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Abbreviations:	CDCR=California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation
NSP=Naturalization Services Program	DHS=Department of Health Services
CSU=California State University	CDHCS=California Department of Housing & Community Services
FDA=Food and Drug Administration	DPH= Department of Public Health
DMV=Department of Motor Vehicles	HPV=Human Papillomavirus
CDE=California Department of Education	LGBT: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered

LEGEND

- ↓=Oppose
- ↑=Support
- *=Seeking amendment or wait and see
- ↔=No position
- ☐=Letter
- CAPSO=California Association of Private School Organizations
-  =Catholic Charities

POSITION	BILL NO.	AUTHOR	BILL TITLE & BRIEF SUMMARY	CCC ACTION	CONTACT	LEGISLATIVE ACTION
↓	AB 624	Coto (D-San Jose)	<i>Foundations: diversity</i> would require foundations incorporated in California with assets over \$250 million to report on the diversity of their grantees—specifically those serving ethnic minorities, LGBT communities, disability communities and other under-represented groups.		Ned Dolejsi	6/23/08 hearing set in Senate Business and Professions Committee—but cancelled at the request of the author
↔	AB 1436	Hernandez (D-Baldwin Park)	<i>Nurse Practitioners</i> would codify the scope of practice for nurse practitioners, limiting them to services for which they are trained and certified—making them independently responsible for the performance of those services.		Ned Dolejsi	6/16/08 passed Senate Business and Professions Committee, remains in that committee
↑ *	AB 1831	Mendoza (D-Artesia)	<i>Affordable housing: teachers and faculty members</i> would require a report on the status of existing programs to help teachers secure housing in their communities. <i>CCC is asking for amendment to include private school teachers.</i>	☐3/26/08 ☐6/16/08	Sandra Vargas	6/26/08 passed Senate Transportation and Housing, referred to Senate Appropriations
↑	AB 1996	Swanson (D-Oakland)	<i>Food stamps: eligibility: drug felonies</i> would provide that a person convicted of any drug felony be eligible for aid under the Food Stamp Program—eliminating the current exceptions. (Same as AB 508 which was vetoed in 2007.)	☐4/10/08 ☐6/6/08 ☐6/19/08	Linda Wanner	6/24/08 passed Senate Public Safety Committee; referred to Senate Appropriations
↑	AB 2213	Houston (R-San Ramon)	<i>Pupil: work permits</i> would authorize the principal of a public or private school to issue work permits to pupils who attend the school (unless the pupil is a relative of the principal).	☐6/4/08	Sandra Vargas CAPSO	6/26/08 passed the Senate; to the Assembly for concurrence
↑	AB 2262	Torrico (D-Fremont)	<i>Child protection: safe surrender</i> would expand current law from 72 hours to 7 days old for age of infant parents/guardians could surrender at a designated location; <i>amended</i> to require Department of Social Services to administer and enforce the program. CATHOLIC LOBBY DAY BILL	☐3/26/08 ☐4/4/08 ☐6/9/08 ☐6/9/08	Ned Dolejsi	6/24/08 passed Senate Judiciary Committee; referred to Senate Appropriations

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↑	AB 2300	Laird (D-Santa Cruz)	<i>School lunch and breakfast programs: direct certification</i> would require the CDE to use participation data from Medi-Cal to directly certify children for school meal programs.	☐3/26/08 ☐6/16/08 ☐6/17/08	Sandra Vargas CAPSO	6/26/08 passed Senate Education Committee, referred to Appropriations
↑	AB 2368	Fuentes (D-Los Angeles)	<i>CalWORKs eligibility: asset limit: motor vehicles</i> would exclude the value of a licensed motor vehicle from consideration in determining CalWORKs eligibility.	☐5/12/08 ☐6/16/08	Linda Wanner	6/24/08 passed Senate Human Services Committee; referred to Appropriations
↔	AB 2381	Mullin (D-South San Francisco)	<i>Stem cell research standards: licensing revenues</i> would establish grantee organization responsibilities for license agreements for institute-funded inventions; defines “California supplier,” which grantees must use.		Ned Dolejsi	6/25/08 passed Senate Health Committee as amended; referred to Appropriations.
↑	AB 2517	Portantino (D-La Cañada)	<i>Teacher credentialing</i> would authorize the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to approve an institution other than a college or university to recommend the issuance of credentials upon completion of their program—and assess a fee on the requesting institution.	☐4/10/08 ☐6/16/08	Sandra Vargas CAPSO	6/25/08 passed Senate Education Committee; referred to Appropriations
↔	AB 2654	Laird (D-Santa Cruz)	<i>Discrimination</i> would add ethnicity, age, sex, mental or physical disability, marital status, sexual orientation, color, socio-economic factors to list of categories protected from discrimination —so as to foster peaceful relations in the interest of preserving the public peace among residents.		Ned Dolejsi	6/24/08 passed Senate Judiciary Committee; referred to Appropriations
↔	AB 2716	Ma (D-San Francisco)	<i>Employment: paid sick days</i> would entitle California employees who work seven or more days in a calendar year to be paid sick days accrued at a rate no less than one hour for every 30 hours worked—not applicable to collective bargaining employees in construction industry.		Ned Dolejsi	6/25/08 passed Senate Labor & Industrial Committee; referred to Appropriations.
↔*	AB 2759	Jones (D-Sacramento)	<i>State preschool programs: reform</i> would recast the state’s general child care and development programs to include full-day programs for three-year-old and four-year-old children. (seeking amendment to include private schools)		Sandra Vargas CAPSO	6/26/08 passed Senate Education Committee; referred to Appropriations
↓	AB 2747	Berg (D-Eureka)	<i>End-of-life care</i> mandates that a terminally ill patient upon request, may receive information and counseling regarding legal end of life options CATHOLIC LOBBY DAY BILL . AMENDED 6/25 to remove egregious parts. See explanation on CCC website	☐4/22/08 ☐5/7/08 ☐6/11/08	Ned Dolejsi	6/25/08 passed Senate Health as amended (new text not available yet); 6/26/08 passed Senate Judiciary Committee; on Senate Floor
↑	AB 2809	Leno (D-San Francisco)	<i>Crime victims: mental health counseling</i> would authorize the Victim Compensation Board to pay up to \$5,000 for outpatient mental health counseling for minors who suffer emotional injury from witnessing a violent crime.	☐4/07/08 ☐5/19/08 ☐6/6/08	Linda Wanner	6/17/08 passed Senate Committee on Public Safety; 6/30/08 hearing set in Senate Appropriations

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↑	AB 2844	Laird (D-Santa Cruz)	<i>Public social services: CalWORKs and the Food Stamp Program: redetermination and recertification</i> would repeal the quarterly reporting period replacing it with the semi-annual reporting period. CATHOLIC LOBBY DAY BILL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ 4/07/08 ☐ 6/16/08 ☐ 6/16/08 	Linda Wanner 	6/25/08 passed Senate Human Services Committee; referred to Appropriations
↔	AB 3000	Wolk (D-Davis)	<i>Health care decision: life sustaining treatment</i> would redefine a DNR as a Physician Order for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST) and require healthcare providers to honor the order.		Ned Dolejsi	6/24/08 passed Senate Judiciary Committee as amended (new text not available)
↑	SB 60	Cedillo (D-Los Angeles)	<i>Vehicles: driver's licenses</i> would require the DMV to issue driver's license and identification cards that comply with the requirements of the federal Real ID Act of 2005.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ 3/21/07 ☐ 6/18/07 	Ned Dolejsi 	4/21/08 on Assembly Floor
↑	SB 1160	Alquist (D-Santa Clara)	<i>CalWORKs program: eligibility</i> would exempt from the fingerprint requirement the caretaker relative who is changing county residence and applying for benefits on behalf of related children.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ 3/13/08 ☐ 4/16/08 ☐ 6/5/08 	Linda Wanner	6/17/08 passed Assembly Human Services; 7/2/08 hearing set in Appropriations Committee
↑	SB 1198	Kuehl (D-Santa Monica)	<i>Health care coverage: durable medical equipment</i> would require private health care service plans to offer coverage for Durable Medical Equipment (DME) under group policies with limits no lower than the benefit maximums that apply to other basic medical services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ 4/1/08 ☐ 6/16/08 	Ned Dolejsi	6/25/08 passed Assembly Health Committee; referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee
↑	SB 1199	Yee (D-San Francisco)	<i>Crime (amended)</i> would require the CDCR to conduct a study of juveniles who have been sentenced to life imprisonment without the possibility of parole.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ 3/28/08 ☐ 4/22/08 ☐ 6/16/08 	Linda Wanner	6/24/08 passed Assembly Public Safety Committee; 7/2/08 hearing set in Appropriations Committee
↑	SB 1250	Yee (D-San Francisco)	<i>Juveniles: communications</i> would enact the <i>Family Communication and Youth Rehabilitation Act of 2008</i> defining the duties of the public officer responsible for the well-being of any minor in state/county custody.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ 3/13/08 ☐ 5/19/08 ☐ 6/16/08 	Linda Wanner	6/24 passed Assembly Public Safety Committee; referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee
↑	SB 1301	Cedillo (D-Los Angeles)	<i>Student financial aid: institutional financial aid eligibility</i> would amend the Donahoe Higher Education Act to enable persons exempt from paying nonresident tuition to be eligible to receive financial aid awards.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ 4/10/08 ☐ 5/6/08 ☐ 6/02/08 	Ned Dolejsi Sandra Vargas	6/18/08 - in Assembly Appropriations postponed by Committee.
↑	SB 1341	Padilla (D-Pacoima)	<i>CalWORKs: personal property retention</i> would expand the amount of savings allowed: enough to secure permanent rental housing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ 4/16/08 ☐ 6/6/08 	Linda Wanner	6/26/08 passed Assembly Appropriations as amended; re-referred to Appropriations
↔*	SB 1515	Kuehl (D-Santa Monica)	<i>Pupil discipline: restraint and seclusion</i> would prohibit an educational provider from using chemical restraint or seclusion on a pupil; defines times physical restraint can be used. (seeking amendment to make applicable to schools which accept state public funds)		Sandra Vargas	6/25/08 passed Assembly Education Committee; referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee

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↔	SB 1565	Kuehl (D-Santa Monica)	<i>California Stem Cell Research and Cures Act</i> would require that intellectual property standards include a requirement that each grantee afford uninsured Californians access to any drug that results from their research.		Ned Dolejsi	6/24/08 passed Assembly Judiciary Committee; referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee
↔	SB 1629	Steinberg (D-Sacramento)	<i>State preschool programs: Early Learning Quality Improvement System Commission</i> , consisting of 22 members, to develop a framework for improving program quality and a graduated funding framework that identifies necessary resources and report by December 31, 2009.		Sandra Vargas CAPSO	6/26/08 passed Assembly Education Committee; referred to Appropriations

NOTE: AB 1951, *Suicide prevention hotline*, was removed from the list—it was amended to become a totally different bill: *Mental health: capital facilities*.