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September 29, 2014 (Legislative session ended Aug. 31. Governor has until Sept. 30 to sign or veto bills.)

Bill #	Summary	CWA Position	Status/Action
AB 1147	Massage Therapy – AB 1147 (Susan Bonilla, D-Concord) establishes oversight of massage therapy licensing to protect against establishments being used for sex trafficking and prostitution. The bill creates more accountability for massage business owners and allows cities and counties to enact local ordinances in order to eliminate those establishments that are not legitimate businesses.	Support Sample letter	Passed Assembly (different language) Passed Senate floor Signed by the governor
AB 1444	Mandatory Kindergarten – Under current law children between the ages of 6 and 18 are subject to compulsory education. Kindergarten is generally available, but not required. AB 1444 (Joan Buchanan, D-San Ramon) will make kindergarten attendance <i>mandatory</i> before admittance to first grade, regardless of parents concerns about their readiness. The bill may force students who are not ready for a classroom environment at age five to either begin school too early for their benefit or graduate a year later than their peers because they had to begin kindergarten at age six. AB 1444 undermines parental choice.	Oppose Sample letter GREAT NEWS!	Passed Assembly 5-28-14 Passed Senate floor 8-20-14 Vetoed by Gov. Brown! Veto message
SB 323 Carryover from 2013	Youth Organizations: Sexual orientation – SB 323 (Ricardo Lara, D-Long Beach) requires all public charity youth organizations (Boy Scouts, Little League, American Youth Soccer, YMCA, YWCA, etc.) to add sexual orientation, gender identity, and religious affiliation to their nondiscrimination code or lose their existing sales tax exemption for fundraising sales and their exemption from state corporate income tax. Groups at private schools, including sports, music and student activity groups will also lose their sales tax exemption. The bill requires a 2/3 vote for passage. <i>On 6/26 a move was made to pull SB 323 from the inactive file pending amendments. The bill was returned to inactive status 6/30. Thank you for your quick action – it may have stopped the progress.</i>	Oppose Sample letter	Passed Senate floor Passed Assembly Rev. & Tax. Comm. 8-12-13 Passed Asm Judiciary Passed Appropriations <i>Bill remained in inactive file at end of session. Bill is dead.</i>

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SB 837	<p>Transitional Kindergarten – SB 837 (Darrell Steinberg, D-Sacramento) establishes the Kindergarten Readiness Act of 2014, requiring those public schools that offer kindergarten to also offer “transitional kindergarten” for four-year-olds. The bill, though initially voluntary, will likely move significant numbers of children into the public school system earlier and increase state education costs.</p> <p>Amended 5-28-14 <i>Bill has been downsized to establish the California Pre-Kindergarten program for low-income and English-learner four-year-olds. The program will augment prekindergarten to provide full-day, full-year learning and childcare services for qualified participants, taught by credentialed teachers. Further amended 6-18-14 to a funding allocation for transitional and preschool teacher training programs. Opposition has been removed, but CWA will continue to watch.</i></p>	<p>Watch</p> <p>Good news! Bill has been gutted.</p>	<p>Passed Senate 5-29-14</p> <p>Assembly Education Comm.</p> <p>Held under submission in Appropriations.</p> <p>Bill is dead.</p>
SB 1306	<p>Marriage – SB 1306 (Mark Leno, D-San Francisco) requires California to recognize marriage as a civil contract between two persons, removing any stipulations restricting the recognition of marriages from other states. SB 1306 removes all references to “husband and “wife” in statute, replacing the terms with “spouse/s” or “married persons.” It makes similar changes to any references to “male and female” or “opposite sex.”</p> <p><i>Note: SB 1306 amends the Family Code but does not remove Article I, Section 7.5 of the California Constitution (Proposition 8) which is currently not being enforced due to the unwillingness of the governor and attorney general to defend it.</i></p>	<p>Oppose</p> <p>Sample letter</p>	<p>Passed Senate floor 5-1-14</p> <p>Passed Assembly floor</p> <p>Signed by Gov. Brown 7-7-14</p> <p>No action required</p>
SB 1388	<p>Human Trafficking: Increased Penalties – SB 1388 (Jerry Hill, D-San Mateo; Ted Lieu, D-Redondo Beach; Holly Mitchell, D-Los Angeles, Bob Huff, R-Brea) requires anyone who seeks to purchase or purchases a commercial sex act to a imprisonment in county jail for at least 48 hours, but not more than one year, or by a fine of not more than \$10,000, or by both that fine and imprisonment.</p>	<p>Support</p> <p>Sample letter</p>	<p>Passed Senate floor 5-27-14</p> <p>Passed Assembly floor</p> <p>Passed Senate concurrence vote</p> <p>Signed by Gov. Brown</p>
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AB 1786	<p>Tax Deduction for Education Expenses – AB 1786 (Kristin Olsen, R-Modesto) will allow families with incomes up to 300 percent above the Reduced Price Lunch Program guidelines (\$130,704 for a family of four) to deduct up to \$2500 in qualified education expenses for public or private schools from their gross income. While tuition is not included, other costs such as textbooks, tutoring, uniforms, special education, computers and software, transportation and other expenses qualify.</p>	<p>Support</p> <p>Sample letter</p>	<p>Revenue and Taxation Comm.</p> <p>Heard on May 13. No vote taken. Placed in suspense.</p> <p>Bill is dead.</p>

AB 2307	Common Core Opt Out – AB 2307 (Tim Donnelly, R-Hesperia) allows school districts to opt out of any state statute or regulation requiring the use of Common Core academic content standards including curriculum frameworks, instructional materials, and assessments. However, those districts choosing to opt out would be required to administer testing under the former Standardized Testing and Reporting Program at their own expense. The provisions of AB 2307 will be repealed in 2020.	Support	Failed Assembly Education Comm. 5-1-14 Bill is dead
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AB 2336	Sex Selection Abortion Prohibition – AB 2336 (Shannon Grove, R-Bakersfield) enacts the Prenatal Nondiscrimination Act prohibiting anyone from performing or attempting to perform an abortion on a woman seeking to end the life of her unborn child due to its gender. The bill imposes civil fines ranging from \$10,000 to \$100,000 and provides for civil damages. AB 2336 also prohibits public disclosure of the woman’s identity without her written permission.	Support Sample letter	Failed Assembly Health Comm. 5-6-14 Bill is dead
ACA 5 <i>Carryover from 2013</i>	Abortion: Parental Notification ACA 5 (Shannon Grove, R-Bakersfield), the “Parental Notification, Child and Teen Safety, Stop Predators Act,” requires a parent to be notified prior to a minor child undergoing an abortion. If passed by the Legislature, the amendment to the California Constitution would appear on the November 2014 ballot.	Support Sample letter	Assembly Health Committee Hearing 1-14-14 Failed 5-12-14 Bill is dead
SB 1016	Common Core Repeal – SB 1016 (Mark Wyland, R-Carlsbad) seeks to ensure that Common Core (CC) standards are effective before implementing them throughout the state. To that end it renders the provisions of the CC academic standards inoperative as of May 2014 and repeals the standards in January 2015. The bill appropriates \$50 million to the Superintendent of Public Instruction to establish pilot programs to first test CC in consultation with parental organizations.	Support	Senate Education Comm. Author has withdrawn bill