



Employment Training Panel

# MEMORANDUM

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## I. ASSEMBLY BILLS

- **[AB-86 Homelessness: lead entity.](#)**

Summary: Existing law establishes various programs to address homelessness, including requiring the Governor to create an Interagency Council on Homelessness. Existing law requires the council to, among other things, identify mainstream resources, benefits, and services that can be accessed to prevent and end homelessness in California and promote systems integration to increase efficiency and effectiveness to address the needs of people experiencing homelessness. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to establish a single entity to serve as the lead for ending homelessness, who would perform specified duties.

Status: On 01/05/2023: From printer. May be heard in committee February 4.

- **[AB-227 State employment: social media platforms.](#)**

Summary: This bill, except as specified, would prohibit a person from installing an application for a social media platform on a state-owned or state-issued electronic device if specified conditions are met, including that the social media company that owns the application is domiciled in, has its principal place of business in, has its headquarters in, or is organized under the laws of, a country of concern. The bill would also prohibit a person from installing an application for a social media platform owned or controlled by specified companies from being installed on a state-owned or state-issued electronic device. The bill would define various terms for these purposes.

Status: On 02/17/2023: Referred to Coms. on P. & C.P. and P.E. & R.

- **[AB-241 Clean Transportation Program: Air Quality Improvement Program: funding.](#)**

Summary: This bill would expand the purpose of the Clean Transportation Program to include developing and deploying innovative technologies that transform California's fuel and vehicle types to help reduce criteria air pollutants and air toxics. The bill would no longer require the commission to provide certain project preferences. The bill would provide that the goals of the program shall be to advance the state's clean transportation, equity, air quality, and climate emission policies and would require the commission to ensure program investments support specified requirements. The bill would require the commission, on and after January 1, 2025, to

expend at least 50% of the moneys appropriated to the program on programs and projects that directly benefit or serve residents of disadvantaged and low-income communities and low-income Californians, and would require at least 50% of funding for tangible location-based investments to be expended in disadvantaged and low-income communities.

Status: On 03/23/2023: From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on TRANS. Read second time and amended.

- **[AB-437 State government: equity.](#)**

Summary: This bill require state agencies to ensure that their policies, allocation of resources, and systemic practices are equitable and would define various terms for this purpose.

Status: On 03/21/2023: Re-referred to Com. on A. & A.R.

- **[AB-469 California Public Records Act Ombudsperson.](#)**

Summary: This bill would establish, within the California State Auditor's Office, the California Public Records Act Ombudsperson. The bill would require the California State Auditor to appoint the ombudsperson subject to certain requirements. The bill would require the ombudsperson to receive and investigate requests for review, as defined, determine whether the denials of original requests, as defined, complied with the California Public Records Act, and issue written opinions of its determination, as provided. The bill would require the ombudsperson to create a process to that effect, and would authorize a member of the public to submit a request for review to the ombudsperson consistent with that process. The bill would require the ombudsperson, within 30 days from receipt of a request for review, to make a determination, as provided, and would require the state agency to provide the public record if the ombudsperson determines that it was improperly denied. The bill would, if requested by the ombudsperson, require any state agency determined to have improperly denied a request to reimburse the ombudsperson for its costs to investigate the request for review. The bill would require the ombudsperson to create a process through which a person whose information is contained in a record being reviewed may intervene to assert their privacy and confidentiality rights, and would otherwise require the ombudsperson to maintain the privacy and confidentiality of records, as provided. The bill would require the ombudsperson to report to the Legislature, on or before January 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, on, among other things, the number of requests for review the ombudsperson has received in the prior year.

Status: On 03/15/2023: In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

- **[AB-518 Paid family leave.](#)**

Summary: This bill would expand eligibility for benefits under the paid family leave program to include individuals who take time off work to care for a seriously ill individual related by blood or whose association with the employee is the equivalent of a family relationship. The bill would make conforming changes to the definitions of the terms "family care leave" and "family member."

Status: On 02/17/2023: Referred to Com. on INS.

- **[AB-735 Workforce development: utility careers.](#)**

Summary: Among other things, this bill would establish the High Road Utility Careers (HRUC) program, to be administered by the board, to connect existing resources with individuals interested in careers in the utility sector and ensure a continued reliable **workforce** for California utilities. The bill would require the board to administer the HRUC program through partnerships with statewide water, wastewater, and energy utility associations and to coordinate the program with existing and future programs and initiatives administered by the board, including high road training partnerships, in order to align interested individuals with available resources. The bill would require the HRUC program, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to dedicate funding and

resources toward accomplishing specified goals, including connecting workers to high-quality jobs or entry-level work with defined routes to advancement and increasing skills and opportunities while expanding pipelines for low-income populations.

Status: On 02/23/2023: Referred to Com. on L. & E.

- **AB-749 State agencies: information security: uniform standards.**

Summary: This bill would require, by January 1, 2025, every state agency, as defined, to implement specified actions relating to data, hardware, software, internal systems, and essential third-party software, including multifactor authentication for access to all systems and data owned, managed, maintained, or utilized by or on behalf of the state agency. The bill would require state agencies to implement a Zero Trust architecture, as defined, and prioritize the use of solutions that comply with, are authorized by, or align to federal guidelines, programs, and frameworks. This bill would require the office's chief, no later than January 1, 2024, to develop uniform technology policies, standards, and procedures for use by all state agencies in Zero Trust architecture, including multifactor authentication, as defined, on all systems in the State Administrative Manual and Statewide Information Management Manual. The bill requires the chief to update requirements for existing annual reporting activities to collect information relating to the progress state agencies are making to increase internal defenses of agency systems. The bill would authorize the chief to update existing annual reporting activities to include how a state agency is progressing with respect to specified goals. The bill would also make related legislative findings and declarations.

Status: On 03/22/2023: From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on A. & A.R. with recommendation: To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 11. Noes 0.) (March 21). Re-referred to Com. on A. & A.R.

- **AB-823 Clean Transportation Program: eligible projects.**

Summary: Existing law establishes the Clean Transportation Program, administered by the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, to provide funding, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to certain entities to develop and deploy innovative technologies that transform California's fuel and vehicle types to help attain the state's climate change policies. Existing law requires the commission to give preference to those projects that maximize the goals of the program based on specified criteria and to fund specified eligible projects, including, among others, alternative and renewable fuel infrastructure, fueling stations, and equipment. This bill would expand the list of eligible projects to include, among other things, roadway integrated fueling and parking surface integrated fueling projects.

Status: On 03/21/2023: From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 15. Noes 0.) (March 20). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

- **AB-1050 Online Jobs and Economic Support Resource Grant Program.**

Summary: Among other things, this bill would require the Employment Development Department, upon appropriation of funds by the Legislature, to administer the Online Jobs and Economic Support Resource Grant Program, which the bill would create for the purpose of funding inclusive, cross-jurisdictional, and innovative online platforms that support employment and earnings opportunities. The bill would specify the goals of the program, which would include reducing digital infrastructure gaps in employment and training services for individuals who face barriers to employment. The bill would also require the department, before awarding grants under these provisions, to develop and adopt guidelines and policies for the program, including a competitive award process with funding only awarded to applicants meeting specified requirements and conditions. These conditions would include the grant applicant having demonstrated experience serving underresourced populations and individuals with employment barriers.

Status: On 03/22/2023: From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (March 22). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

- **AB-1163 State forms: gender identity.**

Summary: This bill would require specified state agencies and departments to revise their public-use forms, by January 1, 2025, to be more inclusive of individuals who identify as transgender, gender nonconforming, or intersex. This bill would require the agencies to revise their forms to allow individuals to provide their accurate gender identification. This bill would also require the impacted agencies and departments to collect data pertaining to the specific needs of the transgender, gender nonconforming, or intersex community, including, but not limited to, information relating to medical care, mental health disparities, and population size.

Status: On 03/21/2023: Re-referred to Com. on A. & A.R.

- **AB-1224 Workforce development: green jobs survey.**

Summary: This bill would require the Labor Market Information Division of the Employment Development Department to conduct, upon appropriation by the Legislature, a green jobs survey, as specified, to gather information about statewide green job industry strengths. The bill would require the division to create a standard operating definition of “green job” based on the results of the survey for the purpose of employment in California, as described. The bill would require the California Workforce Development Board to incorporate the survey’s findings into education outreach, as specified, and would require the Workforce Services Branch of the Employment Development Department to incorporate the survey’s findings into appropriate communications or educational materials relating to job opportunities for persons seeking employment.

Status: On 03/20/2023: Re-referred to Com. on L. & E.

- **AB-1365 Workforce development: grocery industry.**

Summary: This bill would require the Labor and Workforce Agency to develop a labor-management training partnership to identify workforce training methods appropriate for the grocery industry.

Status: On 03/13/2023: Re-referred to Com. on L. & E.

- **AB-1370 California Community Colleges Economic and Workforce Development Program.**

Summary: This bill would revise and recast several provisions of the California Community Colleges Economic and Workforce Development Program. The bill would extend operation of the program indefinitely and would repeal the Job Development Incentive Training Program. The bill would revise and recast the principles governing the Economic and Workforce Development Program, provisions on the duties and membership of the program’s advisory committee, the decision criteria for allocating program funds to colleges, and the definitions that apply to the program’s provisions.

Status: On 03/09/2023: Referred to Coms. on HIGHER ED. and L. & E.

## II. **SENATE BILLS**

- **SB-84 Clean Transportation Program: Air Quality Improvement Program: funding.**

Summary: Among other things, this bill would expand the purpose of the Clean Transportation Program to include developing and deploying innovative technologies that transform California’s fuel and vehicle types to help reduce criteria air pollutants and air toxics. The bill would no longer

require the commission to provide certain project preferences. The bill would provide that the goals of the program shall be to advance the state's clean transportation, equity, air quality, and climate emission policies and would require the commission to ensure program investments support specified requirements. The bill would require the commission, on and after January 1, 2025, to expend at least 50% of the moneys appropriated to the program on programs and projects that directly benefit or serve residents of disadvantaged and low-income communities and low-income Californians, and would require at least 50% of funding for tangible location-based investments to be expended in disadvantaged and low-income communities.

Status: On 03/22/2023: Re-referred to Coms. on TRANS. and E.Q.

- **[SB-322 Zero-Emission Vehicle Battery Manufacturing Block Grants Program.](#)**

Summary: This bill would require the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, or an entity it contracts with, to administer its Zero-Emission Vehicle Battery Manufacturing Block Grant Program, and would impose eligibility, application scoring, workforce, and reporting requirements on the program. The bill would authorize the commission, or an entity it contracts with, to adopt procedures and criteria to supplement these requirements.

Status: On 03/22/2023: From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on RLS.

- **[SB-382 California Workforce Pay for Success Act.](#)**

Summary: This bill would establish the California Workforce Pay for Success Program to assist workers facing economic, social, and structural barriers to employment and career advancement, upon appropriation by the Legislature for these purposes. The bill would require the program to enter into workforce pay for success contracts, as defined, with eligible organizations that serve qualified participants. The bill would establish the Workforce Pay for Success Program Board within the Labor and Workforce Development Agency, consisting of specified members appointed by the Governor, the Speaker of the Assembly, and the Senate Rules Committee. The bill would require the board to establish a selection process for the program and solicit proposals from eligible organizations.

The bill would also require the Labor and Workforce Development Agency or its designated division to convene a workgroup to advise the board on program design. Upon appropriation of funds by the Legislature, the bill would create the Workforce Pay for Success Program Fund for purposes of the program, and would require the board, on or before January 1, 2026, to submit a report to the Department of Finance and the Legislature regarding the implementation of the program. The bill would include related legislative findings.

Status: On 02/22/2023: Referred to Com. on L., P.E. & R.

- **[SB-447 GO-Biz.](#)**

Summary: This bill would authorize the GO-Biz to establish a program to promote social equity, civil rights, and anti-discrimination through marketing and advertising campaigns. The bill would also make nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

Status: On 03/20/2023: From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on RLS.

- **[SB-525 Minimum wage: health care workers.](#)**

Summary: Among other things, this bill would require a health care worker minimum wage of \$25 per hour for hours worked in covered health care employment, as defined, subject to adjustment, as prescribed. The bill would provide that the health care worker minimum wage constitutes the state minimum wage for covered health care employment for all purposes under the **Labor** Code

and the Wage Orders of the Industrial Welfare Commission. The health care worker minimum wage would be enforceable by the Labor Commissioner or by a covered worker through a civil action, through the same means and with the same relief available for violation of any other state minimum wage requirement. By establishing a new minimum wage, the violation of which would be a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

Status: On 03/21/2023: Set for hearing April 12.

- **SB-534 Equitable Access to Job Opportunity Pilot Program.**

Summary: This bill would establish the Equitable Access to Job Opportunity Pilot Program, to be operative from January 1, 2024, to January 1, 2025, inclusive, to provide individuals without postsecondary education degrees from rural or low-income communities with financial aid for workforce development training and education to gain employment in key industries. The bill would require the board and the office to administer the pilot program, including identifying key industries and developing partnerships, pathways, and opportunities to ensure local development of those industries, as specified. The bill would require the board and the office to use existing resources for purposes of the pilot program, subject to the availability of funding in this act or the annual Budget Act, and would require the board and the office to work with local stakeholders, including local workforce development boards, in securing job opportunities and building pathways and partnerships, as specified. The bill would require the board and the office, on or before January 1, 2026, to report to the Legislature on the effectiveness of the program, as specified. The bill would repeal the bill's provisions on January 1, 2027.

Status: On 03/22/2023: From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on L., P.E. & R.

- **SB-544 Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act: teleconferencing.**

Summary: This bill would amend existing law that will remain operative after July 1, 2023, to remove indefinitely the teleconference requirements that a state body post agendas at all teleconference locations, that each teleconference location be identified in the notice and agenda of the meeting or proceeding, and that each teleconference location be accessible to the public. The bill would require a state body to provide a means by which the public may remotely hear audio of the meeting, remotely observe the meeting, or attend the meeting by providing on the posted agenda a teleconference telephone number, an internet website or other online platform, and a physical address for at least one site, including, if available, access equivalent to the access for a member of the state body participating remotely. The bill would require any notice required by the act to specify the applicable teleconference telephone number, internet website or other online platform, and physical address indicating how the public can access the meeting remotely and in person. The bill would revise existing law to no longer require that members of the public have the opportunity to address the state body directly at each teleconference location, but would continue to require that the agenda provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the state body directly. The bill would require a member or staff to be physically present at the location specified in the notice of the meeting.

Status: On 03/20/2023: From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on RLS.

- **SB-595 Covered California: data sharing.**

Summary: This bill would specifically apply that prohibition to the disclosure of personal information by the California Health Benefit Exchange to a certified insurance agent or a certified employment counselor. The bill also would make a technical change to a related provision.

Status: One 03/23/2023: From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on JUD. with recommendation: To consent calendar. (Ayes 11. Noes 0.) (March 22). Re-referred to Com. on JUD.

- **SB-822 Workforce development: Interagency High Road Team.**

Summary: This bill would 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. The bill would require the team to collectively be responsible for oversight and decisionmaking, including, among other duties, creating high road evaluation metrics and developing technical assistance and evaluation infrastructure. The bill would require the team, upon request by a state agency and approval by the team, to establish interagency agreements that advance the objectives of high road procurement, contracting, and incentive programs. The bill would require, by November 1, 2024, each state agency to report to the team the agency's plan to incorporate high road employment requirements in that state agency's procurement processes, contracts, and incentives programs. 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 by January 1, 2025.

Status: On 03/21/2023: From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on L., P.E. & R.

- **SB-864 Workforce development: workplace rights curricula.**

Summary: Among other things, this bill would require the California Workforce Development Board to assist the Governor with partnering with the Labor Commissioner and other subject matter experts in developing workplace rights curricula to be provided to all individuals receiving individualized career services, supportive services, or training services through the California workforce system. The bill would require each local workforce development board to ensure the provision of workplace rights training consistent with that workplace rights curricula. The bill would require the comprehensive 4-year local plan to include a description of how the local board plans to comply with this requirement. By imposing additional duties on local workforce development boards, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The bill would require the California Workforce Development Board to partner with the Employment Development Department and the Labor and Workforce Development Agency to ensure that local workforce development boards and one-stop career center providers are complying with those requirements.

Status: On 03/22/2023: From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on RLS.

### **III. BUDGET BILLS**

- **AB-221 Budget Act of 2023.**

Summary: This bill would make appropriations for the support of state government for the 2023–24 fiscal year. This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as a Budget Bill.

Status: On 01/26/2023: Referred to Com. on BUDGET.

- **SB-72 Budget Act of 2023.**

Summary: This bill would make appropriations for the support of state government for the 2023–24 fiscal year. This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as a Budget Bill.

Status: On 01/11/2023: From printer.