related to the purchase of zero-emission public transportation ferries are an eligible expenditure under the program if the expenditure would result in new or expanded waterborne transit.

Status: On 08/11/2022: In committee: Held under submission.

- **AB-2849 The Promote Ownership by Workers for Economic Recovery Act.**
Summary: This bill would require the Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development (secretary) to organize, and members to maintain, a corporation under the Nonprofit Mutual Benefit Corporation Law named the “Association of Cooperative Labor Contractors” (association) or a substantially similar name. The bill would require the association to function as a membership organization for cooperative labor contractors, establish or grant membership to cooperative labor contractors, as defined, in specific industries, provide management and other business services to its members, and improve business conditions for member cooperative labor contractors. The bill would require the initial board of directors to be appointed by the Governor, Speaker of the Assembly, and President pro Tempore of the Senate. This bill would provide that the association is a nonpublic entity, does not constitute a public agency or state employer for any purpose, and that once the secretary organizes the association as a nonprofit mutual benefit corporation and the Governor, Speaker of the Assembly, and President pro Tempore of the Senate appoint the first initial board of directors, there shall be no further control of the operation of the association by any governmental entity. This bill would require the association to establish or grant membership to cooperative labor contractors and imbue the association with the power to suspend or expel those member cooperative labor contractors, as provided. The bill would require the member cooperative labor contractors to have and maintain democratic worker control and have certain elements in its governing documents. The bill would also set certain minimum labor standards. The bill would also provide, among other things, that the association and member cooperative labor contractors are not labor contractors.

Status: On 08/15/2022: Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

- **AB-2851 Salton Sea geothermal resource area: Lithium Valley Office of Development.**
Summary: This bill would establish the Lithium Valley Office of Development within the Natural Resources Agency. The bill would require the office, in consultation with relevant state and local agencies, to coordinate activities related to funding, economic development, construction, manufacturing, technical development, and reclamation of lithium located in the Salton Sea geothermal resource area.

Status: On 05/19/2022: In committee: Held under submission.

- **AB-2903 California Workforce Development Board: Salton Sea geothermal resources area: Equitable Access Program.**
Summary: This bill would establish the Equitable Access Program to be administered by the board to prioritize employment opportunities in construction, manufacturing, technical, maintenance, operations, or reclamation activities for local residents in the Salton Sea geothermal resources area.

Status: On 05/19/2022: In committee: Held under submission.

II. **SENATE BILLS**

- **(CHAPTER 3) SB-113 Economic relief: COVID-19 pandemic.**
Summary: Among other things, this bill would create the California Emergency Relief Fund as a special fund in the State Treasury to provide emergency resources or relief relating to state of emergency declarations proclaimed by the Governor. The bill would transfer from the General Fund to the California Emergency Relief Fund \$150,000,000 for purposes relating to the COVID-19 emergency proclaimed by the Governor on March 4, 2020. The bill would appropriate \$150,000,000 from that fund to the Office of Small Business Advocate for a closed

round to fund small business grant applications waitlisted from previous rounds of the California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program.

Status: On 02/09/2022: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 3, Statutes of 2022.

- **(CHAPTER 4) SB-114 Employment: COVID-19: supplemental paid sick leave.**

Summary: This bill would give workers at least 40 hours for work lost because of COVID-19 and apply retroactively from January 1, 2022, to September 30, 2022.

Status: On 02/09/2022: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 4, Statutes of 2022.

- **SB-551 California Zero-Emission Vehicle Authority.**

Summary: This bill would establish the California Zero-Emission Vehicle Authority within the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development. The bill would require the authority to coordinate activities among state agencies to advance zero-emission vehicle infrastructure deployment, including charging stations and hydrogen refueling stations, as well as ensure related equity, workforce development, economic development, and other needs are addressed, as specified. The bill would require the authority to publish on its internet website and report to the relevant policy committees of the Legislature an update on its progress in prescribed activities, including metrics in specified areas, including vehicle sales and job training. The bill would repeal these provisions on January 1, 2029.

Status: On 08/26/2021: August 26 hearing: Held in committee and under submission.

- **(CHAPTER 767) SB-628 California Creative Workforce Act of 2021.**

Summary: Existing law establishes the California Workforce Development Board, which assists the Governor in the development, oversight, and continuous improvement of California's workforce investment system. The board reports to the Secretary of the Labor and Workforce Development Agency. Existing law creates various workforce development programs, including the Breaking Barriers to Employment Initiative and the Social Entrepreneurs for Economic Development Initiative. Existing law establishes an Arts Council in state government to, among other things, promote the employment of artists and those skilled in crafts in both the public and private sector. This bill would enact the California Creative Workforce Act of 2021, to be operative upon appropriation by the Legislature of sufficient funding for its purposes. The purpose of the act would be to establish creative arts workforce development as a state priority and to promote employment and "earn and learn," as defined, job training opportunities for creative workers, among other things. The bill would require the Arts Council, in collaboration with the California Workforce Development Board, to design the program pursuant to specified objectives. The bill would require the council to consult with local government, community nonprofit organizations, and educational institutions, among others, in this effort. The bill would require the council to adopt criteria, guidelines, and policies, which would be exempt from the Administrative Procedure Act, and would make this information available to the public.

Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 767, Statutes of 2021.

- **(CHAPTER 109) SB-657 Employment: electronic documents.**

Summary: This bill would provide that, in any instance in which an employer is required to physically post information, an employer may also distribute that information to employees by email with the document or documents attached. The bill would specify that this does not alter the employer's obligation to physically display the required posting.

Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 109, Statutes of 2021.

- **SB-700 State Contract Act: High Road Employment Program.**
Summary: This bill would require each bidder for a contract with the state, as a condition of eligibility for such a contract, to submit a High Road Employment Plan to the Department of General Services that includes certification, under penalty of perjury, that all workers are properly classified, as specified, and that includes certain job information, including the number of jobs created, and wage and benefit amounts by job classification for nonsupervisory workers. By expanding the scope of the crime of perjury, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The bill would also require each plan to demonstrate job quality standards and employment practices that include specified provisions, including, among others, offering a stable employment schedule and compliance with high road standards, as prescribed. The bill would further require the Labor and Workforce Development Agency, the Government Operations Agency, including the Department of General Services, and the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development to establish, and be referred to as the Interagency High Road Team, and to be collectively responsible for oversight and decisionmaking related to creating High Road Employment Plan evaluation metrics and advancing other objectives relating to high road procurement. The bill would require the team to compile specified information related to high road employment requirements reported by state agencies and to report this information to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2024.

Status: On 08/11/2022: August 11 hearing: Held in committee and under submission.

- **(CHAPTER 550) SB-753 Unemployment information: California Workforce Development Board: program outcomes.**
Summary: Existing law establishes the California Workforce Development Board as the body responsible for assisting the Governor in the development, oversight, and continuous improvement of California's workforce investment system and the alignment of the education and workforce investment systems to the needs of the 21st century economy and workforce. Existing law requires the board to assist the Governor with specified tasks, including developing and continuously improving the statewide workforce investment system. This bill would require the board to evaluate program outcomes, including program participant outcomes for all grant programs administered by the board, regardless of funding source.

Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 550, Statutes of 2021.

- **SB-755 Workforce development: training-related job placement: reporting.**
Summary: This bill would require the CWDB and department to work collaboratively to measure and report on training-related job placement outcomes for individuals receiving job training services, as defined, provided through the workforce system, as provided. The bill would require, among other things, the board and department to develop policies and plans to measure and collect various data relating to job training services, wages, and employment. The bill would require the board and department to summarize and provide an initial report of their findings to specified committees of the Legislature no later than July 1, 2023. The bill would require this initial report to be annually updated and included in the annual report the department provides to the Legislature, as described above. The bill would also require the board and department to work with local workforce development boards to develop and implement a means of notifying, prior to their enrollment in a job training service, a person seeking to enroll in those services of the board's and department's findings on the efficacy of those services. The bill would make related findings and declarations and make conforming changes. By imposing additional duties on local officials, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

Status: On 08/15/2022: Read second time and amended. Ordered to second reading.

- **(CHAPTER 223) SB-779 California Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act: earn and learn programs.**

Summary: This bill would amend the list of “earn and learn” programs by specifying that an “earn and learn” program includes transitional jobs, as described in the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, and subsidized employment with an employer of record, which may include, but not be limited to, an employment social enterprise, as defined, or a worker cooperative, as defined, particularly for individuals with barriers to employment.

Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 223, Statutes of 2021.

- **SB-1104 Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development: Office of Freight.**

Summary: This bill would establish the Office of Freight within GO-Biz. The bill would require the office to serve as the coordinating entity to steer the growth, competitiveness, and sustainability for freight and ports across the state and to promote and assess the continued economic vitality and sustainability of the freight sector. The bill would require the office, in coordination with specified state agencies, to prepare an assessment of statewide economic growth, competitiveness, prosperity, resiliency, and sustainability for the state’s ports and freight sector. The bill would require the office to submit the assessment to the Legislature on or before December 31, 2024, and an updated assessment at least once every 5 years thereafter. The bill would require the Transportation Agency to incorporate the findings of the assessment into the state freight plan, as specified.

Status: On 08/11/2022: August 11 hearing: Held in committee and under submission.

- **SB-1238 Behavioral health services: existing and projected needs.**

Summary: This bill would require the State Department of Health Care Services, in consultation with each council of governments, to determine the existing and projected need for behavioral health services for each region in a specified manner and would require, as part of that process, councils of governments to provide the department-specified data. The bill would authorize a council of governments, within 30 days following notice of the determination from the department, to file with the department an objection to the department’s determination of the region’s existing and projected behavioral health need. The bill would require the department to make a final written determination of the region’s existing and projected behavioral needs within 45 days of receiving an object. By adding to the duties of councils of governments, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

Status: On 08/15/2022: Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

- **SB-1251 Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development: Office of the Zero-Emission Vehicle Equity Advocate.**

Summary: This bill would establish the Office of the Zero-Emission Vehicle Equity Advocate (office) within GO-Biz to steer the development of a shared, cross-agency definition of equity, and to set an equity agenda for the deployment of light-, medium-, and heavy-duty zero-emission

office develop and adopt an equity action plan, to publish an update of the progress on its activities on its internet website every 2 years, and to notify the relevant policy committees of the Legislature of the information provided in that update. The bill would repeal these provisions on January 1, 2028.

Status: On 08/15/2022: Read second time and amended. Ordered to second reading.

- **SB-1258 Energy Commission: electric vehicle charging infrastructure: assessment.**
Summary: This bill would require the assessment's examination of existing and future infrastructure needs throughout California to also include emerging electric vehicle use cases such as electric autonomous vehicle fleets.

Status: On 08/11/2022: August 11 hearing: Held in committee and under submission.

- **SB-1275 State agencies: cryptocurrency.**
Summary: Existing law establishes state agencies for various purposes, including to provide certain services to the public for which payment is required. This bill would authorize a state agency to accept cryptocurrency as a method of payment for the provision of government services.

Status: On 04/05/2022: April 5 set for first hearing. Failed passage in committee. (Ayes 2. Noes 5. Page 3324.) Reconsideration granted.

- **SB-1351 California Youth Apprenticeship Program**
Summary: Would establish the California Youth Apprenticeship Program for the purpose of awarding grant funds to eligible applicants to develop new apprenticeship programs or expand existing apprenticeship programs to serve a specified target population. The bill would define "target population" as individuals from 16 to 24 years of age who are unhoused, in the child welfare, juvenile justice, or criminal justice system, live in concentrated poverty, or face barriers to labor market participation, among other criteria. The bill would establish the Office of the California Youth Apprenticeship Program within the Division of Apprenticeship Standards to administer the program. The bill would require the office to solicit proposals and select grant recipients from eligible applicants, including, among others, county offices of education, regional consortia of community college districts, and local intermediaries. The bill would specify information required to be included in a grant proposal and would specify eligible purposes for use of grant funds. The bill would require the office to complete planning to implement the program by October 31, 2023, and would require the office to begin soliciting grant proposals by March 31, 2024.

Status: On 08/11/2022: August 11 hearing: Held in committee and under submission.

III. **BUDGET BILLS**

- **AB-154 Budget Act of 2022.**
Summary: This bill would make appropriations for the support of state government for the 2022–23 fiscal year. This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as a Budget Bill.

Status: On 08/15/2022: Ordered to inactive file at the request of Senator Skinner.

- **(CHAPTER 45) AB-178 Budget Act of 2022.**
Summary: The Budget Act of 2022 made appropriations for the support of state government for the 2022–23 fiscal year. This bill would amend the Budget Act of 2022 by amending, adding, and repealing items of appropriation and making other changes. This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as a Budget Bill.

Status: On 06/30/2022: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 45, Statutes of 2022.

- **(CHAPTER 43) SB-154 Budget Act of 2022.**
Summary: This bill would make appropriations for the support of state government for the 2022–23 fiscal year. This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as a Budget Bill.

Status: On 06/27/2022: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 43, Statutes of 2022.

- **SB-178 Budget Act of 2022.**

Summary: The Budget Act of 2022 made appropriations for the support of state government for the 2022–23 fiscal year. This bill would amend the Budget Act of 2022 by amending, adding, and repealing items of appropriation and making other changes. This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as a Budget Bill.

Status: On 06/30/2022: Re-referred to Com. on BUDGET pursuant to Assembly Rule 97.

- **(CHAPTER 2) SB-115 Budget Act of 2021.**

Summary: Amendment includes: “\$600,000,000 to the Labor and Workforce Development Agency for the Community Economic Resilience Fund Program, pursuant to Chapter 259 of the Statutes of 2021.”

Status: On 02/09/2022: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 2, Statutes of 2022.

- **(CHAPTER 9) SB-119 Budget Act of 2021.**

Summary: This bill would amend the Budget Act of 2021 by amending and adding items of appropriation and making other changes.

Status: On 03/14/2022: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 9, Statutes of 2022.

- **AB-189 State Government.**

Summary: Budget trailer bill.

Status: On 08/01/2022: Re-referred to Com. on B. & F.R.

- **(CHAPTER 48) SB-189 State Government.**

Summary: Budget trailer bill. Section 20: This bill, until July 1, 2023, would authorize, subject to specified notice and accessibility requirements, a state body to hold public meetings through teleconferencing and to make public meetings accessible telephonically, or otherwise electronically, to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the state body. With respect to a state body holding a public meeting pursuant to these provisions, the bill would suspend certain requirements of existing law, including the requirements that each teleconference location be accessible to the public and that members of the public be able to address the state body at each teleconference location. Under the bill, a state body that holds a meeting through teleconferencing and allows members of the public to observe and address the meeting telephonically or otherwise electronically would satisfy any requirement that the state body allow members of the public to attend the meeting and offer public comment. The bill would require that each state body that holds a meeting through teleconferencing provide notice of the meeting, and post the agenda, as provided. The bill would urge state bodies utilizing these teleconferencing procedures to use sound discretion and to make reasonable efforts to adhere as closely as reasonably possible to otherwise applicable provisions, as provided. This bill would repeal those provisions as of July 1, 2023.

Status: On 06/30/2022: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 48, Statutes of 2022.