



# Concerned Citizen California Action Alert

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## Just Say “Veto!”

As the session draws to a close August 31, bills that successfully pass their second house will move to Gov. Brown’s desk. The governor will then have 30 days to sign or veto the hundreds of measures sent to him. (Bills not signed will still become law if not vetoed.)

As you review the list of a few key bills below, please take a moment to contact Gov. Brown and ask for his veto. **Pray that God will give Gov. Brown wisdom and discernment to understand the gravity of these issues involving our children’s well-being, parental rights, the sanctity of life and marriage, and religious liberty.**



**Gov. Brown’s contact information:** Phone: (916) 445-2841; Fax: (916) 558-3160; E-mail form [here](#).

### **SB 623 Seeks to Extend Abortion Pilot Program in California**

While not as sweeping as her earlier bill (SB 1338), Sen. Christine Kehoe’s (D-San Diego) SB 623 will extend a pilot program in northern California teaching nurse practitioners, certified nurse-midwives, and physician assistants to perform first trimester aspiration abortions until January 2014.

Abortion is never safe for the preborn child, but Sen. Kehoe wishes to increase access to abortion by lowering the standards of care for abortion-minded women. This places the health and life of the mother in greater jeopardy. Complications of aspiration abortions include uterine perforation, infection, blood vessel injury and incomplete abortion.

**Action:** *Please ask Gov. Brown not to lower the standard of care for women and to veto SB 623.*

### **SB 1172 Prevents Minors from Getting the Help They Seek!**

If Gov. Brown signs SB 1172, California will have the dubious honor of being the first state in the nation to prohibit minors and their parents from receiving the help they desire for unwanted same-sex attraction. Despite the personal testimony of ex-gays and professional counselors, as well as six of their professional organizations, Sen. Ted Lieu (D-San Francisco) was successful in passing the Equality California-sponsored bill banning reparative or sexual orientation change therapy (SOCT) for young people under 18. There are thousands of success stories using such treatment – stories struggling young people need to hear to give them hope.

There is some good news that has resulted from the strong opposition to this bill: SB 1172’s current form is not as bad as the original version that required anyone, regardless of age, seeking SOCT to sign informed consent forms filled with misinformation and allowed for legal action and fines directed at mental health professionals already governed by a strict code of ethics. The current version limits any disciplinary action against mental health providers for treating minors for SOCT to professional licensing boards. Additionally, the bill language does allow limited discussion of sexual orientation with a minor.

**Action:** *This bill would set a terrible precedent for the rest of the country, and sponsors plan to introduce similar bills throughout the states if it succeeds here. Please ask Gov. Brown to veto SB 1172.*

**SB 1140 Paves Way for Same-Sex "Marriage"**

This bill, another sponsored by Equality California, expressly removes any implication that marriage is a religious contract. Sen. Mark Leno's (D-San Francisco) bill provides another incremental step toward same-sex "marriage" in our state should the U.S. Supreme Court strike down Proposition 8.

*Action: Please ask Gov. Brown to veto SB 1140.*

**AB 1856 Requires Foster Parent LGBT Sensitivity Training**

Authored by Tom Ammiano, (D-San Francisco), AB 1856 requires licensed foster parents and group-home administrators to receive lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender sensitivity training, and it states that foster children have the right to foster parents who have such training. As has been the pattern for the California Legislature, the law gives no consideration to the religious views of the thousands of Christian families who provide loving homes for children in the foster care system, and, you guessed it, the bill is sponsored by Equality California.

*Action: Please ask Gov. Brown to veto AB 1856.*

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