



2019 CA WIC Association (CWA) Bill Monitor Report

Breastfeeding & Lactation Accommodation:

SB 142 (Wiener)

Status: A. Approps. 7/3/19

Workplace Breastfeeding Accommodations

The measure addresses the barriers working parent's face that make it difficult to maintain breastfeeding after returning to work by doing the following: 1. Requires employers to have a written lactation policy, 2. To provide employees with a safe and comfortable lactation space that meets minimum requirements, and 3. Requires newly constructed or renovated building of a certain size and classification to include lactation spaces. It would also encourage the Dept. of Labor Standards Enforcement to provide a set of lactation accommodation best practices and a model policy for employers.

Sponsor: Legal Aid at Work and CA Breastfeeding Coalition

CWA Position: Support

AB 752 (Gabriel)

Status: S. Approps. 7/11/19

Lactation Accommodation: Public Transit

This bill would expand access to lactation rooms in public transit centers, including and not limited to, regional train and bus stations. Current law addresses this issue in airports.

Sponsor: ?

CWA Position: Support

AB 372 (Voepel)

Status: S. Approps. Suspense 7/1/19

New Infants At Work Program: CA State Agencies

This bill would authorize a state agency, as defined, to adopt an Infant at Work program to allow an employee of the agency who is a new parent or caregiver to an infant to bring the infant to the workplace. The bill would establish certain required elements for such a program and would authorize a state agency to adopt regulations necessary to establish the program. The bill would prohibit a state agency from adopting the program in circumstances that are inappropriate based on safety, health or other concerns for the infant or adult, as specified.

Sponsor: ?

CWA Position: Support

SB 388 (Galgiani)

Status: S. Rules (2 Yr Bill)

Quality Breast Pumps in Health Plans

This bill would provide that infant feeding of breast milk should be encouraged and would require health care services plans to provide reimbursement for the widest variety of choices and styles of choices and styles of breast pumps to facilitate their use and acceptance. The bill would express the intent of the Legislature to give the Dept. of Managed Health Care the authority to require health plans to provide reimbursement under a specified condition.

Sponsor: Author

CWA Position: Support

Nutrition & Food Policy Bills + Cal Fresh Measures:

AB 842 (Limon & Eggman)

Status: S. Approps 7/10/19

Childcare Centers Access to Meal Funding

This bill would authorize all childcare centers and family childcare homes to have access to state supplemental meal funding. It would also help family childcare home providers and childcare centers serve more meals to eligible low-income children by matching the state supplemental meal reimbursement rate for childcare meals with the reimbursement rate for school meals. In addition, it would increase access to health meals for low-income children in preschool and childcare by requiring school districts, county office of education and CA State Preschool Programs to provide guaranteed access to a free or low-cost meal for all eligible, low-income children when enrolled in part-time and full-time programs.

Sponsor: CA Food Policy Advocates

CWA Position: Support

SB 499 (McGuire)

Status: A. Education 6/6/19

CA-Grown For Health Kids: School Meals

This bill would create and sustain equitable, healthy, hunger-free schools through an extra 10-cent per breakfast reimbursement for school districts to purchase California grown fresh fruits and vegetables. To earn this incentive, school districts must, at a minimum, serve breakfast universally free in all schools, and serve breakfast and lunch universally free at very high poverty schools.

Sponsor: CA Food Policy Advocates

CWA Position: Support

SB 285 (Wiener)

Status: A. Approps 7/8/19

Cal Fresh Connect

This bill would ensure a number of improvements, including requiring the Dept. of Social Services to take specified actions to support counties in meeting the participation performance outcomes for CalFresh, including utilizing specified date to support continuous improvements. It would also require a universal application to be used to apply for benefits under CalFresh and other specified social services programs; Finally, it would ensure all low-income Californians have efficient and equitable access to CalFresh for application or recertification by phone, online and in person.

Sponsor: CA Food Policy Advocates

CWA Position: Support

Childcare Bills:

AB 167 (Rubio)

Status: A. Approps. 5/16/19

Childcare & Development for Infants & Toddlers

This bill would create the California Partnership for Infants and Toddlers and would provide that a state grant to support the partnership shall be made available and distributed, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to qualifying childcare and development programs and family childcare home education networks that serve infants and toddlers from birth to 3 years of age at a base grant amount of \$4000 annually per child.

Sponsor: Author

CWA Position: Support

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Pregnancy Bills:

SB 464 (Mitchell)

Status: A. Approps 6/27/19

Dignity in Pregnancy & Childbirth Act

This bill would make legislative findings relating to implicit bias and racial disparities in maternal mortality rates. It would require a hospital that provides prenatal care and an alternative birth center or a primary clinic that provides services as an alternative birth center to implement an implicit bias program for all health care providers involved in perinatal care of patients with those facilities. The bill would also require the health care provider to complete initial basic training through the program and refresher course every 2 years thereafter.

Sponsor: Author

CWA Position: Support

AB 732 (Limon & Weber)

Status: A. Approps 5/16/19

Pregnancy & Postpartum Care in County Jails

This bill clarifies and requires prenatal and postpartum care for pregnant women in county jails to include: medical care, referral to a social worker, access to community-based programs, a support person during birth and postpartum care. Support includes nutrition and lactation support and care.

Sponsor: ?

CWA Position: Support

Paid Family Leave Bills:

SB 135 (Jackson)

Status: Inactive File 5/30/19

Expands Family Leave Provisions from 2018 Statute

This bill would expand the scope of the 2018 family leave statute to instead prohibit an employer with 5 or more employees to refuse to grant an employee a request to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for family care and medical leave if the employee had 180 days of service with the employer. The bill would expand the definition of "family care and medical leave" to include leave for reason of the birth or placement of a child if the employee has identified the child as their designated person, as defined, leave to care for a grandparent, grandchild, sibling, domestic partner, or designated person who has a serious health condition, and leave because of a qualifying exigency related to the covered active duty or call to covered active duty of an employee's spouse, domestic partner, child, or parent in the Armed Forces of the United States.

Sponsor: ?

CWA Position: Support

AB 196 (Gonzalez)

Status: S. Labor 6/6/19

Paid Family Leave

This bill would expand the paid family leave program In order to provide a 100% wage replacement benefit for workers earning \$100,000 or less annually.

Sponsor: ?

CWA Position: Support

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FQHC Clinic Bill:

SB 66 (Atkins)

Status: A. Approps 7/3/19

FQHC – Two Visits on Same Day

This bill would allow Federally Qualified Health Centers to bill for a health visit and a mental health visit even if they take place on the same day. Same with a dental and a health visit on the same day. The Governor's Dept. of Finance just came out with an opposition position stating costs for this bill could be in the millions of dollars if all of the eligible FQHC's billed for the new provisions. Dept. of Finance opposed late in the Session due to the cost. *(Note: Governor Brown vetoed a similar bill last year. Atkins is re-introducing it in 2019).*

Sponsor: CPCA and Steinberg Institute

Status: CWA Support

Health Care Coverage Bills:

SB 29 (Durazo) & AB 4 (Arambula)

Status: A. Approps 7/10/19

Health Care For All

Would provide full scope Medi-Cal for undocumented adults. These bills would provide full scope Medi-Cal to income eligible adults by removing immigration status as eligibility exclusion.

Sponsor: Health Access CA + Governor's Budget Address This Issue

CWA Position: Support

ACR 1 (Bonta)

Status: S. Human Services 6/10/19

Immigration: Public Charge

This is a resolution to condemn regulations proposed by the Dept. of Homeland Security to prescribe how a determination of inadmissibility for a person who is not a citizen or national is made based on the likelihood that the person will become a public charge. This measure would also urge the federal government to reconsider and roll back the proposed regulations.

Sponsor: Author

CWA Position: Support

Bills To Link Key Programs (WIC & Medi-Cal + CalHEERs & CalFresh):

AB 526 (Petrie-Norris)

Status: S. Approps 7/1/19

WIC Enrollment Gateway Path to Medi-Cal

This bill would require the Dept. of Health Care Services (DHCS) to design and implement policies and procedures for an automated CA Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC) enrollment gateway pathway (WIC to Medi-Cal automated enrollment gateway pathway), which would electronically transfer WIC eligibility information to the Medi-Cal Program to establish Medi-Cal eligibility for WIC applicants and recipients not yet enrolled in the Medi-Cal program. The bill would also require for applicants enrolling in the Medi-Cal program using the WIC to Medi-Cal automated enrollment gateway pathway - for benefits to be provided immediately through accelerated enrollment for children, and through presumptive eligibility for pregnant women (PE).

Sponsors: Children's Partnership, Children Now, Children's Defense Fund CA + Others

CWA Position: Support

AB 341 (Maienschein)

Status: A. Approps 5/16/19

Linking CalHEERs with CalFresh

This bill would require an individual's application for health care benefits through CalHEERs to be transferred to the County Human Services Agency of residence when the individual opts into applying for CalFresh benefits. It also requires the county to treat the information as an application for CalFresh benefits and to process it.

Sponsor: ?

CWA Position: Support

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