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CA WIC Association (CWA) Bill Monitor Report

SB 502/Pavley & deLeon

Status: Signed Into Law!

Hospital Infant Feeding Protection Act

This bill would require all maternity and delivery hospitals in CA to 1) have an infant feeding policy (based on Baby Friendly USA or DPH Model Policies), 2) post that policy, 3) and routinely communicate that policy to all perinatal staff. The bill would make these policies go into effect January 1, 2014.

CWA Position: SPONSOR

AB 1319/Butler

Status: Signed Into Law!

“Toxic-Free Infants & Toddlers Act”

This bill has been amended to just address elimination of the chemical BPA in baby bottles and “sippy” cups by July 1, 2013. In order to secure passage out of Senate Health Committee, the author had to amend her bill to take out the portion relating to infant formula containers and baby food containers. If bill passes Assembly this week it will go to the Governor’s desk.

CWA Position: SUPPORT (Note Pavley and deLeon are Co-Authors)

AB 581/Speaker Perez

Status: Signed Into Law!

Food Justice Bill

This bill would create the California Healthy Food Financing Initiative. It would require, by July 1, 2017, the Secretary of the Department of Food Agriculture to prepare recommendations to the Legislature, regarding actions that need to be taken to promote food access in the state. The bill would create the CA Healthy Foods Financing Council and would create an outside advisory group, as well. It was amended to encourage private philanthropic funding, as well, and the date was moved out to 2017 due to costs. If bill passes Assembly this week it will go to the Governor’s desk.

CWA Position: SUPPORT

AB 669/Monning

Status: TWO YEAR BILL

Sweetened Beverage Tax Law to Prevent Childhood Obesity

This bill would impose a tax on every distributor, as defined, for the privilege of distributing in this state bottled sweetened beverages, sweetened beverages, and concentrate at the rate of \$0.01 per fluid ounce on bottled sweetened beverages and sweetened beverages distributed in this state, or at the rate of \$0.01 per fluid ounce of sweetened beverage to be produced from concentrate distributed in this state. The tax would be administered by the State Board of Equalization and would be collected pursuant to the procedures set forth in the Fee Collection Procedures Law.

CWA Position: SUPPORT (CA Center for Public Health Advocacy)

AB 839/Brownley **Status: DIED IN S. APPROPS COMMITTEE**

School Breakfast Programs

This bill would state findings and declarations regarding the importance of breakfast to the achievement of pupils. This bill was amended to attempt to maximize federal funds for local school districts to secure for school breakfast programs. A sunset (expiration) date was added of July 1, 2017.

CWA Position: SUPPORT (CA Food Policy Advocates Sponsor)

AB 6/Fuentes **Status: Signed Into Law!**

CalWorks & CalFRESH – Delete Fingerprinting Requirements

This bill would repeal the requirements relating to quarterly reporting and prospective determination grant amounts, and would, instead, impose similar requirements for a semiannual reporting period for the CAL Fresh Program (formerly food stamps). The bill would also eliminate the fingerprinting requirement.

CWA Position: SUPPORT (CA Food Policy Advocates Sponsor)

AB 727/Mitchell **Status: DIED IN S. APPROPS COMMITTEE**

Healthy Foods in State Buildings

This bill would require, beginning January 1, 2014, at least 50% of food and beverages offered by a vendor in a vending machine on designated state property to meet accepted nutritional guidelines. The bill also would revise the definition of accepted nutritional guidelines for this purpose. This bill would additionally require, beginning January 1, 2014, any food sold in a state-owned or leased building to meet the standard criteria for food and nutrition guidelines for concessions as determined under the federal Health and Sustainability Guidelines for Federal Concessions and Vending Operations.

CWA Position: SUPPORT (CA Pan Ethnic Health Network)

AB 575/Hayashi **Status: TWO YEAR BILL**

Licensure Category for Registered Dietitians (RD's)

This bill would create the authority for the State of CA to license and regulate registered dietitians. Registered dietitians (RDs) are highly trained allied health professionals with a minimum of a baccalaureate degree, supervised training, a national examination, and maintain continuing education. There are over 8000 RDs in California practice in a variety of settings including hospitals, clinics, long term care and skilled nursing facilities, corporate wellness, private practice, food service, schools, universities, public health facilities, the media and many other areas. The state WIC Program and the 84 local WIC agencies are the largest employers of registered dietitians in the public health sector.

CWA Position: SUPPORT (CA Dietetic Association)

SB 299/Evans + AB 210/Hernandez **Status: Signed Into Law!**

Group & Individual Health Plans – Pregnancy Disability Coverage

These bills would make it unlawful practice for an employer to refuse to maintain and pay for coverage under a group health plan and individual health plan for an employee who takes Pregnancy Disability leave.

CWA Position: SUPPORT (CA Commission on the Status of Women)