



Legislative Limbo 2007

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Most of these bills are now considered “two-year” measures. They were either not voted on in committee or on the floor, or failed in committee but were granted reconsideration during this portion of the session.

Accordingly, they may be reconsidered during the second portion of the biennial session beginning in January 2008. ***Some measures on this list are now dead and are so noted.***

If these bills become active again we will move them to our [Targeted Bills list for 2008](#).

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Bill #	Summary	Author	CWA's Position	Status
Education				
AB 16	<p>Vaccines</p> <p>AB 16 changes the authority for determining required vaccinations from the state legislature to a single unelected state official who will base school immunizations largely on the recommendations of a federal panel, the ACIP. This group currently recommends the HPV vaccine for girls aged 11-12. Thus, AB 16 would allow the HPV and other controversial vaccines to be added to the list of required immunizations without the current program of oversight by elected officials.</p>	Edward Hernandez (D-City of Industry)	<p>Oppose</p> <p>Sample veto letter</p> <p>AB 16 did not reach the Senate floor and is now a two-year bill.</p> <p>No action required.</p>	<p>Passed Assembly</p> <p>Passed Senate Education</p> <p>Passed Senate Health</p> <p>Passed Appropriations</p> <p>Good news!</p> <p>No floor vote</p>
AB 675	<p>School Safety – Hate Crimes</p> <p>Originally a “Tolerance Education Pilot Program,” bill is now the “School Against Violence Emergency Response Project.” Awards \$50,000 per year for two years to up to ten schools to help them recover “from violent or traumatic intergroup conflict.” The name of the bill has been changed, but much of its potential impact remains the same.</p>	Mike Eng (D-Monterey Park)	<p>Oppose</p> <p>Talking points</p> <p>Sample letter</p> <p>This is now a ‘two-year bill’ and inactive until January.</p>	<p>Assigned to Assembly Education Comm.</p> <p>No hearing scheduled</p> <p><i>Amended 1-08 to another subject</i></p>
AB 708	<p>Sex Education – Abstinence</p> <p>Requires the State Department of Public Health to develop and implement a program of abstinence education that will allow California to take advantage of available and much-needed federal funds.</p>	Bob Huff (R-Diamond Bar)	<p>Support</p> <p>This is now a ‘two-year bill’ and inactive until January.</p>	<p>Failed Health Comm.</p> <p>Reconsideration granted</p> <p><i>Active again 1-08</i></p>
AB 1249	<p>Sexual Orientation Discussions</p> <p>Requires school districts to adopt a policy regarding discussion of sexual orientation and human sexuality in grades 1-6 in classes other than comprehensive sex education, encouraging those discussions to occur at home. If they are to occur in class there must be written notification to parents 14 days in advance.</p>	Jim Silva (R-Huntington Beach)	<p>Support</p> <p>This is now a ‘two-year bill’ and inactive until January.</p>	<p>Assigned to Assembly Education Comm.</p> <p>No hearing scheduled</p>

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AB 1346	Religious Protection Adds "religion" to characteristics that may not be discriminated against in computer education, instructional materials and other activities in California schools.	Jim Silva (R-Huntington Beach)	Support This is now a 'two-year bill' and inactive until January.	Failed Assembly Education Comm. Reconsideration granted
SB 621	Parental Rights Most California school districts allow students in grades 7-12 to be released for confidential medical services <u>without</u> parental knowledge or consent. This bill requires those districts to provide a more prominent notice to parents that this policy is in place by including the information in at least 14 pt. boldface type within the registration packet.	Tom Harman (R-Costa Mesa)	Support Sample Letter <i>This bill is now dead.</i>	Passed Senate Education Comm. Held in Appropriations Committee
Illegal Immigration				
AB 107	State Contracts Requires questionnaire for state contracts to include a certification that none of the bidder's employees are unauthorized aliens.	Cameron Smyth (R-Granada Hills)	Support This is now a 'two-year bill' and inactive until January.	Failed Assembly Business and Professions Comm. Reconsideration granted
AB 1615	State Contracts Prohibits state agencies from awarding public works contracts or acquiring goods and services from bidders who hire, recruit or refer known illegal aliens.	Sharon Runner (R-Lancaster)	Support Sample letter This is now a 'two-year bill' and inactive until January.	Failed Business & Professions Comm. Reconsideration granted
SB 60	Driver's Licenses Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue licenses under the federal REAL ID Act to persons who are not legal residents of the United States. Licenses will not be acceptable for federal identification or other official purposes. Note: <i>This bill had been amended to a mere "study" of implementing the REAL ID Act on July 3, but was returned to its original form and voted out of the Assembly's fiscal committee on August 31.</i>	Gil Cedillo (D-Los Angeles)	Oppose Sample veto letter This is now a two-year bill.	Passed Senate Passed Assembly Transportation (different language) Passed Appropriations Did not reach floor Active again 1-08
SB 189	Employers Requires employers and the state to verify the legal status of employees prior to hiring.	Tom Harman (R-Costa Mesa)	Support This is now a 'two-year bill' and inactive until January.	Not heard in committee

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Life				
AB 374	Assisted Suicide Authorizes a physician to dispense life-ending medication to an adult who meets certain qualifications. Dubbed the "Compassionate Choices Act."	Patty Berg (D-Santa Rosa) Lloyd Levine (D-Van Nuys) Fabian Nunez (D-Los Angeles)	Oppose Talking points Sample letter This is now a 'two-year bill' and inactive until January.	Passed Assembly Judiciary Comm. Passed Appropriations Pulled from floor vote VICTORY!
AB 1009	Abortion – Fetal pain Requires physicians performing abortions after an unborn child can feel pain (estimated at 20 weeks) to offer pregnant women information and counseling on fetal pain and anesthesia for the unborn child.	John Benoit (R-Riverside)	Support Talking points Sample letter This is now a 'two-year bill' and inactive until January.	Assembly Health Comm. Hearing postponed Also assigned to Assembly Judiciary Comm. Active again 1-08
Redefinition of the Family				
SB 11	Domestic Partnerships Extends California's domestic partnerships, which give full marriage rights to same-sex couples, to any two persons over 18 who are in an "intimate and committed relationship" and share a common residence. Continues the downward spiral toward making marriage essentially irrelevant.	Carole Migden (D-San Rafael)	Oppose Talking points Sample letter SB 11 is now a two-year bill and cannot move ahead until January.	Passed Senate Passed Assembly Judiciary Comm. Good news! Held in Appropriations Committee
Miscellaneous				
AB 755	Parental Rights – Spanking Criminalizes spanking in California, presumably under specific circumstances, but actually in terms that could be broadly interpreted and could be used to punish parents in their proper role of using reasonable corporal punishment in disciplining their child.	Sally Lieber (D-Mountain View)	Oppose Talking points Sample letter <i>This bill is now dead.</i>	Passed Assembly Public Safety Comm. Held in Appropriations Committee
AB 1067	Material Harmful to Minors Requires that newsracks in businesses or public places other than those where minors are excluded use blinder racks to keep obscene matter from being viewed by minors.	Paul Cook (R-Yucaipa)	Support This is now a 'two-year bill' and inactive until January.	Passed Assembly Failed in Senate Public Safety Committee Reconsideration hearing canceled

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AB 1278	<p>Human Trafficking</p> <p> voids any contract provisions that purport to allow a person to “work off” transportation costs to the U.S. through wage deductions (a tool used to keep people enslaved). Increases scope and penalties for trafficking in persons.</p> <p><i>Note: Bill was set aside, along with others that could result in an increase to the prison population until our current prison overcrowding crisis is resolved.</i></p>	Fiona Ma (D-San Francisco)	<p>Support Sample letter</p> <p>This is now a ‘two-year bill’ and inactive until January.</p>	<p>Passed Assembly</p> <p>Passed</p> <p>Senate Judiciary Comm. To Senate Public Safety Comm.</p>
ACA 2	<p>Eminent Domain</p> <p>Provides that private property may be taken or damaged only for a state public use. Also provides that redevelopment or other community agencies may not acquire property if ownership will be transferred to a private party other than a public utility.</p>	Mimi Walters (R-Laguna Niguel)	<p>Support Talking points</p>	<p>Failed in Assembly Judiciary Comm.</p>
SB 37	<p>Electoral College – Interstate Compact</p> <p>Ratifies the interstate compact to change the electoral college system so that all presidential electors in the states would be determined by the national popular vote. To take effect, the compact must be ratified by enough states to result in a cumulative majority of electoral votes.</p>	Carole Migden (D-San Rafael)	<p>Oppose Talking points Sample veto letter</p> <p>This is a two-year bill with no action required at this time.</p>	<p>Passed Senate</p> <p>Passed Assembly Elections Comm. Passed Appropriations</p> <p>Placed on inactive file. Did not pass Assembly.</p>
SCA 1	<p>Eminent Domain</p> <p>Provides that private property may be taken or damaged under eminent domain only for a state public use and not without the consent of the owner for purposes of economic development, increasing tax revenue, or any other private use.</p>	Tom McClintock (R-Thousand Oaks)	<p>Support Talking points Sample letter</p> <p>This is now a two-year bill with no action expected prior to January.</p>	<p>Assigned to Senate Judiciary Comm.</p> <p>No hearing scheduled</p>