

# ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

# 2023–2024 BILL SUMMARY

*A Comprehensive Breakdown of  
Legislation Considered by the  
Committee in 2023–2024*

---

ASH KALRA

*Chair*

DIANE DIXON

*Vice Chair*

REBECCA BAUER-KAHAN

ISAAC BRYAN

DAMON CONNOLLY

MATT HANEY

BRIAN MAIENSCHIN

TINA MCKINNOR

BLANCA PACHECO

JOE PATTERSON

ELOISE REYES

KATE SANCHEZ

Staff

ALISON MERRILEES

*Chief Counsel*

NICHOLAS LIEDTKE

*Deputy Chief Counsel*

TOM CLARK

*Counsel*

MANUELA BOUCHER-DE LA CADENA

*Counsel*

SHIRAN ZOHAR

*Counsel*

CINDY MORANTE

*Committee Secretary*

GRANT SILVA

*Committee Secretary*





**MEMBERS**

DIANE DIXON, VICE CHAIR  
REBECCA BAUER-KAHAN  
ISAAC BRYAN  
DAMON CONNOLLY  
MATT HANEY  
BRIAN MAIENSCHN  
TINA MCKINNOR  
BLANCA PACHECO  
JOE PATTERSON  
ELOISE GÓMEZ REYES  
KATE SANCHEZ

**STATE CAPITOL**

P.O. BOX 942849  
SACRAMENTO, CA 94249-0108  
(916) 319-2334

# Assembly California Legislature



## ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY ASH KALRA, CHAIR

**CHIEF COUNSEL**  
ALISON MERRILEES

**DEPUTY CHIEF COUNSEL**  
NICHOLAS LIEDTKE

**COUNSEL**  
TOM CLARK  
MANUELA BOUCHER-DE LA CADENA  
SHIRAN ZOHAR

**COMMITTEE SECRETARIES**  
CINDY MORANTE  
GRANT SILVA

**November 2024**

*The counsel and staff of the Assembly Judiciary Committee have prepared this comprehensive report of bills considered by the Committee during the 2023-24 legislative session. As in past years, the Committee was responsible for one of the largest and most complex bill loads in the Legislature, encompassing virtually all areas of our civil justice and legal system. Some of the highlights of the session are described below. A more detailed summary of all bills referred to the Committee follows.*

**Courts, Civil Procedure and Practice, and Related Matters.** *This session, the Committee heard a wide variety of bills addressing the operation of California's courts and civil justice system. A few key areas of the Committee's focus were streamlining the civil arbitration and mediation processes; strengthening judicial recusal statutes; and improving the State Bar's oversight of trust accounts maintained by civil litigators. The Committee also heard bills addressing the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); modifying various statute of limitations impacting personal rights, and clarifying venue rules governing certain family law matters. The Committee heard and approved a number of noteworthy bills, including bills modernizing procedures governing lemon law litigation; providing new civil procedures for labor law cases; and clarifying that specified regulatory processes must be exhausted before utility rates can be challenged in court, all of which ultimately were signed by the Governor. As in years past, the Committee also heard measures to continue remote access to the court system that began during the early pandemic lockdowns; the development of new court facilities; and the sale of courthouses. Finally, the Committee authored a number of bills dealing with civil procedure and the courts, including one to encourage the cost-effective and timely construction of public lactation rooms in courthouses. One Committee-authored measure that would have required greater transparency about the efforts of courts to make their records available online was vetoed by the Governor due to other unrelated provisions in the bill.*

**Civil and Constitutional Rights.** *While the Committee typically hears a number of bills related to civil and constitutional rights, it considered more than the usual number this session, partly due to the work of the Task Force on Reparations. Successful efforts that grew from the Task Force's recommendations included legislation strengthening protections against hairstyle discrimination; recognizing "intersectional" forms of discrimination; addressing racial discrimination in health care; and formally apologizing for the state's responsibility for harms committed by the state in connection with slavery and its systemic legacies. However, the highest priority Task Force measures failed. Specifically, a measure that would have established an agency to oversee recommendations of the Task Force and a measure that would have created a Fund for Reparations and Restorative Justice, both of which died on the Assembly Floor. The Governor vetoed a Task Force priority bill that would have provided a means to compensate victims of racially motivated eminent domain.*

*The Committee also heard several measures that implicated, either directly or indirectly, the First Amendment, including both free speech and religious freedom protection, mainly in regards to social media. The Committee heard and the Legislature approved a measure that required online platforms to remove or label “materially deceptive and digitally modified” content related to elections for specified periods before and after the election. Another measure requiring online platforms to report instances of cyberbullying within specified time lines also became law. Another measure with serious First Amendment implications that became law requires the California State University, and requests the University of California, to develop and enforce student codes of conduct regulating speech and protect activities. The Committee heard and the Governor signed a measure excusing students from physical education activities during periods of religious fasting. By contrast, a measure that would have exempted persons who wore turbans or patkas for religious purposes from the motorcycle helmet mandate failed in a prior Committee. Finally, the Committee heard and the Governor signed several anti-discrimination bills, including several measures strengthening or expanding anti-discrimination in the states Education Code and state law provisions paralleling federal Title IX protections. However, the Governor vetoed a bill passed by the Committee that would have amended the list of protected characteristics under FEHA to include “caste.”*

**Civil Liability and Immunity.** *As always, the Committee heard many bills related to liability and immunity that covered a diverse array of topics. This session, the Committee heard and approved bills imposing liability on social media companies for the sale of controlled substances on online platforms; creating a private right of action for persons harmed by the decisions of algorithms utilized by artificial intelligence; and mandating standardized charging equipment for mobile devices. The Committee heard several measures seeking to use civil liability as a tool to combat climate change and protect the environment, including measures to strengthen the civil liability of (1) oil and gas operators who violate state laws; (2) persons engaging in illegal and environmentally harmful cannabis operations; (3) companies that violate California’s air pollution laws; and (4) companies that sell menstrual products or rodenticides that contain specified toxic ingredients. Given the Presidential election in November of 2024, the Committee considered a number of election-related bills, including one that was signed into law which prohibits a person from intimidating, threatening, or coercing, or attempting to intimidate, threaten, or coerce, any other person for engaging in specified election-related activities, and authorizes an aggrieved person, an officer holding an election, or the Attorney General (AG) to file a civil action to enforce these prohibitions. The Committee heard and passed a measure authorizing a student to bring a “hazing” action against an institution of higher education if the university knows or should know about the hazing and fails to take specified reasonable steps, which became law. Finally, the Committee heard and passed a high-profile bill that would have required developers of artificial intelligence models that are more powerful than a specified level and those providing the computing power to train such models to put appropriate safeguards and policies into place to prevent critical harms from their products, but it was vetoed.*

**Family Law, Children, and Related Matters.** *The Committee, as usual, heard many bills relating to marriage, family law, domestic violence, and the rights of minors. The Committee heard and the Governor signed relatively minor, but important, bills related to marriage, including a measure that allows a couple to file a joint petition to dissolve a marriage amicably. More controversially, the Committee did not hear a bill (at the author’s request) that would have prohibited issuance of a marriage license to anyone under 18 years of age, thereby eliminating an exemption in existing law that allows a small number of minors to marry with parental and court approval. On the other hand, a measure that will require the State Register to create a report on the incidence and nature of underage marriage in California became law. Finally, the Legislature approved a proposed constitutional amendment that removes a provision limiting marriage to*

a “man and a woman” (which was effectively invalidated by the U.S. Supreme Court) and replaces it with a provision expressly affirming that the right to marry is a fundamental right.

Consistent with past years, the Committee also heard many bills concerning child custody, visitation rights, and child support. Bills that became law included measures limiting the court’s ability to order certain kinds of family reunification treatments; strengthening existing procedures that courts must follow when issuing custody and visitation orders; and requiring family court personnel to receive training on risks associated with access to firearms. The Committee also heard and the Governor signed two measures relating to domestic violence restraining orders (DVRO), one of which prohibits a court from rejecting a request for a DVRO, as specified, and another measure that authorizes the court to limit discovery requests when used for purposes of harassment or delay. Finally, three measures relating to child support particularly stand out. First, the Committee heard and the Governor signed important legislation that will modify the statewide uniform child support guidelines and make other changes that bring the state into compliance with new federal requirements. Second, in an effort to facilitate reentry of formerly incarcerated persons, the Committee heard and the Governor signed a measure that extends the time for a non-custodial parent to resume child support payments after release from incarceration. Finally, the Governor signed a measure that will authorize a court to order that child support payments be paid to a “special needs trust” in a manner that will allow a child to receive Social Security Income and other federal benefits, notwithstanding the deposits.

**Conservatorships and Mental Health.** Conservatorships, especially those created under the Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act, continued to receive significant legislative attention this session. Most notably, this session the Committee heard and the Governor signed a bill that substantially expands the definition of “gravely disabled” for purposes of involuntary detention and establishment of an LPS conservatorship to include a person with a mental disorder OR a severe substance abuse disorder (SUD), and includes a person who cannot care for their “personal safety” or “necessary medical care.” The bill also modified longstanding hearsay rules to exempt statements of certain health practitioners in a conservatorship hearing. The Committee also heard and the Governor signed measures that (1) made numerous changes to the CARE Court program; (2) required a conservator to file a prescribed “care plan” for the conservatee within 120 days of appointment and at least ten days before any hearing to determine the continuation or termination of an existing conservatorship; and (3) allowed, under “exigent circumstances,” an order for involuntary treatment with antipsychotic medication to continue after the expiration of a detention period and until a new hearing for a determination of the person's capacity to refuse treatment occurs.

**Business and Consumer Protection, including Creditor-Debtor Relations.** In 2023, the Committee heard several bills regulating the advertisement and sale of goods and services to consumers. Among the bills signed into law were measures updating the Consumers Legal Remedies Act, making it an unlawful business practice to advertise a good or service without including all mandatory fees and charges for those goods or services; permitting a court to award disgorgement in consumer protection cases brought by the Attorney General; requiring short-term lodging establishments to disclose all required fees at the time of booking; requiring a venture capital company to report its funding determinations; and mandating that large companies report on their climate-related financial risk. In addition, the Committee heard and the Governor signed measures regulating creditor-debtor relations, establishing an alternative method for debtors to submit financial information, and prohibiting the use of common counts in consumer debt cases arising from breach of contract claims.

*In 2024, the Committee heard several bills aimed at enhancing consumer protection and business transparency. Among those signed into law were measures prohibiting the conditioning of consumer refunds on the removal of reviews or signing non-disclosure agreements, and updating procedures for recording documents with county recorders to facilitate the use of remote online notarization. Additionally, the Committee approved bills that required third-party franchise sellers to register with the Department of Financial Protection and Innovation and disclose specific business information; and mandated that grocery and pharmacy establishments provide written notice to employees and specified others prior to closures. The Committee also heard and passed controversial bills clarifying that a mandatory fee or charge imposed by restaurants and certain food service providers are not required to be included in the advertised "all-in" price. The Committee also heard and passed significant bills that did not become law, including a measure, vetoed by the Governor, which would have required financial institutions to take preventative actions against elder and dependent financial abuse. In the creditor-debtor area, the Committee passed significant bills that became law, including a measure that prohibits furnishing medical debt to consumer credit reporting agencies, as well as a bill that extends Rosenthal Act protections to certain types of commercial debt.*

**Employee Rights.** *The Committee heard many important measures this session designed to protect and enforce the rights of employees, including ones providing significant protections for the rights of fast-food and grocery workers and extending job-protected leave programs. Arguably the most significant measure passed by the Committee and signed into law this session was a bill amending the Private Attorneys General Act (PAGA) to do the following: (1) reform the statute's penalty structure; (2) encourage employers to comply with labor law by creating greater opportunity and incentive for employers to cure violations; authorizing courts to provide injunctive relief; and (3) grant aggrieved employees 35 percent of any final award, up from 25 percent previously. Other noteworthy measures included bills to require vendors who contract with the University of California (UC) to provide their employees with the total wage specified in their contract with the UC, or as specified by the UC's equal pay for equal work policy; establish a rebuttable presumption in favor of an employee filing a claim against their employer of unlawful retaliation if the employee were disciplined within 90 days of the protected activity; entitle an employee of a larger business (with 25 or more employees) who is the victim of a crime, or who has a family member who is the victim of a crime, with up to 12 weeks of job-protected leave; and the Freelance Worker Protection Act to impose minimum requirements in a contract between the hiring party and a freelance worker. The Committee passed other significant bills that did not become law, including bills requiring large chain employers to provide each temporary employee who is under contract with a temp agency with a displacement notice at least 60 days before the expected date of a closure of an establishment and an opportunity to transfer to another worksite; protecting the right of public employees to engage in sympathy strikes without adverse consequences; and requiring local governments, when collecting demographic data on employees, to include categories for African Americans related to their status as descendants of enslaved persons.*

**Landlord-Tenant.** *In the area of landlord-tenant law, a subject over which the Committee has primary jurisdiction, the Committee reviewed and passed multiple bills this session that were aimed at enhancing protections for residential and commercial tenants and clarifying landlord obligations. In residential tenancy, the Committee approved numerous bills that were signed into law, including measures that prohibit landlords from charging application fees when no rental units are available; limit the amount of security deposit a landlord can collect to no more than one month's rent; restrict deductions from security deposits for wear-and-tear repairs; require photographic evidence of a unit's pre-tenancy condition; and*

*require landlords to offer tenants the option to report positive rental payments to credit bureaus, helping tenants build credit. The Committee also passed measures that broaden lock change and eviction protections for abuse victims, extending coverage to family members; establish a pilot program that unbundles the cost of parking from the cost of rent; limit the ability of local governments to adopt local ordinances penalizing a tenant's contact with law enforcement or require landlords to adopt policies or procedures that do so; and permitting a tenant to own and store a personal micromobility device in their dwelling unit. The Governor also signed a measure that extends certain protections, such as contract translations, notice of rent adjustments, and clear disclosures on building operating cost fees, to "qualified commercial tenants" in the commercial rental context. The Committee heard and passed several significant pieces of legislation that did not make it to the Governor's desk, such as a measure that would have required landlords to accept pets in their rental properties and a measure that would have established the Office of Tenants' Rights and Protections. Collectively, the enacted measures strengthen tenant rights and reinforce transparency in both residential and commercial rental practices.*

*The following report contains a summary of each bill referred to the Committee, as well as helpful statistical data regarding the disposition of the bills assigned to the Committee during the 2023-24 session. We hope that you find this information useful.*

*Sincerely,*

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alison Merrilees". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

*Alison Merrilees  
Chief Counsel, Assembly Judiciary Committee*





# *Table of Contents*

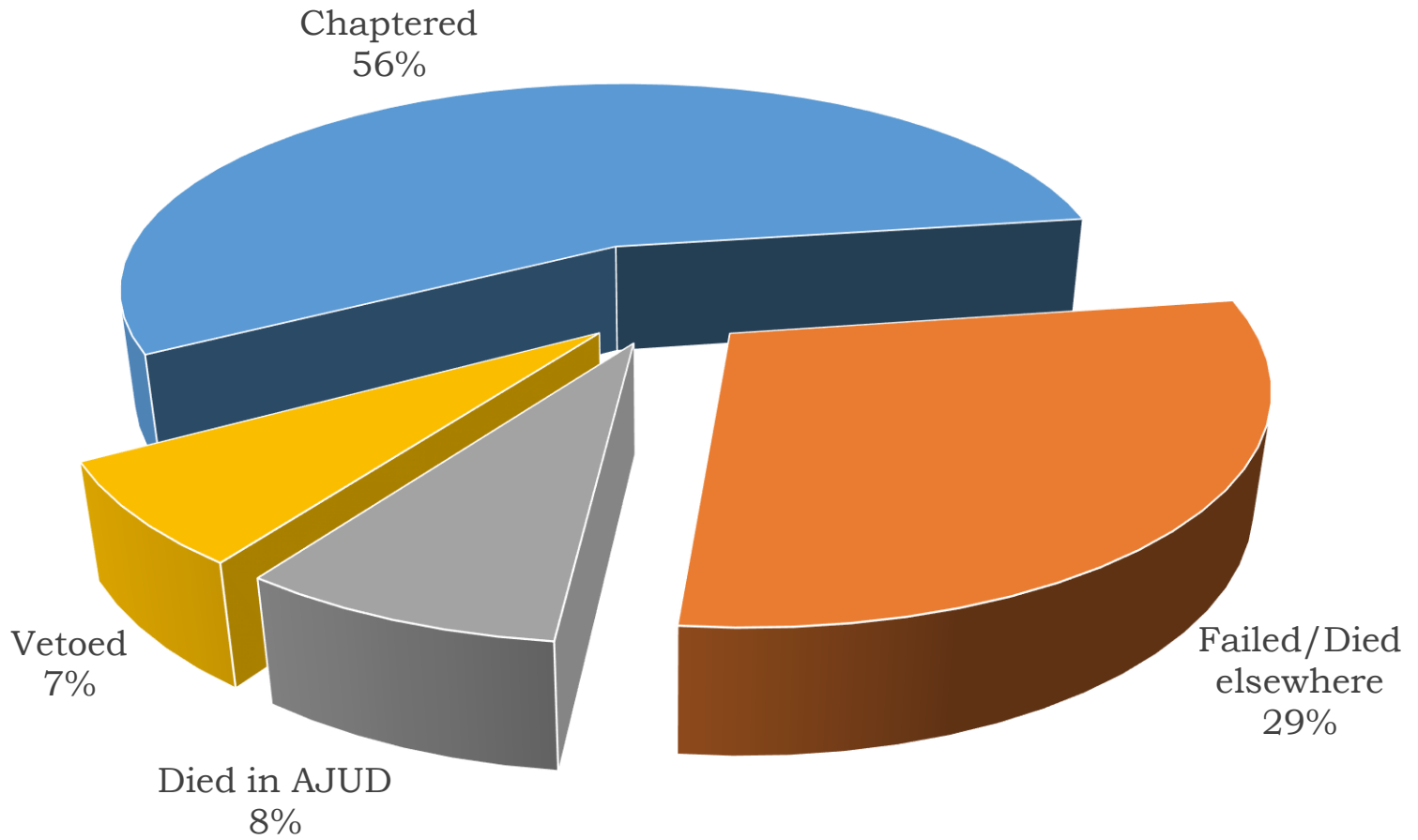
	<u>Page #'s</u>
<i>I. COVER LETTER</i>	<i>i</i>
<i>II. CHARTS SUMMARIZING CATEGORIES AND DISPOSITION OF BILLS</i>	<i>iii</i>
<i>III. INDEX</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>IV. BILL SUMMARIES</i>	<i>16</i>



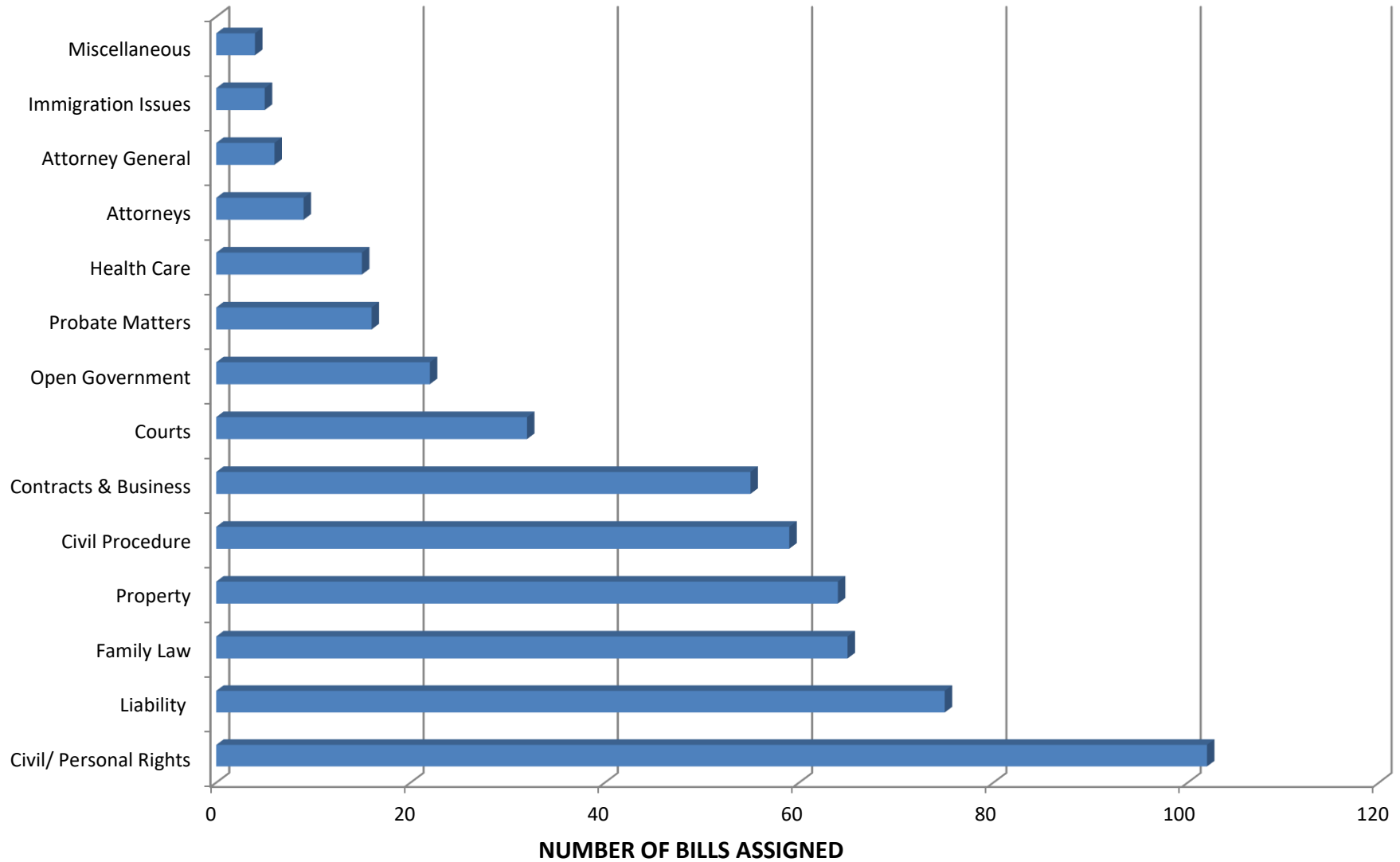
## Disposition of Bills Assigned To The Assembly Judiciary Committee 2023-2024

<b>ASSIGNED</b>	Assembly: 354 Senate: 159 Total: <b>513</b>	
<b>CHAPTERED/ADOPTED</b>	Assembly: 169 Senate: 117 Total: <b>286</b>	<b>56%</b>
<b>VETOED</b>	Assembly: 21 Senate: 16 Total: <b>37</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>DIED IN AsmJUD</b>	Assembly: 34 Senate: 4 Total: <b>30</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>FAILED IN AsmJUD</b>	Assembly: 1 Senate: 1 Total: <b>2</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>FAILED OR DIED ELSEWHERE</b>	Assembly: 129 Senate: 21 Total: <b>150</b>	<b>29%</b>

**DISPOSITION OF BILLS ASSIGNED TO THE  
ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY COMMITTEE IN 2023-2024**



## TYPES OF BILLS ASSIGNED TO THE ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY COMMITTEE IN 2023-2024



## **2023-24 INDEX OF BILLS BY SUBJECT MATTER**

		<u>Page #</u>
<b>ATTORNEY GENERAL – ENFORCEMENT AND OVERSIGHT</b>		
AB 1521	(M. Fong) Proposition 65: certificate of merit.	16
AB 1597	(Alvarez) Water quality: California-Mexico cross-border rivers.	16
AB 3004	(M. Fong) Proposition 65: certificates of merit: AG communications.	16
AB 3136	(Reyes) Attorney General: Bureau of Environmental Justice.	16
AB 3218	(Wood) Unflavored Tobacco List.	16
<b>ATTORNEYS AND RELATED MATTERS</b>		
<i>Attorneys and Related Services</i>		
AB 690	(Chen) Legal document assistants and unlawful detainer assistants.	16
AB 2505	(Gabriel) Mandatory reporting: pro bono attorneys.	17
AB 2811	(Lowenthal) Artificial intelligence: attorneys: court filings.	17
AB 2989	(Wallis) Talent agencies: licensure.	17
<i>State Bar</i>		
AB 924	(Gabriel) ADR: complaints.	17
AB 3279	(Judiciary) State Bar of California.	17
SB 40	(Umberg) State Bar of California.	17
SB 42	(Umberg) Attorneys: reporting professional misconduct.	17
SB 1476	(Blakespear) Political Reform Act of 1974: State Bar of California.	17
<b>CIVIL PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE</b>		
<i>Civil Procedure</i>		
AB 340	(V. Fong) California Environmental Quality Act: grounds for noncompliance.	18
AB 452	(Addis) Childhood sexual assault: statute of limitations.	18
AB 554	(Gabriel) Corporations for the prevention of cruelty to animals.	18
AB 560	(Bennett) Sustainable Groundwater Management Act: adjudication.	18
AB 561	(Chen) Civil actions: service of process.	18
AB 615	(Maienschein) International commercial arbitration: procedure.	18
AB 779	(Wilson) Groundwater: adjudication.	19
AB 975	(Ta) Public nuisance abatement: homeless encampments: attorney’s fees.	19
AB 978	(Joe Patterson) CEQA: housing projects: judicial review: bonds.	19
AB 992	(Essayli) Voidable transactions: remedies: choice of law.	19
AB 1337	(Wicks) State Water Resources Control Board: water diversion curtailment.	19
AB 1488	(Wallis) CEQA: environmental leadership development projects: streamlined review.	19
AB 1546	(Gabriel) California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018: statute of limitations.	19
AB 1547	(McKinnor) Childhood sexual assault: statute of limitations.	19
AB 1897	(Flora) Civil actions: prevailing defendant: attorney’s fees.	20

AB 1903	(Maienschein) International commercial arbitration: procedure.	20
AB 2049	(Pacheco) Motions for summary judgment: filing deadlines.	20
AB 2067	(Dixon) Financial institutions: service of process.	20
AB 2087	(Alanis) CEQA: disclosure: identity and interests.	20
AB 2190	(Mathis) CEQA: expedited judicial review: infrastructure projects: hydrogen.	20
AB 2225	(Rodriguez) Discovery: prehospital emergency medical care person or personnel review committees.	20
AB 2257	(Wilson) Local government: property-related water and sewer fees and assessments: remedies.	20
AB 2304	(Lee) Unlawful detainer: case records.	21
AB 2337	(Dixon) Workers' compensation: electronic signatures.	21
AB 2347	(Kalra) Summary proceedings for obtaining possession of real property: procedural requirements.	21
AB 2587	(Aguilar-Curry) Sexual assault: statute of limitations.	21
AB 2677	(Chen) Sureties: liability for attorney's fees.	21
AB 2693	(Wicks) Childhood sexual assault: statute of limitations.	21
AB 2705	(Ortega) Labor Commissioner: statute of limitations.	21
AB 2940	(Muratsuchi) California Environmental Quality Act: environmental leadership development projects: transmission projects: expedited judicial review.	21
AB 3114	(Low) California Environmental Quality Act: expedited judicial review: sustainable aviation fuel projects.	21
AB 3196	(Nguyen) Summary proceedings for obtaining possession of real property: demurrers.	22
AB 3205	(Essayli) Civil actions: attorney's fees and costs.	22
AB 3265	(Bryan) California Environmental Quality Act: environmental leadership media campus projects: judicial streamlining.	22
SB 60	(Umberg) Social media platforms: controlled substances: order to remove.	22
SB 235	(Umberg) Civil discovery.	22
SB 303	(Allen) Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act.	22
SB 365	(Wiener) Civil procedure: arbitration.	22
SB 393	(Glazer) California Environmental Quality Act: judicial challenge: identification of contributors: housing development projects.	22
SB 428	(Blakespear) Temporary restraining orders and protective orders: employee harassment.	22
SB 439	(Skinner) Special motions to strike: priority housing development projects.	23
SB 549	(Newman) Gaming: Tribal Declaratory Relief Act of 2023.	23
SB 553	(Cortese) Occupational safety: workplace violence: restraining orders and workplace violence prevention plan.	23
SB 558	(Rubio) Civil actions: childhood sexual abuse.	23
SB 564	(Laird) Sheriffs and marshals: fees.	23
SB 642	(Cortese) Hazardous materials: enforcement: county counsel.	23
SB 756	(Laird) Water: inspection: administrative procedure: notice: service.	23
SB 940	(Umberg) Civil disputes: arbitration.	23
SB 1022	(Skinner) Enforcement of Civil Rights.	24
SB 1141	(Niello) Mediation: amount in controversy.	24

## ***Evidence***

AB 360	(Gipson) Excited delirium.	24
AB 933	(Aguiar-Curry, Ward) Privileged communications: complaint of sexual assault, harassment, or discrimination.	24
AB 1253	(Maienschein) Hearsay: exceptions.	24
AB 2833	(McKinnor) Evidence: restorative justice communications.	24
SB 652	(Umberg) Evidence: expert testimony.	24
SB 674	(Gonzalez) Air pollution: refineries: fence-line monitoring systems.	25
SB 1386	(Caballero) Evidence: sexual assault.	

## **CONTRACTS, BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL MATTERS**

### ***Business and Consumer Protection***

AB 300	(Papan) Notaries public: notification of death: delivery of notarial records and papers.	25
AB 315	(Bauer-Kahan) False advertising: abortion.	25
AB 357	(Maienschein) Animal test methods: alternatives.	25
AB 537	(Berman) Short-term lodging: advertising: rates.	25
AB 743	(Petrie-Norris) Remote online notaries public.	25
AB 886	(Wicks) Journalism preservation: online platforms.	25
AB 1229	(Haney) Unincorporated associations: decentralized nonprofit associations.	26
AB 1366	(Maienschein) Unfair competition and false advertising: disgorgement: actions by AG.	26
AB 1740	(Sanchez) Human trafficking: notice: pediatric care facilities.	26
AB 1755	(Kalra, Umberg) Restitution for or replacement of a new motor vehicle.	26
AB 1900	(Weber) Consumer refunds: nondisclosure agreements.	26
AB 2004	(Petrie-Norris) County recorder: recordation of documents.	26
AB 2862	(Gipson) Department of Consumer Affairs: African American applicants.	26
SB 33	(Glazer) Commercial financing: disclosures.	26
SB 54	(Skinner) Venture capital companies: reporting.	27
SB 261	(Stern) Greenhouse gases: climate-related financial risk.	27
SB 362	(Becker) Data brokers: registration.	27
SB 372	(Menjivar) Department of Consumer Affairs: licensee and registrant records: name and gender changes.	27
SB 446	(Wilk) Nonprofit and cooperative corporations: ratification or validation of noncompliant corporate actions.	27
SB 478	(Dodd) Consumers Legal Remedies Act: advertisements.	27
SB 522	(Niello) Uniform Fiduciary Income and Principal Act.	27
SB 644	(Glazer) Business practices: hotel and private residence rental reservations.	27
SB 666	(Min) Small business loan fees.	28
SB 683	(Glazer) Hotels and short-term rentals: advertised rates: mandatory fees.	28
SB 696	(Portantino) Notaries public.	28
SB 697	(Hurtado) Conspiracy against trade: punishment.	28
SB 919	(Umberg) Franchise Investment Law: franchise brokers.	28
SB 1089	(Smallwood-Cuevas) Food and prescription access: grocery and pharmacy closures.	28



SB 1096	(Seyarto) Mailed solicitations: disclosure statement.	29
SB 1168	(Limón) Business entities: Secretary of State: document filings.	29
SB 1201	(Durazo) Beneficial owners.	29
SB 1384	(Dodd) Powered wheelchairs: repair.	29
SB 1524	(Dodd) Consumers Legal Remedies Act: advertisements: restaurant, bar, and other food services.	29

***Contracts***

AB 473	(Aguiar-Curry) Motor vehicle manufacturers, distributors, and dealers.	29
AB 747	(McCarty) Business: unlawful employee contracts and requirements.	29
AB 893	(Papan) Personal vehicle sharing programs.	30
AB 1985	(Joe Patterson) Home solicitation contracts.	30
AB 2248	(Maienschein) Contracts: sales of dogs and cats.	30
AB 2489	(Ward) Local agencies: contracts for special services.	30
AB 2557	(Ortega) Local agencies: contracts for special services: performance reports.	30
AB 2993	(Grayson) Home improvement and home solicitation: right to cancel contracts: loan financing regulation.	30
SB 80	(Laird) Retail installment contracts.	30
SB 699	(Caballero) Contracts in restraint of trade.	31
SB 1303	(Caballero) Public works: contracts.	31

***Creditor-Debtor Relations***

AB 1119	(Wicks) Enforcement of judgments.	31
AB 1414	(Kalra) Civil actions: consumer debt.	31
AB 2039	(Dixon) Enforcement of money judgments: exemptions.	31
AB 2837	(Bauer-Kahan) Civil actions: enforcement of money judgments.	31
AB 3283	(Judiciary) Enforcement of judgments: claims of exemption.	31
SB 95	(Roth) Commercial transactions.	31
SB 1061	(Limón) Consumer debt: medical debt.	31
SB 1286	(Min) Rosenthal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act: commercial debts.	31

**COURTS AND RELATED MATTERS**

***Courts***

AB 67	(Muratsuchi) Homeless Courts Pilot Program.	32
AB 432	(M. Fong) Court interpreters.	32
AB 875	(Gabriel) Courts: data reporting.	32
AB 959	(McCarty) Court facilities.	32
AB 1139	(Garcia) Recognition of tribal court money judgments: tribal sales taxes.	32
AB 1585	(Ward) Name changes: copies of order granting petition.	32
AB 1758	(Judiciary) Court records: fees.	32
AB 2148	(Low) Professional fiduciaries: court appointment.	33
AB 2283	(Pacheco) Civil actions: electronic service.	33
AB 2484	(Bryan) Courts: juveniles: remote proceedings.	33
AB 2625	(Bryan) Courts: notification system.	33
AB 2628	(Hart) State auditor: judicial branch audits.	33

AB 2988	(McCarty) Courts.	33
AB 3013	(Maienschein) Courts: remote court reporting.	33
AB 3096	(Wicks) Courts: elections.	33
AB 3280	(Judiciary) Court Lactation Facilities.	33
AB 3282	(Judiciary) Courts.	34
SB 21	(Umberg) Civil actions: remote proceedings.	34
SB 22	(Umberg) Courts: remote proceedings.	34
SB 71	(Umberg) Jurisdiction: small claims and limited civil cases.	34
SB 949	(Blakespear) Superior courts: lactation accommodation.	34

***Juries***

AB 987	(Essayli) Jury duty.	34
AB 1601	(Alvarez) Jury duty: eligibility.	34
AB 1811	(Alvarez) Jury duty: eligibility.	35
AB 1899	(Cervantes) Jury questionnaire.	35
AB 2985	(Hart) Courts: mental health advisement.	35
AB 3039	(Essayli) Juries: peremptory challenges.	35

***Judges***

AB 419	(Bauer-Kahan) Judicial officers: training: sexual abuse and assault.	35
AB 1846	(Bauer-Kahan) Judicial officers: training: sexual abuse and assault.	35
AB 2125	(Garcia) Judicial officers: disqualification.	35
SB 75	(Roth) Courts: judgeships.	35
SB 1356	(Wahab) Judiciary: training: gender bias.	35

**FAMILY LAW, CHILDREN AND RELATED MATTERS**

***Adoption***

AB 20	(Gipson) Postadoption contact agreements: reinstatement of parental rights.	36
AB 1302	(Lackey) Vital records: adopted persons and original birth certificates.	36
AB 2255	(Joe Patterson) Adoption assistance: eligibility.	36
AB 2948	(Ramos) Adoption Assistance Program: tribal court orders.	36
SB 807	(Ochoa Bogh) Adoption facilitators.	36

***Children***

AB 81	(Ramos) Indian children: dependency proceedings.	36
AB 223	(Ward) Change of gender and sex identifier.	36
AB 273	(Ramos) Foster care: missing children and nonminor dependents.	36
AB 448	(J. Carrillo) Juveniles: relative placement: family finding.	37
AB 665	(W. Carrillo) Minors: consent to mental health services.	37
AB 816	(Haney) Minors: consent to medical care.	37
AB 867	(Friedman) Foster youth.	37
AB 876	(R. Rivas) Child fatalities and near fatalities: records.	37
AB 937	(McKinnor) Dependency: family reunification services.	37
AB 954	(Bryan) Dependency: court-ordered services.	38

AB 1134	(McKinnor) Family reunification services.	38
AB 1154	(Wilson) Juveniles: mentoring programs.	38
AB 1344	(Santiago) Surviving child benefits.	38
AB 1880	(Alanis) Minors: artistic employment contracts.	38
AB 2282	(McKinnor) Family reunification services.	38
AB 2459	(Wilson) Juveniles: mentoring programs.	38
AB 2664	(Bryan) Foster youth.	39
AB 2752	(Calderon) Juvenile court: visitation.	39
AB 2884	(Hart) Dependent children: court-ordered parenting classes working group.	39
AB 2929	(J. Carrillo) Dependent children: family finding.	39
AB 3049	(Bryan) Dependent children: court hearings.	39
AB 3103	(Quirk-Silva) Dependent children: health screenings.	39
AB 3170	(Ortega) Public health: maternal substance abuse.	39
SB 9	(Cortese) Raising the Age for Extended Foster Care Pilot Program Act.	39
SB 457	(Menjivar) Vision care: consent by a minor.	40
SB 463	(Wahab) Dependent children.	40
SB 578	(Ashby) Dependent children.	40
SB 764	(Padilla) Minors: online platforms.	40
SB 824	(Ashby) Foster care.	40

***Child Custody and Visitation***

AB 957	(Wilson) Family law: gender identity.	40
AB 1019	(Pellerin) Child custody: counseling of parents and children.	40
AB 3072	(Petrie-Norris) Family law: child custody: ex parte orders.	40
SB 331	(Rubio) Child custody: child abuse and safety: Piqui’s Law.	41
SB 599	(Caballero) Visitation rights.	41

***Marriage***

AB 2924	(Petrie-Norris) Marriage: prohibition on marriage of a minor.	41
SB 575	(Wahab) Marriage: underage marriage.	41
SB 1150	(Laird) Dissolution of marriage: restoration of former name.	41
SB 1427	(Allen) Marriage: joint petition for dissolution of marriage.	41

***Paternity and Child, Family and Spousal Support***

AB 1148	(Bonta) Child support suspension.	42
AB 1324	(Bryan) Child welfare agencies: enforcement.	42
AB 1755	(Judiciary) Child support.	42
AB 2397	(Maienschein) Child support: special needs trust.	42
SB 343	(Skinner) Child support.	42

***Domestic Violence***

AB 36	(Gabriel) Domestic violence protective orders: possession of a firearm.	42
AB 818	(Petrie-Norris) Protective orders.	42
AB 2024	(Pacheco) Domestic violence: restraining orders.	43
AB 2096	(Petrie-Norris) Restraining orders: educational institutions.	43

AB 2759	(Petrie-Norris) Domestic violence protective orders: possession of a firearm.	43
AB 3083	(Lackey, Alanis) Domestic violence: protective orders: background checks.	43
SB 459	(Rubio) Domestic violence: restraining orders.	43
SB 554	(Cortese) Protective orders: jurisdiction.	43
SB 741	(Min) Domestic violence: restraining orders: prehearing discovery.	43
SB 899	(Skinner, Blakespear) Protective orders: firearms.	44
SB 989	(Ashby, Rubio) Domestic violence: records related to death.	44

***Family Law***

AB 1179	(Pacheco) Family law: attorney’s fees.	44
AB 1650	(Jim Patterson) Family law proceedings, custody, parentage, and adoption.	44
AB 1974	(Petrie-Norris) Family conciliation courts: evaluator training.	44

**HEALTH CARE**

AB 571	(Petrie-Norris) Medical malpractice insurance.	44
AB 1029	(Pellerin) Advance health care directive form.	45
AB 1091	(Wood) Health Care Consolidation and Contracting Fairness Act.	45
AB 1092	(Wood) Health care service plans: consolidation.	45
AB 1316	(Irwin, Ward) Emergency services: psychiatric emergency medical conditions.	45
AB 1707	(Pacheco) Health professionals and facilities: adverse actions based on another state’s law.	45
AB 2297	(Friedman) Hospital and Emergency Physician Fair Pricing Policies.	45
AB 2352	(Irwin) Behavioral health and psychiatric advance directives.	46
AB 3129	(Wood) Health care system consolidation.	46
SB 345	(Skinner) Health care services: legally protected health care activities.	46
SB 487	(Atkins) Abortion: provider protections.	46
SB 959	(Menjivar) Trans-inclusive care: resources and support services.	46
SB 963	(Ashby) Health facilities: self-identifying human trafficking system.	46
SB 966	(Wiener) Pharmacy benefits.	46

**IMMIGRATION ISSUES**

AB 617	(Jones-Sawyer) One CA: immigration legal services.	47
AB 1306	(W. Carrillo) State government: immigration enforcement.	47
AB 2031	(Jones-Sawyer) One California Program.	47
AB 2224	(Santiago) Human services: special immigrant juvenile status.	47
SB 831	(Caballero) Agricultural workers: immigration.	47

**LIABILITY AND RELATED MATTERS**

***Damages and Civil Penalties***

AB 82	(Weber) Dietary supplements and over-the-counter diet pills.	
AB 239	(Wilson) Avocado oil regulations.	47
AB 259	(Lee) Wealth tax: false claims.	48
AB 331	(Bauer-Kahan) Algorithmic discrimination: automated decision tool.	48
AB 460	(Bauer-Kahan) State Water Resources Control Board: water rights and usage.	48

AB 631	(Hart) Oil and gas: enforcement: penalties.	48
AB 1027	(Petrie-Norris) Social media platforms: controlled substances.	48
AB 1077	(Jackson) State agencies and counties: antiracism audits.	48
AB 1171	(Rubio) Cannabis: private right of action.	49
AB 1210	(Kalra) Sodium nitrates: civil penalty.	49
AB 1305	(Gabriel) Voluntary carbon market disclosures.	49
AB 1394	(Wicks) Commercial sexual exploitation: civil actions.	49
AB 1448	(Wallis) Cannabis: enforcement of local laws.	49
AB 1465	(Wicks) Nonvehicular air pollution: civil penalties.	49
AB 1590	(Friedman) Major coastal resorts: coastal development permits: audits: waste.	49
AB 1659	(Gabriel) Sale of small electronic devices: charging devices.	50
AB 1800	(Jones-Sawyer) Negligence: controlled substances: social media companies.	50
AB 1894	(Ta) Nonvehicular air pollution: civil penalties.	50
AB 1979	(Ward) Doxing Victims Recourse Act.	50
AB 2066	(Reyes) The California Food Safety Act.	50
AB 2081	(Davies) Substance abuse: recovery and treatment programs.	50
AB 2149	(Connolly) Gates: standards: inspection.	50
AB 2217	(Weber) Tianeptine.	50
AB 2223	(Aguiar-Curry) Cannabis: industrial hemp.	51
AB 2239	(Bonta) Digital discrimination of access: prohibition.	51
AB 2244	(Ting) Product safety: proofs of purchase: intentionally added bisphenols.	51
AB 2496	(Pellerin) Liability claims: foster family agencies and noncustodial adoption agencies.	51
AB 2515	(Papan) Menstrual products: perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.	51
AB 2552	(Friedman) Pesticides: anticoagulant rodenticides.	51
AB 2642	(Berman, Gipson) Elections: intimidation.	51
AB 2761	(Hart) Product safety: plastic packaging: Reducing Toxics in Packaging Act.	51
AB 2930	(Bauer-Kahan) Automated decision tools.	52
AB 3124	(Low) Internet websites: personal information.	52
AB 3172	(Lowenthal) Social media platforms: injuries to children: damages.	52
AB 3192	(Muratsuchi) Major coastal resorts: audits: waste.	52
AB 3211	(Wicks) California Digital Content Provenance Standards.	52
SB 244	(Eggman) Right to repair act.	52
SB 271	(Dodd) Powered wheelchairs: right to repair.	52
SB 296	(Dodd) In-vehicle cameras.	52
SB 390	(Limón) Voluntary carbon offsets: business regulation.	53
SB 646	(Cortese) Civil law: personal rights: online sex trafficking: sexual photographs.	53
SB 680	(Skinner) Social media platforms: harm to children.	53
SB 727	(Limón) Human trafficking: civil actions.	53
SB 942	(Becker) California AI Transparency Act.	53
SB 1037	(Wiener) Planning and zoning: housing element: enforcement.	53
SB 1047	(Wiener) Safe and Secure Innovation for Frontier AI Models Act.	53
SB 1144	(Skinner) Online marketplaces.	54
SB 1498	(Ashby) Cannabis and industrial hemp: advertising: civil action.	54

***Immunity and Scope of Liability***

AB 24	(Haney) Emergency response: opioid antagonist kit.	54
-------	--	----

AB 70	(Rodriguez) Emergency response: trauma kits.	54
AB 299	(Holden) Hazing: educational institutions: civil liability.	54
AB 635	(V. Fong) Space flight liability and immunity.	54
AB 1089	(Gipson) Firearms.	54
AB 1166	(Bains) Liability for opioid antagonist administration.	55
AB 1228	(Holden) Fast food restaurant franchisors and franchisees: joint liability.	55
AB 1376	(J. Carrillo) Emergency medical services: detainment: liability.	55
AB 1501	(Hoover) Business regulations: sexually explicit material.	55
AB 1836	(Bauer-Kahan) Use of likeness: digital replica.	55
AB 2193	(Holden) Hazing: educational institutions: civil liability.	55
AB 2317	(Nguyen) Child day care facilities: anaphylactic policy.	55
AB 2389	(Lowenthal) Alcoholic beverages: eating place and on-sale general public premises: drug reporting.	56
AB 2606	(Aguar-Curry) California Agave Commission.	56
AB 2635	(Irwin) California Agritourism Liability Act: agritourism civil liability.	56
AB 2699	(W. Carrillo) Hazardous materials: reporting: civil liability.	56
AB 2848	(Joe Patterson) State Route 80: damage to auto glass.	56
AB 2859	(Jim Patterson) Emergency medical technicians: peer support.	56
AB 2998	(McKinnor) Opioid overdose reversal medications: pupil administration.	56
AB 3040	(Boerner) Liability policies: lawsuits.	57
AB 3050	(Low) Artificial intelligence.	57
AB 3155	(Friedman) Oil and gas wells: health protection zones: civil liability.	57
SB 310	(Dodd) Prescribed fire: civil liability: cultural burns.	57
SB 357	(Portantino) Vehicles: physician and surgeon reporting.	57
SB 385	(Atkins) Physician Assistant Practice Act: abortion by aspiration: training.	57
SB 722	(Ochoa Bogh) Daycare facilities: incidental medical services plans.	58
SB 868	(Wilk) Pupil safety: trauma kits.	58

## **CIVIL, CONSTITUTIONAL, AND PERSONAL RIGHTS**

### ***Civil/ Constitutional Rights***

AB 524	(Wicks) Discrimination: family caregiver status.	58
AB 549	(Wilson) Gender discrimination: state agencies.	58
AB 672	(Jackson) Civil Rights Department: community assistance.	58
AB 836	(Essayli) Social media platform: traditional First Amendment forum.	58
AB 920	(Bryan) Discrimination: housing status.	58
AB 942	(M. Fong) Post-secondary education: sex equity.	59
AB 1079	(Jackson) Discrimination: public engagement.	59
AB 1339	(Haney) Discrimination: disability: medication-assisted treatment.	59
AB 1502	(Schiavo) Discrimination: health care coverage.	59
AB 1720	(Bauer-Kahan) Sex equity in education: State Department of Education.	59
AB 1815	(Weber) Discrimination based on race: hairstyles.	59
AB 1825	(Muratsuchi) California Freedom to Read Act.	60
AB 2047	(M. Fong) Public postsecondary education: discrimination prevention: offices of civil rights.	60
AB 2048	(M. Fong) Public postsecondary education: discrimination: Title IX offices.	60
AB 2089	(Holden) Local government: collection of demographic data.	60

AB 2232	(Maienschein) The Civil Rights Department: enforcement actions.	60
AB 2287	(Chen) Eskimo to Inuit.	60
AB 2326	(Alvarez) Equity in Higher Education Act: discrimination: compliance, regulation, and reports.	60
AB 2355	(W. Carrillo) Political advertisements: artificial intelligence.	61
AB 2377	(L. Rivas) Pupil instruction: physical education: religious exemption.	61
AB 2392	(Soria) Motorcycle: safety helmet exemption.	61
AB 2655	(Berman) Defending Democracy from Deepfake Deception Act.	61
AB 2763	(Essayli) Demographic data: Middle Eastern and North African groups.	61
AB 2839	(Pellerin) Elections: deceptive media in advertisements.	61
AB 2925	(Friedman, Lowenthal) Postsecondary education: Equity in Higher Education Act: prohibition on discrimination: training.	62
AB 3024	(Ward) Civil rights.	62
AB 3080	(Alanis) The Parent’s Accountability and Child Protection Act.	62
ACA 5	(Low) Marriage Equality.	62
ACA 7	(Jackson) Government preferences: programs: exceptions.	62
ACR 202	(McCarty) Loving Day.	62
AJR 5	(Gipson) Expulsion of Tennessee state representatives.	62
HR 30	(Essayli) Middle Eastern or North African Data.	62
HR 37	(Boerner) Title IX of the Education Amendments.	63
SB 16	(Smallwood-Cuevas) Civil rights: discrimination: enforcement.	63
SB 403	(Wahab) Discrimination on the basis of ancestry.	63
SB 490	(Bradford) Reparations task force: African Americans.	63
SB 847	(Dahle) Motorcycle: safety helmet exception.	63
SB 1050	(Bradford) California American Freedman Affairs Agency: racially motivated eminent domain.	63
SB 1137	(Smallwood-Cuevas) Discrimination: intersectionality.	64
SB 1287	(Glazer) Equity in Higher Education Act: prohibitions.	64
SB 1331	(Bradford) Fund for Reparations and Restorative Justice.	64
SB 1340	(Smallwood-Cuevas) Discrimination.	64
SB 1403	(Bradford) California American Freedmen Affairs Agency: Task Force recommendations.	64
SB 1491	(Eggman, Atkins) Equity in Higher Education Act.	64
SB 1504	(Stern) Cyberbullying Protection Act.	65

***Disability Rights***

AB 222	(Arambula) Civil Rights Department: Californians with disabilities workgroup.	65
AB 539	(Nguyen) Accessibility related violations.	65
AB 950	(Maienschein) Accessibility: internet websites.	65
AB 1404	(W. Carrillo) Disability access: internet website-related accessibility claims.	65
AB 1757	(Judiciary) Accessibility: internet websites.	65
AB 1876	(Jackson) Developmental services: individual program plans and individual family service plans: remote meetings.	66
AB 1906	(Gipson) Persons with disabilities: terminology.	66
AB 2026	(Mathis) Disabilities: person-first terminology.	66
SB 585	(Niello) Disability access: construction-related accessibility claims: statutory damages: attorney’s fees and costs.	66

SB 748 (Roth) Disability access and information: local government: notice. 66

***Personal Rights***

AB 48 (Aguiar-Curry) Nursing Facility Resident Informed Consent Protection Act. 66  
AB 1314 (Essayli) Gender identity: parental notification. 66  
AB 2351 (Lowenthal) Suspensions and expulsions: acts occurring outside school hours. 67  
AB 3089 (Jones-Sawyer) Chattel slavery: formal apology. 67  
AB 3161 (Bonta) Health and care facilities: patient safety and antidiscrimination. 67  
ACR 135 (Weber) Human rights violations and crimes against humanity on African slaves and their descendants. 67  
SCR 113 (Smallwood-Cuevas) Human rights violations and crimes against humanity on African slaves and their descendants. 67

***Privacy Rights***

AB 243 (Alanis) Child abduction survivors: address confidentiality program. 67  
AB 793 (Bonta) Privacy: reverse demands. 67  
AB 3139 (Weber) Data privacy: vehicle manufacturers: remote vehicle technology. 67  
SB 1000 (Ashby, Rubio) Connected devices: device protection requests. 68

***Employment Rights***

AB 504 (Reyes) Employment relations. 68  
AB 594 (Maienschein) Labor Code: alternative enforcement. 68  
AB 647 (Holden) Grocery workers. 68  
AB 853 (Maienschein) Grocery workers. 68  
AB 1356 (Haney) Relocations, terminations, and mass layoffs. 68  
AB 1928 (Sanchez) Worker classification: employees and independent contractors. 68  
AB 2011 (Bauer-Kahan) Unlawful employment practices: small employer family leave mediation program. 69  
AB 2288 (Kalra) Labor Code enforcement: private civil actions. 69  
AB 2374 (Haney) Displaced janitors. 69  
AB 2404 (Lee) State and local public employees: labor relations: strikes. 69  
AB 2455 (Gabriel) Whistleblower protections. 69  
AB 2499 (Schiavo) Unlawful employment practices: discrimination for time off. 69  
AB 2696 (Rendon) Labor-related liabilities: direct contractor and subcontractor. 70  
AB 2738 (L. Rivas) Labor Code: alternative enforcement: occupational safety. 70  
AB 2741 (Haney) Temporary employees: labor contractors. 70  
AB 2754 (Rendon) Employment contracts and agreements: sufficient funds: liability. 70  
AB 3043 (L. Rivas) Occupational safety: fabrication activities. 70  
SB 27 (Durazo) University of California: vendors. 70  
SB 73 (Seyarto) Employment policy: voluntary veterans' preference. 71  
SB 92 (Umberg) Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004. 71  
SB 399 (Wahab) Employer communications: intimidation. 71  
SB 497 (Smallwood-Cuevas) Protected employee conduct. 71  
SB 627 (Smallwood-Cuevas) Displaced workers: notice: retention and transfer. 71  
SB 700 (Bradford) Employment discrimination: cannabis use. 71  
SB 716 (Alvarado-Gil) Excluded employees: binding arbitration. 72



SB 731	(Ashby) Employment discrimination: unlawful practices: disability: work from home.	72
SB 808	(Dodd) California State University: annual report: sexual harassment reports: formal sexual harassment complaints.	72
SB 848	(Rubio) Employment: leave for loss related to reproduction or adoption.	72
SB 901	(Umberg) The military: eligibility.	72
SB 988	(Wiener) Freelance Worker Protection Act.	72
SB 1100	(Portantino) Discrimination: driver's license.	72
SB 1264	(Grove) Employment discrimination: cannabis use.	72

## **OPEN GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC RECORDS**

AB 15	(Dixon) Public records: parole calculations and inmate release credits.	73
AB 312	(Reyes, Ward) State partnership for affordable housing registries in California Grant program.	73
AB 469	(V. Fong) California Public Records Act Ombudsperson.	73
AB 730	(Lowenthal) California Public Records Act: public agency employees: notice requirements: personnel and medical information.	73
AB 1147	(Addis) Disability Equity and Accountability Act of 2023.	73
AB 1785	(Pacheco) Public Records Act.	73
AB 2095	(Maienschein) Publication: newspapers of general circulation.	73
AB 2153	(Lowenthal) California Public Records Act: public agency employees: notice requirements.	73
AB 2439	(Quirk-Silva) Public records: owners and developers.	74
AB 2766	(Low, Dixon) Public records: parole calculations and inmate release credits.	74
AB 2783	(Alvarez) San Diego Unified Port District.	74
AB 3092	(Ortega) Attorney General: law enforcement agencies: reports of deaths.	74
SB 630	(Dodd) Contractors State License Board: regulation of contractors.	74
SB 782	(Limón) Gubernatorial appointments: report.	74
SB 790	(Padilla) Public records: contracts for goods and services.	74
SB 795	(Stern) HVAC equipment: sale registry and compliance tracking system.	75
SB 827	(Glazer) San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District: Office of the BART Inspector General.	75
SB 1027	(Menjivar) Political Reform Act of 1974: disclosures.	75
SB 1034	(Seyarto) California Public Records Act: state of emergency.	75
SB 1109	(Bradford) Cannabis: demographic information of license applicants.	75
SB 1441	(Allen) Examination of petitions: time limitations and reimbursement of costs.	75
SB 1452	(Ashby) Architecture and landscape architecture.	75

## **PROBATE AND RELATED MATTERS**

### ***Civil Commitment, Conservatorship and Guardianship***

SB 35	(Umberg) Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Court Program.	76
SB 42	(Umberg) CARE Court Program: process and proceedings.	76
SB 43	(Eggman) Behavioral health: gravely disabled: definition.	76
SB 280	(Laird) Review of conservatorship plans.	76

SB 402	(Wahab) Involuntary commitment.	76
SB 1106	(Rubio) Conservators: required notices.	77
SB 1184	(Eggman) Mental health: involuntary treatment.	77

***Elder Abuse***

AB 2773	(Kalra) Elders and dependent adults: abuse and neglect.	77
AB 2800	(Kalra) Elder Abuse and Dependent Adult Civil Protection Act.	77
SB 278	(Dodd) Elder abuse.	77

***Trusts and Estate***

AB 288	(Maienschein) Revocable transfer on death deeds.	77
AB 717	(Villapudua) Trusts: information.	78
AB 2016	(Maienschein) Estates: small estates.	78
SB 801	(Allen) California Uniform Directed Trust Act.	78
SB 1127	(Niello) Trust termination.	78
SB 1458	(Allen) The Revised Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act.	78

**PROPERTY AND RELATED MATTERS**

***Personal Property***

AB 542	(J. Carrillo) Self-service storage facilities: lien sales.	78
AB 748	(Villapudua) California Abandoned and Derelict Commercial Vessel Program.	79
AB 1916	(Maienschein) Self-service storage facilities: abandoned personal property.	79
AB 2228	(Villapudua) Collateral recovery: notice.	79
AB 2737	(Alanis) Motor vehicle conditional sale contracts: guaranteed asset protection waivers.	79
AB 2867	(Gabriel) Recovery of artwork and personal property lost due to persecution.	79

***Common Interest Developments***

AB 1458	(Ta) Common interest developments: association governance.	79
AB 2159	(Maienschein) Common interest developments: association governance: elections.	79
AB 2460	(Ta) Common interest developments: association governance: member election.	79
SB 900	(Umberg) Common interest developments: repair and maintenance.	79

***Real Property***

AB 295	(Lowenthal) Residential real property: foreclosure.	80
AB 450	(W. Carrillo) Commercial real estate.	80
AB 475	(Mathis) Sensitive military land: foreign ownership and interests: prohibited foreign actors.	80
AB 919	(Kalra) Residential real property: sale of rental properties: right of first offer.	80
AB 968	(Grayson) Single-family residential real property: disclosures.	80
AB 1043	(Essayli) Residential real property: foreclosure: eligible bidders.	80
AB 1193	(Pacheco) Real property: property records: personal identifying information.	80

AB 1242	(Wilson) Real estate: contracts granting exclusivity to sell.	80
AB 1280	(Maienschein) Fire hazard severity zones: disclosures.	81
AB 1333	(Hart) Residential real property: bundled sales.	81
AB 1345	(Hart) Contracts: Residential Exclusive Listing Agreements Act: prohibition.	81
AB 1879	(Gipson) Property taxation: filing.	81
AB 1950	(W. Carrillo) Task force: former Chavez Ravine property: eminent domain.	81
AB 2306	(Mathis) Sensitive military land: foreign ownership and interests: prohibited foreign actors.	81
AB 2424	(Schiavo) Mortgages: foreclosure.	81
AB 2539	(Connolly) Mobilehome parks: sale: notice: right of first refusal.	81
AB 2584	(Lee) Single-family residential real property: corporate entity: ownership.	81
AB 2662	(Mathis) Sale of agricultural land: tribal first right of refusal.	82
AB 2794	(Bryan) Anti-displacement Commercial Property Acquisition Program.	82
AB 2992	(Nguyen) Real Estate Law: buyer-broker representation agreements.	82
AB 3100	(Low) Assumption of mortgage loans: dissolution of marriage.	82
SB 382	(Becker) Single-family residential property: disclosures.	82
SB 455	(McGuire) State of emergency: mortgage servicers: written disclosure.	82
SB 1146	(Wilk) Mortgages.	82
SB 1190	(Laird) Mobilehomes: solar energy systems.	83
SB 1366	(Hurtado) Real property disclosure requirements: domestic water storage tank assistance.	83
SB 1399	(Stern) Transfer of real property: transfer fees.	83

***Rental Property***

AB 12	(Haney) Tenancy: security deposits.	83
AB 485	(Davies) Tenancy: application screening fee.	83
AB 500	(Davies) Rent increases: noticing.	83
AB 1097	(L. Rivas) Credit history of persons receiving government rent subsidies.	83
AB 1317	(W. Carrillo) Unbundled parking.	83
AB 1418	(McKinnor) Tenancy: local regulations: contact with law enforcement or criminal convictions.	83
AB 2059	(Flora) Tenancy: obligations of landlords: repairs.	83
AB 2187	(Bryan) Office of Tenants' Rights and Protections.	84
AB 2216	(Haney) Tenancy: common household pets.	84
AB 2230	(Bennett) Residential Housing Unfair Practices Act of 2023.	84
AB 2493	(Pellerin) Tenancy: application screening fee.	84
AB 2747	(Haney) Tenancy: credit reporting.	84
AB 2778	(Muratsuchi) Mobilehome Affordability Act: mobilehome parks: rent caps.	84
AB 2785	(Wilson) Tenancy: applications and security deposits.	84
AB 2801	(Friedman) Tenancy: security deposits.	84
SB 267	(Eggman) Credit history of persons receiving government rent subsidies.	85
SB 567	(Durazo) Termination of tenancy: no-fault just causes: rental rate increases.	85
SB 611	(Menjivar) Residential rental properties: fees and advertisements.	85
SB 712	(Portantino) Tenancy: micromobility devices.	85
SB 1051	(Eggman) Victims of abuse or violence: lock changes.	85

SB 1103	(Menjivar) Tenancy of commercial real properties: agreements: building operating costs.	85
---------	---	----

***Affordable Housing***

AB 323	(Holden) Density Bonus Law: purchase of density bonus units by nonprofit housing organizations: civil actions.	85
AB 911	(Schiavo) Unlawfully restrictive covenants: affordable housing.	85
AB 1485	(Haney) Housing element: enforcement: Attorney General.	86
AB 2898	(W. Carrillo) Unbundled parking: exemptions: Housing Choice Vouchers.	86
SB 924	(Bradford) Tenancy: credit reporting: lower income households.	86

**MISCELLANEOUS**

AB 1756	(Judiciary) Judiciary omnibus	86
AB 3281	(Judiciary) Judiciary omnibus.	86
ACR 169	(Kalra) California Law Revision Commission: studies.	86
AJR 1	(Holden) Republic of Artsakh.	86

## ATTORNEY GENERAL - ENFORCEMENT AND OVERSIGHT

**AB 1521 (M. Fong) Proposition 65: certificate of merit.** This bill would have required a private party serving a notice of violation of Proposition 65 on the Attorney General to include in the notice a certificate of merit stating that the person executing the certificate has consulted with one or more persons with relevant and appropriate experience or expertise who has reviewed facts, studies, or other data regarding the exposure to the listed chemical that is the subject of the action, and that, based on that information, the person believes there is a reasonable and meritorious case for the private action. Status: Dead, Asm Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials.

**AB 1597 (Alvarez) Water quality: California-Mexico cross-border rivers.** This bill would have authorized, upon appropriation by the Legislature, funds to be made available to the North American Development Bank (NADBank) for loans, grants, and direct expenditures that address water quality problems of the California-Mexico cross-border rivers. The bill would have also provided the Attorney General discretion to bring a civil action to enforce the terms of funding agreements. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

**AB 3004 (M. Fong) Proposition 65: certificates of merit: Attorney General communications.** This bill would have updated various notice requirements that parties seeking to file a private right of action to enforce Proposition 65's requirements related to chemical disclosures must submit before filing a cause of action. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

**AB 3092 (Ortega) Attorney General: law enforcement agencies: reporting requirements: deaths.** *See OPEN GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC RECORDS.*

**AB 3129 (Wood) Health care system consolidation.** *See HEALTH CARE.*

**AB 3136 (Reyes) Attorney General: Bureau of Environmental Justice.** This bill would have codified and outlined the duties of the Department of Justice's Bureau of Environmental Justice. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

**AB 3218 (Wood) Unflavored Tobacco List.** This bill requires the Attorney General (AG), no later than December 31, 2025, to establish and maintain on the AG's website, a list of tobacco product brand styles that lack a characterizing flavor, to be known as the Unflavored Tobacco List (UTL). Requires each manufacturer or importer of tobacco products to submit to the AG a list of all brand styles, as defined, of tobacco products that they manufacture or import for sale or distribution in or into California. Status: Chap. 849, Stats. 2024.

## ATTORNEYS AND RELATED MATTERS

### *Attorneys and Related Services*

**AB 690 (Chen) Legal document assistants and unlawful detainer assistants.** This bill extends the sunset date on the statutes authorizing legal document assistants and unlawful detainer assistants to provide services within California through 2030. Status: Chap. 341, Stats. 2023.

**AB 2505 (Gabriel) Mandatory reporting: pro bono attorneys.** This bill requires attorneys with active licenses to submit an annual report reflecting whether they have provided pro bono legal services through the My State Bar platform at the same time as they are otherwise required to renew their license. Status: Chap. 719, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2811 (Lowenthal) Artificial intelligence: attorneys: court filings.** This bill would have required attorneys who use “generative artificial intelligence,” as defined, to develop a document that they file or intend to file with the court to complete and maintain a disclosure regarding the use of generative AI. The bill would have required attorneys to provide the disclosure if requested by a judge. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

**AB 2989 (Wallis) Talent agencies: licensure.** This bill would have exempted an attorney licensed under the State Bar Act from the requirement to be licensed as a talent agency. Status: Dead, Asm Labor & Employment.

### *State Bar*

**AB 924 (Gabriel) ADR: complaints.** This bill would have required dispute resolution neutrals to submit reports to the State Bar regarding complaints made against them in the course of presiding over an alternative dispute resolution proceeding. Status: Dead, Sen Judiciary.

**AB 3279 (Judiciary) State Bar of California.** This bill authorizes the State Bar of California to collect the 2025 annual licensing fee from active and inactive licensees of the State Bar, authorizes the imposition of specific supplemental fees for innovative new regulatory programs at the State Bar, and makes various modifications to the ethics laws governing the Board of Trustees of the State Bar. Status: Chap. 227, Stats. 2024.

**SB 40 (Umberg) State Bar of California.** This bill authorizes the State Bar of California to collect annual license fees for 2024 in the same amount as 2023, and makes various other changes to the State Bar Act including strengthening requirements for reporting attorney misconduct and requiring future appointees to serve as the Executive Director and General Counsel of the State Bar of California to be confirmed by the Senate. Status: Chap. 697, Stats. 2023.

**SB 42 (Umberg) Attorneys: reporting professional misconduct.** As originally referred to this Committee, this bill would have placed an affirmative burden on licensed attorneys to report to the State Bar of California when the attorney knew another licensee had conspired to engage in, or had engaged in, treason, sedition, or insurrection against the State of California or the United States. The bill was subsequently amended to require a court to provide ongoing notice about CARE Court proceedings. *See Civil Commitment, Conservatorship and Guardianship.*

**SB 1476 (Blakespear) Political Reform Act of 1974: State Bar of California.** This bill subjects the members of the Board of Trustees and designated employees of the State Bar of California to the conflict of interest provisions of the Political Reform Act. Status: Chap. 489, Stats. 2024.

## CIVIL PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE

### *Civil Procedure*

**AB 340 (V. Fong) California Environmental Quality Act: grounds for noncompliance.** This bill would have required the alleged grounds for noncompliance with the California Environmental Quality Act to be presented to the public agency in writing at least 10 days before the public hearing on the project before the issuance of the notice of determination, and would have prohibited the inclusion of written comments presented to the public agency after that time period in the record of proceedings from serving as basis on which an action or proceeding may be brought. Status: Dead, Asm Natural Resources.

**AB 452 (Addis) Childhood sexual assault: statute of limitations.** This bill eliminates the time limit for the commencement of actions for recovery of damages suffered as a result of childhood sexual assault for civil actions that arise on or after the bill's effective date. The bill clarifies that the changes made by this bill apply to any claim in which the childhood sexual assault occurred on or after January 1, 2024, and that claims made for conduct that occurred on or before December 31, 2023, may only be commenced pursuant to the applicable statute of limitations set forth in existing law as it read on December 31, 2023. Status: Chap. 655, Stats. 2023.

**AB 554 (Gabriel) Corporations for the prevention of cruelty to animals: enforcement of laws.** This bill would have clarified the existing law to provide that nonprofit corporations established for the prevention of cruelty to animals may file specified civil actions to enjoin behavior affecting animals. Status: Dead, Asm Inactive.

**AB 560 (Bennett) Sustainable Groundwater Management Act: groundwater adjudication.** This bill would have required the parties to an adjudication action regarding groundwater management, before filing a proposed settlement agreement with the court, to submit the proposed settlement agreement to the State Water Resources Control Board for a nonbinding advisory determination as to whether the proposed settlement agreement will substantially impair the ability of a groundwater sustainability agency or state government to protect sustainable groundwater management. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

**AB 561 (Chen) Civil actions: service of process.** This bill would have established that service of either a summons and complaint or subpoena is effected upon first delivery to a state prison or county jail, if the state prison or county jail is the only address reasonably known for the party to be served. The bill would have required the warden, sheriff, or jailer who receives a copy of the summons and complaint on behalf of the person to be served to notify the server of the incarcerated person's transfer or release within 24 hours of the attempted service, and specified that service would not be considered effective in such a case. Status: Dead, Asm Public Safety.

**AB 615 (Maienschein) International commercial arbitration: procedure.** This bill would have modernized California's international arbitration code to reflect modern arbitration practices and technological advances, including by clarifying that an arbitration is in writing if it is recorded in any form, including electronic mail, and authorizing superior courts greater ability to issue interim measures of protections in relation to arbitration proceedings, regardless of whether the place of arbitration is in California. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

**AB 779 (Wilson) Groundwater: adjudication.** This bill modifies the process for groundwater adjudication proceedings to increase transparency, including adding requirements that a court take into account the needs of disadvantaged communities and small farmers when entering a judgement and that groundwater pumpers in a basin subject to an adjudication continue to comply with any applicable groundwater sustainability plan. Status: Chap. 665, Stats. 2023.

**AB 975 (Ta) Public nuisance abatement: homeless encampments: attorney's fees.** This bill would have required a court to award attorney's fees to a prevailing plaintiff in an action brought to require a governmental entity to abate a public nuisance arising from a homeless encampment. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

**AB 978 (Joe Patterson) California Environmental Quality Act: housing projects: judicial review: bonds.** This bill would have required a person seeking judicial review of the decision of a lead agency made pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act to carry out or approve a housing project to post a bond of \$1,000,000 to cover the costs and damages to the housing project incurred by the respondent or real party in interest. Status: Dead, Asm Natural Resources.

**AB 992 (Essayli) Voidable transactions: remedies: choice of law.** This bill would have made a technical amendment to the Uniform Voidable Transactions Act, clarifying that a debtor's location is determined by that individual's principal residence or domicile. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

**AB 1337 (Wicks) State Water Resources Control Board: water diversion curtailment.** This bill would have authorized the State Water Resources Control Board to issue a curtailment order for any diversion, regardless of basis of right, when water is not available under the diverter's priority of right. The bill was amended to remove provisions related to cease and desist orders and was removed from this Committee's jurisdiction. Status: Dead, Sen Natural Resources and Water.

**AB 1488 (Wallis) California Environmental Quality Act: environmental leadership development projects: streamlined review.** This bill would have extended the Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act of 2021, and its associated streamlined judicial review provisions, to include water storage projects, water conveyance projects, and groundwater recharge projects that provide public benefits and drought preparedness. Status: Dead, Asm Natural Resources.

**AB 1546 (Gabriel) California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018: statute of limitations.** This bill would have extended the statute of limitations for claims brought by the Attorney General that allege violations of the California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018 from one year to five years. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

**AB 1547 (McKinnor) Childhood sexual assault: statute of limitations.** This bill would have provided that a claim seeking to recover damages arising out of a sexual assault by an employee of a juvenile detention facility, as described, that would otherwise be barred before January 1, 2024, is revived and may proceed or be commenced until December 31, 2024. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.



**AB 1897 (Flora) Civil actions: prevailing defendant: attorney's fees.** This bill would have required a court, whenever a defendant prevails in a civil action, to award reasonable attorney's fees to a prevailing defendant against the plaintiff upon a finding by the court that the plaintiff's prosecution of the action was not in good faith. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

**AB 1903 (Maienschein) International commercial arbitration: procedure.** This bill modernizes California's international arbitration code to reflect modern arbitration practices and technological advances, including by clarifying that an arbitration is in writing if it is recorded in any form, including electronic mail, and authorizing superior courts greater ability to issue interim measures of protections in relation to arbitration proceedings, regardless of whether the place of arbitration is in California. Status: Chap. 90, Stats 2024.

**AB 2049 (Pacheco) Motions for summary judgment: filing deadlines.** This bill increases the deadlines for filing motions for summary judgment and responsive pleadings by six days. The bill limits parties to only one such motion unless there is good cause. The bill prohibits the reply brief from including any new evidentiary matter, additional material facts, or separate statements, not previously presented in the motion or opposition briefs. Status: Chap. 99, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2067 (Dixon) Financial institutions: service of process.** This bill provides that, if a financial institution designates a third-party agent, as defined, to serve as a central location for service of legal process, the financial institution must designate at least one other central location which must be located in a different county than the third-party agent. Status: Chap. 222, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2087 (Alanis) California Environmental Quality Act: disclosure: identity and interests.** This bill would have required a party filing a lawsuit to enforce the California Environmental Quality Act to include with the filing a disclosure of the identity and specified financial interests of the party filing the lawsuit. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

**AB 2190 (Mathis) California Environmental Quality Act: expedited judicial review: infrastructure projects: hydrogen.** This bill would have authorized the Governor to certify energy infrastructure projects that use hydrogen as a fuel for streamlining benefits related to litigation pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. Status: Dead, Asm Natural Resources.

**AB 2225 (Rodriguez) Discovery: prehospital emergency medical care person or personnel review committees.** This bill adds prehospital emergency medical care person or personnel organized committees and review committees to the list of organized medical committees and peer review bodies whose proceedings and records are currently exempt from discovery in civil litigation. Status: Chap. 329, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2257 (Wilson) Local government: property-related water and sewer fees and assessments: remedies.** This bill establishes a process whereby a ratepayer must exhaust all administrative remedies to contest a new or increased fee or assessment, imposed in accordance with the procedures mandated by Proposition 218, in order for that ratepayer to be eligible to bring a lawsuit in court contesting the fee or assessment. Status: Chap. 561, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2304 (Lee) Unlawful detainer: case records.** This bill expands the existing masking policy in current law to eviction cases by eliminating the exclusion for mobilehomes. Status: Chap. 711, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2337 (Dixon) Workers' compensation: electronic signatures.** This bill authorizes documents submitted to the Workers Compensation Appeals Board that require a signature to be filed with an electronic signature. Status: Chap. 392, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2347 (Kalra) Summary proceedings for obtaining possession of real property: procedural requirements.** This bill extends the time for defendant's response to be filed from five court days to 10 court days after an unlawful detainer complaint and summons is served on the defendant. The bill enacts various procedural changes to landlord-tenant law, including specified extensions of time for tenants to respond to notices and eviction papers. Status: Chap. 512, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2587 (Agiar-Curry) Sexual assault: statute of limitations.** This bill would have revived otherwise time-barred claims for damages arising from sexual assault and related claims arising out of the sexual assault against the perpetrator and any entities responsible. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

**AB 2677 (Chen) Sureties: liability for attorney's fees.** This bill would have clarified that attorney's fees that may be assessed as costs when authorized by contract, statute, or law are included under existing provisions of law that limit the aggregate liability of a surety to the amount of a surety bond issued by that surety. Status: Vetoed.

**AB 2693 (Wicks) Childhood sexual assault: statute of limitations.** This bill would have revived otherwise time-barred claims for damages suffered because of childhood sexual assault by an employee of a juvenile probation camp or detention facility owned and operated by a county, so long as the claim is filed by December 31, 2025. Status: Vetoed.

**AB 2705 (Ortega) Labor Commissioner: statute of limitations.** This bill makes the statute of limitations for any action on a payment bond filed by the Labor Commissioner the same as the time provided for the Labor Commissioner to serve a civil wage and penalty assessment. Status: Chap. 242, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2940 (Muratsuchi) California Environmental Quality Act: environmental leadership development projects: transmission projects: expedited judicial review.** This bill would have deemed transmission projects that bring new renewable energy generation onto the grid to be environmental leadership development projects for purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act thereby making the projects eligible for expedited judicial review of any claims against the project arising under the California Environmental Quality Act. Status: Dead, Asm Natural Resources.

**AB 3114 (Low) California Environmental Quality Act: expedited judicial review: sustainable aviation fuel projects.** This bill would have authorized sustainable aviation fuel projects, as defined, to be eligible for expedited judicial review for lawsuits arising under the California Environmental Quality Act. Status: Dead, Asm Natural Resources.

**AB 3196 (Nguyen) Summary proceedings for obtaining possession of real property: demurrers.** This bill would have established that where a tenant in a commercial real property demurs to an unlawful detainer complaint, a hearing must be set no more than 20 court days following the filing of the demurrer. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

**AB 3205 (Essayli) Civil actions: attorney's fees and costs.** This bill would have required a court to order the state to pay the attorney's fees and costs of the prevailing party in an action in which the state is a party and the court finds that a state statute is facially unconstitutional. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

**AB 3265 (Bryan) California Environmental Quality Act: environmental leadership media campus projects: judicial streamlining.** This bill authorizes an expedited 365-day judicial review process for litigation stemming from alleged violations of the California Environmental Quality Act involving specified "environmental leadership media campus" projects. Status: Chap. 255, Stats. 2024.

**SB 60 (Umberg) Social media platforms: controlled substances: order to remove.** This bill authorizes an individual to seek a court order directing a social media platform to remove content that includes an offer to transport, import into the state, sell, furnish, administer, or give away a controlled substance in violation of the Health and Safety Code. Status: Chap. 698, Stats. 2023.

**SB 235 (Umberg) Civil discovery.** This bill provides a framework so that parties to a civil action may demand initial disclosures regarding information that is typically sought in discovery; and mandates a \$1,000 sanction against persons, parties, or attorneys that engage in certain forms of discovery abuse related to the production of documents. Status: Chap. 284, Stats. 2023.

**SB 303 (Allen) Solid waste: Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act: arbitration.** This bill would have established a non-binding arbitration process for adjudicating disputes involving decisions made by the Department of Resource Recycling and Recovery advisory board tasked with implementing the Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act. Status: Vetoed.

**SB 365 (Wiener) Civil procedure: arbitration.** This bill prohibits civil legal proceedings from automatically being stayed or delayed during the pendency of an appeal of an order denying or dismissing a party's petition to compel arbitration, and instead grants judges the discretion to either stay or decline to stay the proceedings. Status: Chap. 710, Stats. 2023.

**SB 393 (Glazer) Civil actions: housing development projects: burden of proof.** This bill shifts the burden of proving financial hardship related to the imposition of a financial undertaking during California Environmental Quality Act challenges to affordable housing projects from the defendant to the plaintiff. Status: Chap. 285, Stats. 2024.

**SB 428 (Blakespear) Temporary restraining orders and protective orders: employee harassment.** This bill expands the situations in which an employer may seek a temporary restraining order and order after hearing on behalf of an employee or employees to include instances of harassment. Status: Chap. 286, Stats. 2023.

**SB 439 (Skinner) Special motions to strike: priority housing development projects.** This bill creates a special motion to strike a challenge to the approval or permitting of an affordable housing project modeled after California’s anti-Strategic Lawsuit against Public Participation (SLAAP) statute. Status: Chap. 779, Stats. 2023.

**SB 497 (Smallwood-Cuevas) Protected employee conduct.** *See Employment Rights.*

**SB 549 (Newman) Gaming: Tribal Nations Access to Justice Act.** This bill provides that a California Indian tribe that is party to a ratified tribal-state gaming compact a limited period of time to file a lawsuit to seek a declaratory judgment regarding the legality of certain gaming activities offered by card clubs. Status: Chap. 860, Stats. 2024.

**SB 553 (Cortese) Occupational safety: workplace violence: restraining orders and workplace violence prevention plan.** This bill expands the authority to seek a temporary restraining order and order after hearing on behalf of an employee from solely resting with an employer to also be available to the employees’ collective bargaining representatives. The bill also requires employers to establish, implement, and maintain a workplace violence prevention plan as part of their injury and illness prevention program. Status: Chap. 289, Stats. 2023.

**SB 558 (Rubio) Civil actions: childhood sexual abuse.** In anticipation of a change in the law that may occur on January 1, 2024 to remove the statute of limitations for civil claims based upon a childhood sexual assault that occurs on or after that date, this bill specifies the statute of limitations that applies to a childhood sexual assault occurring prior to that date; and expands the definition of sexual assault to include criminal acts that lead to the creation of child sexual abuse material. Status: Chap. 877, Stats. 2023.

**SB 564 (Laird) Sheriffs and marshals: fees.** This bill increases the fees associated with various legal proceedings, including fees for serving, executing, and processing various court notices, writs, and orders to account for the increased costs of business since 2015. Status: Chap. 29, Stats. 2023.

**SB 642 (Cortese) Hazardous materials: enforcement: county counsel.** This bill authorizes county counsels to file civil actions to enforce specified provisions of the state’s Hazardous Waste Control Law. Status: Chap. 154, Stats. 2023.

**SB 756 (Laird) Water: inspection: administrative procedure: notice: service.** This bill strengthens the State Water Resources Control Board’s enforcement authority regarding unlicensed cannabis cultivation including authorizing the Board to obtain an inspection warrant pursuant to the existing provisions of the Code of Civil Procedure. Status: Chap. 158, Stats. 2023.

**SB 940 (Umberg) Civil disputes: arbitration.** This bill modifies and updates provisions of the California Arbitration Act to strengthen arbitrator ethical guidelines, prohibit out-of-state arbitration of California-based consumer contracts, and permit plaintiffs to seek dispute resolution using the small claims court process in lieu of arbitration. Status: Chap. 986, Stats. 2024.

**SB 1022 (Skinner) Enforcement of Civil Rights.** This bill would have modified and expanded the timelines for the Civil Rights Department to issue right to sue notices as well as the timelines for filing various civil actions related to violations of the Fair Employment and Housing Act. Status: Vetoed.

**SB 1141 (Niello) Mediation: amount in controversy.** This bill would have increased the amount in controversy limit for court ordered mediation in civil actions to \$150,000 and adopted procedural guidelines regarding when a matter can be referred to mediation. Status: Failed, Asm Judiciary.

### *Evidence*

**AB 360 (Gipson) Excited delirium.** This bill prohibits “excited delirium” from being recognized as a valid medical diagnosis or cause of death in California, prohibits peace officers from using that term to describe an individual in an incident report, except as specified, and deems evidence that a person experienced “excited delirium” inadmissible in a civil action, as specified. Status: Chap. 431, Stats. 2023.

**AB 933 (Aguiar-Curry, Ward) Privileged communications: complaint of sexual assault, harassment, or discrimination.** This bill expands the privileges already encompassed in Section 47 of the Civil Code, which identifies types of communications that are subject to legal privilege protections, to include communications made by an individual who has experienced an incident of sexual assault, harassment, or discrimination, regardless of whether or not they have filed any formal complaint regarding the same. Additionally, the bill provides significant remedies for successful defendants in defamation claims. Status: Chap. 670, Stats. 2023.

**AB 1253 (Maienschein) Hearsay: exceptions.** This bill establishes a hearsay exemption that allows certain statements within an official written report or record of a law enforcement officer regarding a sexual offense that resulted in a person’s conviction to be admitted at a civil probable cause hearing to determine whether there is probable cause to believe that the person is likely to engage in sexually violent predatory criminal behavior upon the person’s release from custody. Status: Chap. 363, Stats. 2023.

**AB 2833 (McKinnor) Evidence: restorative justice communications.** This bill would have established a rule of evidence that an individual’s participation or nonparticipation in a restorative justice process and any communications within that process are not admissible or subject to disclosure, and disclosure cannot be compelled in any arbitration, administrative adjudication, civil action, criminal action, juvenile action, or other proceeding regardless of completion or outcome of the process, except as specified. Status: Dead, Sen Inactive.

**SB 652 (Umberg) Evidence: expert testimony.** This bill clarifies and codifies longstanding law regarding the standard for expert witness testimony by ensuring that when testifying to a jury about the cause of an injury, all experts provide their opinion regarding the cause of the injury to a reasonable degree of probability. Status: Chap. 75, Stats. 2023.

**SB 674 (Gonzalez) Air pollution: covered facilities: community air monitoring systems: evidence of fence-line monitoring system trigger.** This bill would have modernized the laws regarding the state’s fence line monitoring system program for communities and covered

facilities that emit specified air pollutants, including adopting a presumption that the triggering of a fence line monitoring system is evidence of emissions from a refinery. Status: Vetoed.

**SB 1386 (Caballero) Evidence: sexual assault.** This bill extends the Rape Shield Law's prohibition on evidence of a plaintiff's past sexual conduct to include introduction for purposes of attacking the credibility of a plaintiff's testimony regarding consent or the absence of injury suffered. The bill extends the restrictions to cover admission for absence of injury and reworks provisions governing civil actions for sexual battery involving a minor. Status: Chap. 993, Stats. 2024.

## **CONTRACTS, BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL MATTERS**

### *Business and Consumer Protection*

**AB 300 (Papan) Notaries public: notification of death: delivery of notarial records and papers.** This bill would have established a mandatory framework for designating a personal representative of a deceased notary public and specified the responsibilities of that personal representative. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

**AB 315 (Bauer-Kahan) False advertising: abortion.** This bill would have provided that a person doing business in California who performs or intends to perform pregnancy-related services cannot advertise using false or misleading statements about whether they provide abortion services, and allowed public prosecutors to file lawsuits against businesses that violate this provision. The bill would have also created a private right of action that allows any individual who is harmed by a business' false or misleading advertising about abortion services to bring a civil lawsuit against the business. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

**AB 357 (Maienschein) Animal test methods: alternatives.** This bill updates and recasts the provisions of California's prohibition on testing on animals when an alternative exists and authorizes the law to be enforced by the Attorney General and city attorneys. Status: Chap. 430, Stats. 2023.

**AB 537 (Berman) Short-term lodging: advertising: rates.** This bill prohibits a place of short-term lodging, as defined, from advertising, displaying, or offering a room rate that does not include all fees or charges required to stay at the short-term lodging, except government-imposed taxes and fees. Status: Chap. 805, Stats. 2023.

**AB 743 (Petrie-Norris) Remote online notaries public.** This bill would have provided the framework for the authorization and regulation of remote online notarizations by the Secretary of State. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

**AB 886 (Wicks) Journalism preservation: online platforms.** This bill would have created the California Journalism Preservation Act (CJPA), which would have required a covered platform, as defined, to remit a journalism usage fee to an eligible digital journalism provider, as defined, in an amount determined by a prescribed arbitration process. The bill would also have required the journalism digital provider who received a usage fee to spend at least 70% of the fee received on news journalists and support staff. This bill further would have prohibited retaliation against a provider who exercised their right to demand the fee. Status: Dead, Sen Rules.

**AB 1229 (Haney) Unincorporated associations: decentralized nonprofit associations.** This bill would have established a business entity structure called a decentralized nonprofit association (DNPA) and established rules around governance and liability for DNPA members, administrators, and agents. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

**AB 1366 (Maienschein) Unfair competition and false advertising: disgorgement: actions by AG.** This bill permits a court to award disgorgement in consumer protection cases brought by the Attorney General, and to award the proceeds from those actions to create a Victims of Consumer Fraud Restitution Fund. Status: Chap. 686, Stats. 2023.

**AB 1740 (Sanchez) Human trafficking: notice: pediatric care facilities.** This bill adds pediatric facilities to the list of establishments required to post informational notices regarding identification of and responses to instances of potential human trafficking. Status: Chap. 104, Stats. 2023.

**AB 1755 (Kalra, Umberg) Restitution for or replacement of a new motor vehicle.** This bill, as originally heard by this Committee, would have modified the statewide uniform child support guideline and low-income adjustment, as specified. The bill was subsequently amended and heard again by this Committee to clarify procedures for addressing disputes between consumers and automobile manufacturer related to the California lemon law statutes. Status: Chap. 938, Stats. 2024.

**AB 1900 (Weber) Consumer refunds: nondisclosure agreements.** This bill prohibits the practice of conditioning consumer refunds on removing a review or signing an agreement. The bill also makes a contract, provision in a contract, or agreement that prohibits a consumer from publishing or making statements about the business as a condition of receiving a refund void and unenforceable. Status: Chap. 89, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2004 (Petrie-Norris) County recorder: recordation of documents.** This bill modifies and updates the process for recording documents with county recorders to better facilitate the use of remote online notarization in California, which was authorized in 2023. Status: Chap. 691, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2862 (Gipson) Department of Consumer Affairs: African American applicants.** This bill, until January 1, 2029, would have required all licensing boards, bureaus, commissions, and programs (boards) within the Department of Consumer Affairs to prioritize African American applicants seeking licensure, especially those who are descended from an enslaved person in the United States. Status: Dead, Sen Business, Professions and Economic Development.

**AB 3139 (Weber) Data privacy: vehicle manufacturers: remote vehicle technology.** *See Privacy Rights.*

**SB 33 (Glazer) Commercial financing: disclosures.** This bill removes a sunset provision that applies to a requirement to disclose the cost of a commercial financing transaction expressed as an annualized rate. The requirement is scheduled to sunset on January 1, 2024. By removing the sunset, the bill requires commercial financing providers to provide the specified disclosure indefinitely. Status: Chap. 376, Stats. 2023.

**SB 54 (Skinner) Venture capital companies: reporting.** This bill requires a venture capital company to report annually to the Civil Rights Department (CRD) on its funding determinations related to companies primarily founded by diverse founding team members. The bill also provides a court process for a venture capital company to challenge any assessed fine, authorize CRD to use information collected under this bill in the furtherance of the department's statutory duties, and change the scope of persons covered by this bill from investment advisors that advise venture capital companies to the actual venture capital companies themselves. Status: Chap. 594, Stats. 2023.

**SB 261 (Stern) Greenhouse gases: climate-related financial risk.** This bill requires companies that do business in California and have gross revenues exceeding \$500 million annually, excluding insurance companies, to report on their climate-related financial risk, and requires the Air Resources Board to contract with a qualified climate reporting organization to review and publish an analysis of those reports. Provisions of the bill imposing civil penalties were removed from the measure thereby removing this bill from the jurisdiction of this Committee. Status: Chap. 383, Stats. 2023.

**SB 362 (Becker) Data brokers: registration.** As originally referred to this Committee, this bill strengthened the Data Broker Registration Law, and included enforcement authorization for the Attorney General. Amendments in previous committees narrowed enforcement to be solely through the California Privacy Protection Agency (CPPA) and thus removed the bill from this Committee's jurisdiction. Status: Chap. 709, Stats. 2023.

**SB 372 (Menjivar) Department of Consumer Affairs: licensee and registrant records: name and gender changes.** This bill requires a licensing entity within the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) to update its licensee records upon receiving government-issued documentation demonstrating that the licensee's legal name or gender has changed. Status: Chap. 225, Stats. 2023.

**SB 446 (Wilk) Nonprofit and cooperative corporations: ratification or validation of noncompliant corporate actions.** This bill conforms how a nonprofit corporation or cooperative corporation can ratify or validate an otherwise lawful non-compliant corporate action to such processes established for a for-profit corporation under the General Corporation Law. Status: Chap. 151, Stats. 2023.

**SB 478 (Dodd) Consumers Legal Remedies Act: advertisement of goods and services.** This bill makes it an unlawful business practice to advertise, display, or offer a price for a good or service that does not include all mandatory fees or charges, except as provided or exempted. Status: Chap. 400, Stats. 2023.

**SB 522 (Niello) Uniform Fiduciary Income and Principal Act.** This bill adopts the Uniform Fiduciary Income and Principal Act, which provides enhanced, more flexible accounting rules for modern trusts. Status: Chap. 28, Stats. 2023.

**SB 644 (Glazer) Business practices: hotel and private residence rental reservations: refunds.** This bill requires a hosting platform, hotel, third-party booking service, or short-term rental to allow a consumer to cancel a reservation within 24 hours without penalty if made at



least 72 hours or more before the time of check-in and to have the funds refunded to the original form of payment, as specified. Status: Chap. 718, Stats. 2023.

**SB 666 (Min) Small business loan fees.** This bill restricts the kinds of fees that may be charged to small businesses by commercial financing providers and brokers. Specifically, the bill prohibits certain automated clearing house transfer debit fees; prohibits any fee for which there is no clear corresponding service exchanged for the fee; prohibits a fee for “monitoring” the borrower’s collateral, unless the underlying transaction is delinquent for more than 60 days; prohibits a fee for filing or terminating a lien against the small business if the fee exceeds 150% of the cost for filing or terminating the lien; and prohibits so-called “pay off fees” or “statement letter fees.” This bill permits a small business to bring an action for injunctive relief and specified damages against an entity that violates its provisions. Status: Chap. 881, Stats. 2023.

**SB 683 (Glazer) Hotels and short-term rentals: advertised rates: mandatory fees.** This bill would have required a person or an internet website, application, or other similar centralized platform that advertises a hotel room rate or short-term rental rate to include all mandatory fees in the advertised rental rate, including all government-imposed taxes and fees in the total price before the consumer reserves the stay. Status: Dead, Asm Inactive.

**SB 696 (Portantino) Notaries public.** This bill, commencing in 2030, establishes a comprehensive framework for regulating remote online notarizations and licensing notaries performing online notarizations by the Secretary of State. Status: Chap. 291, Stats. 2023.

**SB 697 (Hurtado) Conspiracy against trade: punishment.** This bill would have amended the Cartwright Act to increase the fine for imposed on a party that engages in a conspiracy to restrain trade from \$1,000,000 to \$100,000,000 for a corporate violator. It would have increased the fine for an individual violator from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000. The bill would have also increased the term of imprisonment in a state prison or county jail for a violation from not more than one year, to not more than ten years. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

**SB 919 (Umberg) Franchise Investment Law: franchise brokers.** This bill requires third-party franchise sellers to register with the Department of Financial Protection and Innovation and disclose specific business information to the Department. It also authorizes franchisors and franchisees to file civil actions when they are harmed as a result of a third-party franchise seller’s failure to comply with the provisions of the bill. Status: Chap. 518, Stats. 2024.

**SB 1089 (Smallwood-Cuevas) Food and prescription access: grocery and pharmacy closures.** This bill requires grocery and pharmacy establishments with more than five employees to provide written notice to its employees and specified others no later than 45 days prior to a closure. The bill requires an establishment employing five or fewer employees to provide the written notice no later than 30 days prior to a closure. The bill also requires a covered establishment to take reasonable steps to notify customers about a planned closure through regular channels of communication. The bill authorizes any person aggrieved by a violation of any of these provisions to bring a civil action and authorizes specified civil penalties to be recovered. Finally, the bill requires counties receiving notice of a closure to provide the covered establishment with specified information on safety net programs for employees, which they in turn must provide to their employees. Status: Chap. 625, Stats. 2024.

**SB 1096 (Seyarto) Mailed solicitations: disclosure statement.** This bill requires a specified disclosure statement to appear in 16-point bold type on the front of an envelope of a mailed solicitation to a consumer for a consumer financial product or service, as provided under existing law. Status: Chap. 20, Stats. 2024.

**SB 1168 (Limón) Business entities: Secretary of State: document filings.** This bill enables the Secretary of State, within 60 days of receiving a court order finding that someone's personal identifying information (PII) has been used unlawfully in a business entity filing, to cancel the filing if the filing entity fails to file an updated statement of information. This bill also enables a person who reasonably suspects that their PII has been used unlawfully in a business entity filing to file a disclaimer of proper authority stating that their PII was unlawfully used in the business entity filing. Status: Chap. 783, Stats. 2024.

**SB 1201 (Durazo) Beneficial owners.** This bill would have required corporations, as well as domestic and foreign LLCs, to disclose the names and addresses of their beneficial owners, defined as natural persons who own 25 percent or more of the entity's equity interest or exercise "substantial control" over the corporation. The beneficial ownership information would then have been published by the Secretary of State, along with the rest of the information in the entity's filings, starting January 1, 2026. The bill would have also permitted the Secretary of State to retain any additional regulatory fees it charged in order to comply with these new obligations, rather than requiring the fees to be transferred to the General Fund at the end of each fiscal year. Status: Dead, Asm Banking and Finance.

**SB 1384 (Dodd) Powered wheelchairs: repair.** This bill requires a manufacturer of powered wheelchairs designed for use by people with physical disabilities to make available to independent repair providers and wheelchair owners, on fair and reasonable terms, the documentation, parts, and tools needed to repair the wheelchairs. Status: Chap. 797, Stats. 2024.

**SB 1524 (Dodd) Consumers Legal Remedies Act: advertisements: restaurant, bar, and other food services.** This bill clarifies that a mandatory fee or charge imposed by restaurants and certain food service providers are not required to be included in the advertised "all-in" price, as required by SB 478 (Dodd, Chap. 400, Stats. 2023), provided that any mandatory fee or charge is clearly and conspicuously displayed by the restaurant. Status: Chap. 43, Stats. 2024.

### *Contracts*

**AB 473 (Aguiar-Curry) Motor vehicle manufacturers, distributors, and dealers.** This bill modifies several provisions of the laws governing the contractual relationship between new motor vehicle manufacturers and the franchisees that operate car dealerships, including modifications to indemnity provisions and changes to franchise sales procedures. Status: Chap. 332, Stats. 2023.

**AB 747 (McCarty) Business: unlawful employee contracts and requirements.** As heard by this Committee, this bill would have prohibited an employer from requiring an employee to enter into a contract obligating the employee to pay the cost of any employer-provided training. Additionally, the bill would have authorized a private right of action for any employee against whom an employer seeks to enforce such a clause or contract. The bill was later amended to only

prohibit employers from requiring employees or prospective employees from entering into unlawful contracts in restraint of trade. Status: Dead, Asm Floor.

**AB 893 (Papan) Personal vehicle sharing programs.** This bill imposes duties and obligations upon personal vehicle sharing programs, including that the personal vehicle sharing programs collect and remit to local airports, a customer facility charge consistent with the level of services used at an airport by the personal vehicle sharing programs. Status: Chap. 547, Stats. 2023.

**AB 1880 (Alanis) Minors: artistic employment contracts.** *See Children.*

**AB 1985 (Joe Patterson) Home solicitation contracts.** This bill would have excluded from the definition of “home solicitation contract” any contract for services where the buyer is an existing customer of the seller and the contract allows the buyer to cancel at any time with a pro rata refund of any services paid for but not received. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

**AB 2248 (Maienschein) Contracts: sales of dogs and cats.** This bill would have prohibited and rendered void any contract for the sale of a dog or a cat that required a nonrefundable deposit for the purchase of the animal that did not identify the original source of the animal, including the breeder. The bill would have authorized a civil action to enforce the contract remedies provided in the bill. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

**AB 2489 (Ward) Local agencies: contracts for special services.** This bill would have required a local government that intends to contract for services already performed by union employees to notify the union of its intent at least ten months before beginning the process of procuring the contract. The bill would have also required a contractor to show that their employees meet or exceed the minimum qualifications and standards the local government requires of union employees. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations

**AB 2557 (Ortega) Local agencies: contracts for special services: performance reports.** This bill would have required a local agency that intends to contract for services already performed by union employees to post the contracts and related documents on the local agency’s website and to provide advance notice to the affected union representative, as specified. The bill would also have required that public contracts for functions currently or previously performed by unionized public employees include specified information beginning July 1, 2026. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

**AB 2677 (Chen) Sureties: liability for attorney’s fees.** *See Civil Procedure.*

**AB 2993 (Grayson) Home improvement and home solicitation: right to cancel contracts: loan financing regulation.** This bill would have strengthened consumer protections related to home improvement loan agreements including adopting strengthened right-to-cancel provisions. Status: Dead, Sen Judiciary.

**SB 80 (Laird) Retail installment contracts.** This bill would have required retail installment contracts to be printed in at least 12-point, as opposed to 8-point font, beginning July 1, 2024. Status: Dead, Asm Inactive.

**SB 699 (Caballero) Contracts in restraint of trade.** This bill strengthens California’s restraint of trade prohibitions by clarifying that, among other things, any contract that is void under California’s restraint of trade law is unenforceable in California, regardless of where and when the contract was signed. Status: Chap. 157, Stats. 2023.

**SB 1303 (Caballero) Public works: contracts.** This bill requires private labor compliance entities, as defined, on public works projects to take certain actions prior to withholding contract payments for an alleged violation of the public works law. The bill also requires a private labor compliance entity to disclose potential conflicts of interest to the awarding body prior to contracting for a public works project. Status: Chap. 991, Stats. 2024.

### *Creditor-Debtor Relations*

**AB 1119 (Wicks) Enforcement of judgments.** This bill establishes an alternative method for judgment debtors in consumer actions to submit financial information concerning their claim of exemption and removes the threat of arrest upon a debtor’s failure to comply. Status: Chap. 242, Stats. 2023.

**AB 1414 (Kalra) Civil actions: consumer debt.** This bill prohibits the use of common counts – and their lesser evidentiary burden – in consumer debt cases where the alleged debt obligation arose from a breach of contract. Status: Chap. 688, Stats. 2023.

**AB 2039 (Dixon) Enforcement of money judgments: exemptions.** This bill would have clarified that the exemption of various types of property from enforcement of a money judgment would apply to the judgment debtor’s principal place of residence or domicile. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

**AB 2837 (Bauer-Kahan) Civil actions: enforcement of money judgments.** This bill places certain safeguards and timelines on bank levies, wage garnishment, and claims of exemption. Status: Chap. 514, Stats. 2024.

**AB 3283 (Judiciary) Enforcement of judgments: claims of exemption.** This bill establishes that appearance at a claim of exemption hearing does not constitute a general appearance, and provides that the power of the court over the exemption claimant is limited to determining the claim of exemption. Status: Chap. 229, Stats. 2024.

**SB 95 (Roth) Commercial transactions.** This bill revises and recasts California's version of the Uniform Commercial Code to reflect recent updates developed by the Uniform Law Commission related to the treatment, sales, and transfers of digital assets. Status: Chap. 210, Stats. 2023.

**SB 1061 (Limón) Consumer debt: medical debt.** This bill prohibits furnishing medical debt to consumer credit reporting agencies (CRAs), CRAs from reporting medical debt, and others from relying on medical debt in making credit determinations. Status: Chap. 520, Stats. 2024.

**SB 1286 (Min) Rosenthal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act: covered debt: commercial debts.** This bill expands specified provisions of the Rosenthal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act to certain commercial debts entered into, renewed, sold, or assigned on or after July 1, 2025. The bill defines "covered commercial debt" as money due or owing from a natural person to a lender,

commercial financing provider, or a debt buyer, by reason of a covered commercial credit transaction, provided that the aggregate amount of covered and non-covered commercial transactions due or owed to that same entity is equal to \$500,000 or less. The bill also authorizes a debt collector to collect covered commercial debt sold or assigned through a judicial proceeding in the county in which the non-natural person that incurred the debt is located. Status: Chap. 522, Stats. 2024.

## **COURTS AND RELATED MATTERS**

### *Courts*

**AB 67 (Muratsuchi) Homeless Courts Pilot Program.** This bill would have established a Homeless Courts Pilot Program, which upon appropriation by the Legislature would have established a Judicial Council grant program to assist local courts in providing comprehensive community-based services for homeless individuals who are involved with the criminal justice system. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

**AB 432 (M. Fong) Court interpreters.** This bill would have established the California Court Interpreter Workforce Pilot Program. The bill would have required the Judicial Council to develop a training program for applicants, including exam preparation course options, and an employment plan for each program participant. The bill also would have required the Judicial Council to select superior courts in at least four counties, including the County of Los Angeles, to participate in the program. Status: Dead, Sen Judiciary.

**AB 875 (Gabriel) Courts: data reporting.** This bill would have required the Judicial Council of California to report data regarding unlawful detainer actions aggregated by zip code. Status: Vetoed.

**AB 959 (McCarty) Court facilities.** This bill would have authorized the Judicial Council to sell certain outdated or closed court facilities in Plumas, Sacramento, and Stanislaus Counties, as provided, and required the net proceeds from the sale to be deposited into the State Court Facilities Construction Fund. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

**AB 1139 (Garcia) Recognition of tribal court money judgments: tribal sales taxes.** This bill requires the superior courts of California to recognize and enter tribal court money judgments for tribal use and sales taxes on meals, food, and beverages sold for consumption on Indian land, and related interest or penalties. Status: Chap. 138, Stats. 2023.

**AB 1585 (Ward) Name changes: copies of order granting petition.** This bill would have required California Superior Courts to provide a person who obtained a legal change of name with up to three free copies of an order granting their petition for change of name at the time the petition is granted. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

**AB 1758 (Judiciary) Court records: fees.** This bill would have prohibited courts from charging the public for access to court records that are posted online, but would have allowed courts to charge commercial users for access to these records. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

**AB 2148 (Low) Professional fiduciaries: court appointment.** This bill would have established a registration system for professional fiduciary corporations administered by the Professional Fiduciaries Bureau (PFB). The bill would have prohibited a superior court from appointing a professional fiduciary as a guardian, conservator, personal representative, trust, or other officer unless the professional fiduciary is registered with the PFB. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

**AB 2283 (Pacheco) Civil actions: electronic service.** This bill extends the deadline, from July 1, 2024 to July 1, 2025, for California courts to come into compliance with requirements mandating that the courts electronically serve documents on all parties who are required to accept or consent to accept electronic service. Status: Chap. 151, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2484 (Bryan) Courts: juveniles: remote proceedings.** This bill authorizes a parent, child, nonminor dependent or Indian tribe to utilize remote technology for the appearance of an expert witness without the consent of all parties in juvenile dependency proceedings. Status: Chap. 965, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2625 (Bryan) Courts: notification system.** This bill would have required each county to develop a court reminder program that allows a superior court, county defense agency or contractor, pretrial services provider, or a community-based organization to send text messages to notify defendants of scheduled court appearances. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

**AB 2628 (Hart) State auditor: judicial branch audits.** This bill requires the State Auditor to maintain and update a website on the status of its recommendations, as specified, and modifies the schedule for identifying judicial branch entities for audit from every two years to every three years. Status: Chap. 837, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2988 (McCarty) Courts.** This bill authorizes the Judicial Council to sell the main Sacramento County Courthouse when it becomes obsolete and outlines procedures to promote the subsequent use of the courthouse property for affordable housing. Status: Chap. 973, Stats. 2024.

**AB 3013 (Maienschein) Courts: remote court reporting.** This bill authorizes the superior courts of the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Los Angeles, Mendocino, Monterey, Orange, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Tulare, and Ventura to conduct pilot projects to study the potential use of remote court reporting to make the verbatim record of certain court proceedings, as specified. Status: Chap. 250, Stats. 2024.

**AB 3096 (Wicks) Courts: elections.** This bill would have enhanced the existing law regarding court calendaring preferences for election-related litigation to clarify that cases involving the distribution of fraudulent campaign materials are entitled to expedited review by courts. Status: Dead, Asm Elections.

**AB 3280 (Judiciary) Court Lactation Facilities.** This bill (1) requires Judicial Council to report annually on the status of its efforts to provide court users with lactation room access, and on its expenditure of funds appropriated for the purpose of meeting its obligation to provide lactation room access to court users by January 1, 2026; and (2) clarifies that a court may, where appropriate, install a portable lactation room to provide lactation room access to court users. Status: Chap. 228, Stats. 2024.

**AB 3282 (Judiciary) Courts.** This bill would have made several changes to the governance of the courts including authorizing the Judicial Council to sell specific surplus property, and, requiring the courts to update the Legislature regarding public accessibility of electronic court records. Status: Vetoed.

**SB 21 (Umberg) Civil actions: remote proceedings.** As heard by this Committee, this bill would have extended the sunset date for the use of remote technology in traditional civil litigation through 2026 and provided for the collection and transmittal to the Legislature of much-needed empirical data regarding the effectiveness of remote court appearances. The bill was subsequently amended to address issues outside of this Committee’s jurisdiction, specifically a defendant’s requirement to complete substance education or treatment programs when charged with a crime involving specified controlled substances. Status: Dead, Asm Rules.

**SB 22 (Umberg) Courts: remote proceedings.** This bill, as originally referred to this Committee, would have created a new statute to authorize the use of remote technology in juvenile justice and specified civil and criminal commitment proceedings. It was later amended to address criminal penalties for illegal activity involving specified controlled substances. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

**SB 71 (Umberg) Jurisdiction: small claims and limited civil cases.** This bill increases the jurisdictional limit for filing in small claims court for actions brought by a natural person to from \$10,000 to \$12,500 and increases the jurisdictional limit for limited civil cases from \$25,000 to \$35,000. Status: Chap. 861, Stats. 2023.

**SB 949 (Blakespear) Superior courts: lactation accommodation.** This bill, commencing July 1, 2026, requires the superior court to provide any court user who is participating in an ongoing court proceeding with a reasonable amount of break time during a court proceeding to allow the court user to express breast milk for the user’s infant child. The bill requires the Judicial Council to adopt or amend rules of court or forms to implement this requirement on or before January 1, 2026 and requires the rules of court or forms to provide a confidential process for the court user to request the break time. The bill would specify that these provisions do not affect existing obligations imposed by law upon a superior court as an employer. Status: Chap. 159, Stats. 2024.

### *Juries*

**AB 987 (Essayli) Jury duty.** This bill would have required the Judicial Council to post on its website a report detailing the findings of the Judicial Council’s pilot program regarding juror pay. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

**AB 1601 (Alvarez) Jury duty: eligibility.** As originally referred to this Committee, this bill would have provided that grounds for disciplinary actions under the Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA) against a licensee include concealment of illegal business activities by a licensee, or by an officer, director, owner, or authorized agent acting on behalf of the licensee. The bill would have required, in an action brought by a county counsel, city attorney, or city prosecutor, the penalty to first be used to reimburse the prosecuting agency for specified costs in bringing the action, with the remainder, if any, distributed as specified. The bill was subsequently amended to add lawful permanent residents to the list of persons eligible and qualified to serve on juries. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

**AB 1811 (Alvarez) Jury duty: eligibility.** This bill would have required the Judicial Council to develop a temporary voluntary jury participation program for noncitizens. The bill would have imposed specific requirements for the program including notice that participation was not required and adherence to specific procedures for protecting and disclosing participant information. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

**AB 1899 (Cervantes) Jury questionnaire.** This bill requires, as of January 1, 2026, the Judicial Council to adopt a standard of judicial administration to ensure that juror identification and any juror questionnaire is inclusive, including allowing a juror the ability to express their gender identity or gender expression, if applicable. Status: Chap. 812, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2985 (Hart) Courts: mental health advisement.** This bill requires the court to provide jurors serving in a criminal case or proceeding alleging a violent felony with information about mental health services. Status: Chap. 204, Stats. 2024.

**AB 3039 (Essayli) Juries: peremptory challenges.** As of January 1, 2026, this bill would have made the expression of distrust in law enforcement, or an opinion that law enforcement officers engage in racial profiling or enforce laws in a discriminatory manner, no longer a presumptively invalid basis for the exercise of a peremptory challenge in the jury selection process for a criminal (or civil) trial. Status: Failed, Asm Judiciary.

### *Judges*

**AB 419 (Bauer-Kahan) Judicial officers: training: sexual abuse and assault.** This bill would have required the Judicial Council to establish a training program for judicial officers regarding the treatment of alleged sexual abuse and assault victims appearing in the judge's courtrooms. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

**AB 1846 (Bauer-Kahan) Judicial officers: training: sexual abuse and assault.** This bill would have required the Judicial Council, on or before July 1, 2026, to establish judicial training programs for judges related to best practices related to treatment of alleged sexual abuse and assault victims in courtroom cases. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

**AB 2125 (Garcia) Judicial officers: disqualification.** This bill would have required the California Law Review Commission to conduct a study for the Legislature about recusal of judicial officers for prejudice and conflict of interest. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

**SB 75 (Roth) Courts: judgeships.** This bill, contingent on an appropriation, authorizes 26 new judicial positions for the superior courts to be allocated in accordance with the Judicial Council's Judicial Needs Study. Status: Chap. 482, Stats. 2023.

**SB 1356 (Wahab) Judiciary: training: gender bias.** This bill requires the Judicial Council, in developing judicial training materials related to racial, ethnic, and gender bias, and sexual harassment, to consider the role of gender in court proceedings, including strategies to counter gender stereotypes. Status: Chap. 187, Stats. 2024.



## FAMILY LAW, CHILDREN AND RELATED MATTERS

### *Adoption*

**AB 20 (Gipson) Postadoption contact agreements: reinstatement of parental rights.** This bill would have helped siblings maintain contact with each other when they are in the child welfare system and provided further avenues for some parents to have their parental rights reinstated after those rights are terminated. Status: Vetoed.

**AB 1302 (Lackey) Vital records: adopted persons and original birth certificates.** This bill would have authorized adoptees whose original birth certificates were sealed to access their original birth certificates subject to specified notice requirements. Status: Dead, Asm Health.

**AB 2255 (Joe Patterson) Adoption assistance: eligibility.** This bill would have expanded the Adoption Assistance Program. First, the bill would have removed the requirement that an adult participant have been at least 16 when the adoption assistance agreement became effective. In so doing, the bill would have allowed adoptees to participate through adulthood regardless of the age they were when they were adopted. The bill also required counties to provide an application for an extension of benefits in the event an adoptee aged out of the program. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

**AB 2948 (Ramos) Adoption Assistance Program: tribal court orders.** This bill allows former dependent Indian children adopted through tribal courts to access the federal Adoption Assistance Program (AAP). The bill does this by adding the issuance of a final order of adoption by the tribal court of the child's tribe, as specified, to the conditions that meet AAP eligibility. Status: Chap. 175, Stats. 2024.

**SB 807 (Ochoa Bogh) Adoption facilitators.** This bill would have repealed the provisions authorizing adoption facilitators to engage in certain adoption-related activities and would have expressly prohibited a person or organization from engaging in such activities, unless they are licensed as an adoption agency by the Department of Social Services (DSS) or are a licensed attorney, as specified. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

### *Children*

**AB 81 (Ramos) Indian children: dependency proceedings.** This bill codifies within state law certain provisions relating to Indian children currently codified in the federal Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 (ICWA), and renames the provisions of the Family Code, the Probate Code, and the Welfare and Institutions Code to be the Californian Indian Child Welfare Act (Cal-ICWA). Status: Chap. 656, Stats. 2024.

**AB 223 (Ward) Change of gender and sex identifier.** This bill enhances protections for minors seeking changes of name or gender by making the proceedings presumptively confidential. Status: Chap. 221, Stats. 2023.

**AB 273 (Ramos) Foster care: missing children and nonminor dependents.** This bill would have imposed specific requirements on social workers, probation officers, and juvenile courts when foster youth are missing from foster care. Specifically, the bill would have required

notification to the youth's family and support systems about court hearings and safe return of the youth to their placement. Status: Vetoed.

**AB 448 (J. Carrillo) Juveniles: relative placement: family finding.** This bill would have required at the detention hearing in a juvenile dependency case, as well as at all status review hearings about the case, all reports prepared by the social worker to contain documentation of the social worker's efforts to locate any relatives or kin who could provide family support or possible placement of the child or nonminor dependent and the names of those relatives or kin. Status: Vetoed.

**AB 665 (W. Carrillo) Minors: consent to mental health services.** This bill aligns two existing statutes that permit minors to consent to mental health treatment by removing an additional requirement from one of the statutes. That additional requirement allows a minor to consent to mental health treatment or counseling on an outpatient basis, or to residential shelter services, *only* if the minor presents a danger of serious physical or mental harm to themselves or to others, or is the alleged victim of incest or child abuse. The bill removes that requirement from the Family Code so that it is consistent with the parallel provision in the Health and Safety Code. This bill also requires the mental health professional treating or counseling the minor to consult with the minor before determining whether involvement of the minor's parent or guardian would be inappropriate. Status: Chap. 338, Stats. 2023.

**AB 816 (Haney) Minors: consent to medical care.** This bill authorizes a minor who is 16 years of age or older to consent to replacement narcotic abuse treatment that uses buprenorphine, while maintaining the requirement that the professional person providing the treatment shall include the parent in the treatment plan, unless the professional determines it would be inappropriate to contact the minor's parent or guardian. Status: Chap. 456, Stats. 2023.

**AB 867 (Friedman) Foster youth.** This bill would have authorized the juvenile court to allow foster youth to remain in extended foster care beyond the age of 21 years old for the limited purpose of county compliance with specified duties to the youth prior to termination of dependency, including, to screen the youth for eligibility for all public benefits for which the youth may be eligible. It also would have required, for those youth who have not secured housing, courts to verify that referrals to transitional housing, or assistance in securing other housing had been made. Status: Vetoed.

**AB 876 (R. Rivas) Child fatalities and near fatalities: records.** As heard by this Committee, this bill would have permitted a juvenile court to retain jurisdiction of a case when a minor or dependent adult dies while under the jurisdiction of the court, so that the court may receive documents and information related to the death. The bill was subsequently amended to exempt the Pajaro River flood control project from various state and local environmental laws and regulations. Status: Chap. 816, Stats. 2023.

**AB 937 (McKinnor) Dependency: family reunification services.** This bill requires a juvenile court to order at a permanency review hearing, except in specified very limited circumstances, six additional months of reunification services to a parent or guardian when the court finds that reasonable reunification services have not been provided to the parent or guardian. Status: Chap. 458, Stats. 2023.

**AB 954 (Bryan) Dependency: court-ordered services.** This bill requires a juvenile court to inquire whether a parent or guardian can afford court-ordered services when making reasonable orders relating to a dependent child, and prohibits a court from declaring a parent or guardian noncompliant with the order if it finds that the parent or guardian could not afford the services, or that paying for the service would create an undue financial hardship. Status: Chap. 551, Stats. 2023.

**AB 1134 (McKinnor) Dependency: family reunification services.** Whereas existing law provides that reunification services are not required to be provided to a parent or guardian when the court finds, by clear and convincing evidence, that the parent or guardian of the child has been convicted of a violent felony, this bill instead would have provided that reunification services are not required to be provided to a parent or guardian when the court finds that the parent or guardian of the child has been convicted of a violent felony when the victim of the violent felony was a child under the custody of the parent or guardian. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

**AB 1154 (Wilson) Juveniles: mentoring programs.** This bill would have matched foster youth with adults who are willing to donate their time to act as mentors for these vulnerable youth; and resolved an ambiguity in the law in order to specifically allow the mentoring of foster youth on a one-on-one basis in specified circumstances. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

**AB 1344 (Santiago) Surviving child benefits.** This bill would have required the California Department of Social Services to establish the California Survivor Benefit Program to provide cash benefits to a minor with a deceased parent, when the minor is not eligible for survivor benefits under the federal Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance program. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

**AB 1880 (Alanis) Minors: artistic employment contracts.** This bill expands the types of contracts for artistic employment between an unemancipated minor and third party that would be subject to a Coogan Trust Account to include contracts for content creators. Status: Chap. 610, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2282 (McKinnor) Family reunification services.** This bill would have allowed more parents and guardians whose children are in the foster care system eligible for services that could allow them to reunify with their child. Specifically, it would have removed the presumption in current law that a parent or guardian who has been convicted of a violent felony is ineligible for services to reunify with their child, so long as the parent or guardian is not convicted of a violent felony against a child. Status: Dead, Asm Floor.

**AB 2459 (Wilson) Juveniles: mentoring programs.** This bill would have required social studies that are prepared by social workers or probation officers in advance of review hearings regarding foster youth to document whether a child or nonminor dependent is interested in engaging in voluntary mentoring services. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

**AB 2496 (Pellerin) Liability claims: foster family agencies and noncustodial adoption agencies.** *See Damages and Civil Penalties.*

**AB 2664 (Bryan) Foster youth.** This bill clarifies the appropriate date to use for the purpose of family reunification services timelines. Specifically, the bill clarifies that if a child returns to the parent or guardian's home, but then subsequently removed by petition, the operative dates for purposes of reunification, review hearings, and permanency hearings are the dates on which the child was removed from custody pursuant to the subsequent petition. Status: Chap. 412, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2752 (Calderon) Juvenile court: visitation.** This bill would have modified the standards under which a juvenile court must order visitation, including unsupervised visitation, between a dependent child and their parent or guardian during the dependency process. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

**AB 2884 (Hart) Dependent children: court-ordered parenting classes working group.** This bill would have required specified state agencies to form a working group to make recommendations and set standards for authorized parenting classes to fulfill court-required parenting classes. The bill would have required the working group, on or before August 1, 2026, to report its findings and recommendations to the relevant legislative committees and the Judicial Council. Status: Dead, Asm Human Services.

**AB 2929 (J. Carrillo) Dependent children: family finding.** This bill requires courts and social workers to consider and document, in status review hearings and supplemental reports, respectively, whether they have made appropriate efforts to locate family members who could support or accept placement of a foster child or non-minor dependent. Status: Chap. 845, Stats. 2024.

**AB 3049 (Bryan) Dependent children: court hearings.** This bill would have clarified that a nonminor dependent has the right to be present at a hearing on their case in the juvenile court, and imposed on a juvenile court the right to inquire about certain matters relating to a minor or nonminor dependent's appearance and contact with counsel. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

**AB 3103 (Quirk-Silva) Dependent children: health screenings.** This bill would have permitted, in the absence of a standing court order, a social worker to authorize a noninvasive initial medical, dental, and mental health screening of a child in temporary custody. The bill would also have provided that if the parent objects, the screening would be conducted only upon the order of the court. Status: Dead, Asm Human Services.

**AB 3170 (Ortega) Public health: maternal substance abuse.** This bill would have prohibited the releasing, reporting, or providing of a perinatal person's or a newborn's drug test or alcohol test or screen results, or information about drug or alcohol use in a pregnant or perinatal person's or newborn's medical records or otherwise known to a medical provider. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

**SB 9 (Cortese) Raising the Age for Extended Foster Care Pilot Program Act of 2023.** This bill would have authorized, subject to an appropriation by the Legislature or other source of funding, a three-year pilot program to extend foster care services to non-minor dependents who are up to 22 years of age in at least three counties that chose to participate in the program. Status: Dead, Asm Appropriations.

**SB 457 (Menjivar) Vision care: consent by a minor.** This bill authorizes a minor who is 15 years of age or older to consent to vision care, as defined, if the minor is living separate and apart from the minor's parents or guardian and the minor is managing their own financial affairs, as specified. The bill permits an optometrist, with or without the consent of the minor patient, to advise the minor's parent or guardian of the treatment given or needed if the optometrist has reason to know, on the basis of the information given by the minor, the whereabouts of the parent or guardian. Status: Chap. 152, Stats. 2023.

**SB 463 (Wahab) Dependent children.** This bill eliminates the evidentiary presumption in juvenile court that a parent's or guardian's lack of participation or progress in a treatment program endangers the child for purposes of determining whether the child should be returned to the parent's or guardian's custody. Status: Chap. 714, Stats. 2023.

**SB 578 (Ashby) Dependent children.** This bill requires a social worker to report on, and a juvenile court to consider, the potential harms that may result from removing a child from their parent, guardian, or Indian custodian's custody; and, if the child is or is believed to be an Indian child, requires the social worker to report on what efforts have been made to contact the child's tribe. Status: Chap. 618, Stats. 2023.

**SB 764 (Padilla) Minors: online platforms.** This bill establishes financial and legal protections for minors featured in monetized online content, commonly known as "vlogs", by mandating that a parent or guardian set aside a percentage of the minor's earnings in trust accounts. Status: Chap. 611, Stats. 2024.

**SB 824 (Ashby) Foster care.** This bill would have expanded the authority of Department of Social Services (DSS) to grant an exemption to restrictions on a person serving as a resource family for a specific child when that person has a criminal conviction, provided that DSS finds the exemption is justified and that other specified conditions are met. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

### *Child Custody and Visitation*

**AB 957 (Wilson) Family law: gender identity.** This bill would have required a court, when determining the best interests of a child in a child custody or visitation proceeding, to consider, among other factors, a parent's affirmation of the child's gender identity or gender expression. Status: Vetoed.

**AB 1019 (Pellerin) Family law: child custody: counseling of parents and children.** This bill would have prohibited a court from ordering a child to be transported to a facility or program, to be placed in a residential facility or program, or to participate in services or therapy, whether on a residential or outpatient basis, to address the child's alienation from a parent without first obtaining the consent of the other parent, the consent of the child, and the consent of the child's appointed counsel. The bill would have specified that if the child is 12 years of age or older, then consent of the other parent and the child would be required. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

**AB 3072 (Petrie-Norris) Family law: child custody: ex parte orders.** This bill requires a court, in determining whether there is a sufficient showing of immediate harm to the child to justify an ex parte custody order, to consider a parent's illegal access to firearms. The bill also

requires a court, upon a showing of immediate harm to the child or risk that the child will be removed from the State of California, to consider whether the safety and best interest of the child requires that visitation by that parent be suspended, denied, or limited, as specified. Status: Chap. 317, Stats. 2024.

**SB 331 (Rubio) Family law: child custody: Piqui’s Law.** This bill prohibits the court from ordering specific family reunification treatments, programs, or services, including, but not limited to, camps, workshops, therapeutic vacations, or educational programs that, as a condition of enrollment or participation, require or result in the use of private transportation agents, no-contact orders, or transfers of physical or legal custody of the child to providers services. The bill also modifies training and reporting requirements for judicial personnel on issues of domestic violence and child abuse. Status: Chap. 865, Stats. 2023.

**SB 599 (Caballero) Family law: visitation rights.** This bill clarifies and strengthens existing procedures that courts must follow when they issue custody and visitation orders. The bill clarifies and bolsters existing requirements that courts must, when granting, limiting, or denying visitation rights, state their reasons in writing or on the record. The bill specifies that when parents stipulate to a custody or visitation arrangement, the stipulation does not eliminate the need to ensure that that stipulation serves the best interests and protects the safety of the child. The bill makes other minor clarifying changes. Status: Chap. 493, Stats. 2023.

### *Marriage*

**AB 2924 (Petrie-Norris) Marriage: prohibition on marriage of a minor.** This bill would have prohibited a person under 18 years of age from receiving a marriage license or establishing a domestic partnership by repealing the provisions in existing law that permit a person under 18 years of age to obtain a marriage license or establish a domestic partnership under certain conditions and subject to court review and approval. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

**AB 3100 (Low) Assumption of mortgage loans: dissolution of marriage.** *See Real Property.*

**ACA 5 (Low) Marriage Equality.** *See Civil/ Constitutional Rights.*

**SB 575 (Wahab) Marriage: underage marriage.** This bill requires the State Registrar to create a report containing the number of marriage certificates, disaggregated by county, in which one or more party was a minor each year between 2019 and 2024, as specified. The bill also requires the State Registrar, upon appropriation, to establish a grant for the purposes of studying extralegal marriages involving minors in the State. Status: Chap. 984, Stats. 2024.

**SB 1150 (Laird) Dissolution of marriage: restoration of former name.** This bill replaces the word "wife" with the word "spouse" in the chapter heading of the Family Code sections that authorize a court, in a proceeding for dissolution or nullity of marriage, to restore a former name upon request of a party. Because the substantive part of existing law, as opposed to the non-substantive code heading, refers to a gender-neutral “party,” the bill has no effect on existing law. Status: Chap. 780, Stats. 2024.

**SB 1427 (Allen) Marriage: joint petition for dissolution of marriage.** This bill would, commencing January 1, 2026, establish a process by which parties to a marriage that does not

meet the requirements for summary dissolution may file a joint petition for dissolution of marriage or for legal separation, as specified. Status: Chap. 190, Stats. 2024.

### *Paternalty and Child, Family and Spousal Support*

**AB 1148 (Bonta) Child support suspension.** This bill extends the time for a non-custodial parent to resume child support payments after release from incarceration. Specifically, the bill provides that any child support obligations of a non-custodial parent shall resume on the first day of the tenth month after the noncustodial parent's release from incarceration or involuntary institutionalization. The bill specifies, however, that child support obligations may resume before ten months if the noncustodial parent obtains employment and the custodial parent seeks a reinstatement order. Status: Chap. 565, Stats. 2023.

**AB 1324 (Bryan) Child welfare agencies: enforcement.** This bill would have required the Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) on or before January 1, 2025, to identify specified child support referrals, cease enforcement of arrearages assigned to the state for the reimbursement of foster care placements, and direct Local Child Support Agencies to seek modification of support orders when necessary to eliminate ongoing obligations, as specified. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

**AB 1755 (Judiciary) Child support.** This bill, as originally heard by this Committee, would have modified the statewide uniform child support guideline and low-income adjustment, as specified. The bill was subsequently amended and heard again by this Committee to clarify procedures for addressing disputes between consumers and automobile manufacturer related to the California lemon law statutes. Status: Chap. 938, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2397 (Maienschein) Child support: special needs trust.** This bill authorizes a court to order that a child support payment be paid to a special needs trust, and defines “special needs trust” consistent with federal law, so that a child may continue to receive Social Security Income and other federal benefits. Status: Chap. 25, Stats. 2024.

**SB 343 (Skinner) Child support.** This bill modifies the statewide uniform child support guideline and low-income adjustment; modifies certain related provisions relating to childcare costs and other aspects of calculating support; and makes changes to the procedures for court-ordered child support to bring California’s laws into conformity with federal requirements. Status: Chap. 213, Stats. 2023.

### *Domestic Violence*

**AB 36 (Gabriel) Domestic violence protective orders: possession of a firearm.** This bill would have extended the prohibition on the ownership and possession of firearms and ammunition that applies to persons who are subject to civil and criminal protective orders for three years beyond the expiration of the protective order. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

**AB 818 (Petrie-Norris) Protective orders.** This bill requires a law enforcement officer, excluding those defined in Penal Code Section 830.5(a), to serve a temporary restraining order, emergency protective order, or an order issued after hearing on a domestic violence respondent, at the request of a petitioner. Status: Chap. 242, Stats. 2023.

**AB 2024 (Pacheco) Domestic violence: restraining orders.** This bill prohibits a court from rejecting a request for an ex parte domestic violence restraining order if the party seeking the order submits it on specified mandatory Judicial Council forms, includes all of the forms required to issue an order, and identifies the party submitting the request and the party who is the subject of the requested order. Status: Chap. 648, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2096 (Petrie-Norris) Restraining orders: educational institutions.** This bill authorizes the administrator of a public postsecondary educational institution to seek a temporary restraining order and an injunction on behalf of a student who has suffered unlawful violence or a credible threat of violence to protect them on the school campus; and allows orders to be obtained, by both public and private educational institutions, regardless of where the violence or threat of violence occurs. Status: Chap. 947, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2759 (Petrie-Norris) Domestic violence protective orders: possession of a firearm.** This bill revises the exemption in existing law pertaining to the issuance of a protective order or restraining order and the relinquishment of a firearm to clarify and expand the standard considered by the court in making determinations as to sworn peace officers carrying a firearm either on or off duty, as a condition of employment. Status: Chap. 535, Stats. 2024.

**AB 3083 (Lackey, Alanis) Domestic violence: protective orders: background checks.** This bill requires that a court conduct a search, or cause a search to be conducted, to determine whether the subject of a proposed order under the Domestic Violence Prevention Act (DVPA) owns or possesses a firearm as reflected in the Department of Justice Automated Firearms System, replacing a search requirement that is conditioned on whether the court has funds for the search. Status: Chap. 541, Stats. 2024.

**SB 459 (Rubio) Domestic violence: restraining orders.** This bill requires the Judicial Council of California, by January 1, 2025, to create one or more specific forms for the modification of an existing restraining order issued under the Domestic Violence Prevention Act. Status: Chap. 874, Stats. 2023.

**SB 554 (Cortese) Protective orders: jurisdiction.** This bill specifies the jurisdictions in which the petitioner may file for a restraining order, including, among other jurisdictions, the superior court in the county where the defendant resides, where the offense occurred, or where the petitioner resides or is temporarily located. The bill would expressly state that an individual need not be a resident of the state to file a petition for a restraining order under these provisions. Status: Chap. 652, Stats. 2024.

**SB 741 (Min) Domestic violence: restraining orders: prehearing discovery.** This bill prohibits discovery pursuant to the Civil Discovery Act for purposes of the Domestic Violence Prevention Act except when a court grants a request for discovery upon a showing of good cause by the party making the request, as specified. The bill requires a court, when determining whether to permit discovery, to consider the importance and relevance of, and need for, the information sought to be obtained. Finally, this bill requires the court to limit and control any permitted discovery to the least intrusive methods, as specified. Status: Chap. 503, Stats. 2023.



**SB 899 (Skinner, Blakespear) Protective orders: firearms.** This bill extends the same firearm and ammunition relinquishment procedures that now are in place for purposes of domestic violence restraining orders to other specified protective orders. Status: Chap. 544, Stats. 2024.

**SB 989 (Ashby, Rubio) Domestic violence: records related to death.** This bill 1) authorizes family members of a deceased individual to obtain copies of photos and other specified media related to the body of the individual for use in a civil action, as specified; 2) specifies that coroners must inquire into and determine the circumstances, manner and cause of death in suicides where the individual has a history of being victimized by domestic violence, as specified; 3) requires law enforcement officers, prior to making findings as to the cause of death of a deceased individual with an identifiable history of domestic violence to interview family members, as specified; 4) authorizes law enforcement to request a complete autopsy in cases where the decedent had a history of being victimized by domestic violence; and 5) requires domestic violence guidelines developed by POST for law enforcement to include specified indicators of domestic homicide in suspicious death cases. Status: Chap. 654, Stats. 2024.

### *Family Law*

**AB 1179 (Pacheco) Family law: attorney's fees.** This bill clarifies that, in a family law case, an award of attorney fees as a sanction may be imposed after a party or the court has provided notice to the party against whom the sanction is proposed and the party is given an opportunity to be heard at a hearing. Status: Chap. 67, Stats. 2023.

**AB 1650 (Jim Patterson) Family law proceedings, custody, parentage, and adoption.** This bill makes various changes to the Family Code and Code of Civil Procedure relating to immigrant juvenile status, agreements on artificial embryos, and the filing of post-adoption agreements. First, the bill clarifies state law provisions relating to required court findings on special juvenile immigrant status to allow the findings to be made for a child up to 21 years of age. Second, the bill authorizes persons who are not married to one another and who share legal control over the disposition of embryos created through assisted reproduction to enter into a written agreement whereby one person renounces all legal interest in the embryos, as specified. Third, the bill requires a person who has entered into a post-adoption agreement with a birth parent to file the agreement, signed by both participating parties, with the court before the adoption is finalized. Status: Chap. 851, Stats. 2023.

**AB 1974 (Petrie-Norris) Family conciliation courts: evaluator training.** This bill requires that the risks associated with access to firearms, and ways to reduce those risks, are included among the topics covered in existing domestic violence assessment training for Family Conciliation Court personnel. Status: Chap. 303, Stats. 2024.

### **HEALTH CARE**

**AB 571 (Petrie-Norris) Medical malpractice insurance.** This bill prohibits insurers from refusing to provide professional liability coverage to health care providers or imposing a surcharge on health care providers on the basis that the provider offers abortion, contraception, or gender-affirming services. Status: Chap. 256, Stats. 2023.

**AB 1029 (Pellerin) Advance health care directive form.** This bill clarifies that a person's agent for health care decisions may not consent to certain types of treatment for the patient, and clarifies that a person may execute a standalone psychiatric health care directive. Status: Chap. 171, Stats. 2023.

**AB 1091 (Wood) Health Care Consolidation and Contracting Fairness Act.** This bill would have enacted the Health Care Consolidation and Contracting Fairness Act to regulate various practices with potentially anti-competitive effects in the health care market. Status: Dead, Asm Health.

**AB 1092 (Wood) Health care service plans: consolidation.** This bill would have required a health care service plan that intended to acquire or obtain control of an entity to give notice to, and secure prior approval from, the director, in order to curb potential anti-competitive behaviors in the health care market. The bill was referred to this Committee due to its original reference to enforcement by the Attorney General. As later amended, the bill did not provide any additional enforcement mechanisms, and therefore was re-referred and not heard by the Committee. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

**AB 1316 (Irwin, Ward) Emergency services: psychiatric emergency medical conditions.** Revises the definition of "psychiatric emergency medical condition" to make the definition applicable regardless of whether the patient is voluntary or involuntarily detained for assessment, evaluation and crisis intervention, or placement for evaluation or treatment. Requires the Medi-Cal program and Medi-Cal managed care plans to cover all emergency services and care necessary to treat an emergency medical condition, including post-stabilization care services required under specified federal law, emergency room professional services, and facility charges for emergency room visits. Status: Chap. 632, Stats. 2024.

**AB 1707 (Pacheco) Health professionals and facilities: adverse actions based on another state's law.** This bill protects licensed health care professionals, clinics, and health facilities from being denied a license or subjected to discipline on the basis of a civil judgment, criminal conviction, or disciplinary action imposed by another state based solely on the application of a law that interferes with a person's right to receive sensitive services that would be lawful in California. Status: Chap. 258, Stats. 2023.

**AB 2225 (Rodriguez) Discovery: prehospital emergency medical care person or personnel review committees.** *See Civil Procedure.*

**AB 2297 (Friedman) Hospital and Emergency Physician Fair Pricing Policies.** This bill (1) authorizes an emergency physician to grant eligibility for a discount payment policy to patients with incomes over 400% of the federal poverty level; (2) prohibits a hospital from considering the monetary assets of the patient when determining eligibility for both charity care and discount payment policies; (3) prohibits a hospital or emergency physician from using liens on any real property as a means of collecting unpaid hospital or emergency physician bills; and (4) prohibits a collection agency from conducting a sale of any real property owned by a patient, or placing a lien on any real property as a means of collecting unpaid hospital or emergency physician bills. Status: Chap. 511, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2352 (Irwin) Behavioral health and psychiatric advance directives.** This bill would have specified the requirements for formation of a psychiatric advance directive (PAD) and determined how a PAD may be used in numerous healthcare and legal settings. Status: Dead, Sen Judiciary.

**AB 3129 (Wood) Health care system consolidation.** This bill would have required most private equity groups or hedge funds to provide written notice to, and obtain the written consent of, the Attorney General (AG) prior to a transaction with a health care facility. It also would have prohibited a private equity group or hedge fund from being involved in any manner with a physician, psychiatric, or dental practice doing business in this state, including as an investor, and from interfering with the professional judgment of physicians, psychiatrists, or dentists in making health care decisions. Status: Vetoed.

**SB 345 (Skinner) Health care services: legally protected health care activities.** This bill enacts various safeguards against the enforcement of out-of-state anti-abortion and anti-transgender laws in order to protect individuals seeking and providing reproductive and gender-affirming health care in California. Status: Chap. 260, Stats. 2023.

**SB 487 (Atkins) Abortion: provider protections.** This bill prohibits a healthcare provider who contracts with insurers, or is enrolled as a Medi-Cal provider from being subject to an insurance-related adverse action as the result of another jurisdiction's adverse legal action or professional discipline stemming from conduct that is not prohibited in California. Status: Chap. 261, Stats. 2023.

**SB 959 (Menjivar) Trans-inclusive care: resources and support services.** This bill would have required the California Health and Human Services Agency to establish a website where the public can access specified information about trans-inclusive health care and related support services for transgender, gender diverse, and intersex (TGI) individuals in California. Status: Dead, Asm Inactive.

**SB 963 (Ashby) Health facilities: self-identifying human trafficking system.** This bill requires all general acute care hospitals with an emergency department to adopt and implement policies and procedures to facilitate the self-identification of an emergency department patient as a victim of human trafficking or domestic violence, as defined. The bill limits the liability of a general acute care hospital, including its directors, employees, and medical staff, for any injuries or damages arising from a patient who receives the information described above or who self-identifies, as specified, so long as the hospital has acted in good faith. Status: Chap. 616, Stats. 2024.

**SB 966 (Wiener) Pharmacy benefits.** This bill would have established a licensing requirement for pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) at the California Department of Insurance (CDI), and several contracting and compensation requirements and prohibitions affecting PBMs, health plans and insurers, pharmacists and pharmacies. It also would have imposed duties and obligations on PBMs, legal remedies for health plans, insurers, as well as penalties and unfair competition declarations for violations of this bill. Status: Vetoed.

## IMMIGRATION ISSUES

**AB 617 (Jones-Sawyer) One CA: immigration legal services.** This bill would have made significant changes to the One California program. First, the bill would have decreased the staff-related requirements that nonprofit organizations must satisfy in order to receive funding for providing immigration-related services, including services for unaccompanied undocumented minors, and services providing naturalization assistance and other immigration remedies. Second, the bill would have removed a prohibition against the use of funds to provide legal services to an individual who has been convicted of, or who is currently appealing a conviction for, a violent or serious felony. Finally, the bill would have imposed a reporting requirement to the Legislature. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

**AB 1306 (W. Carrillo) State government: immigration enforcement.** This bill would have prohibited the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) from detaining an individual on the basis of a hold request; providing U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) with release date information; responding to a notification request; transferring an individual to ICE, or facilitating a transfer request if the incarcerated individual involved falls into one of ten categories that would qualify the individual for parole or clemency. Status: Vetoed.

**AB 2031 (Jones-Sawyer) One California Program.** This bill would have made numerous changes to the California One Immigrant Program. First, the bill would have expanded the type of services grant recipients could have provided with One Immigrant Program funds to include removal defense and some post-conviction relief work. Additionally, the bill would have expanded the ways in which grant applicant-organizations could have qualified for funding. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

**AB 2224 (Santiago) Human services: special immigrant juvenile status.** This bill authorizes a court to appoint a parent as the guardian of the person of their unmarried adult child who is younger than 21 for purposes of special immigrant juvenile status. Status: Chap. 955, Stats. 2024.

**SB 831 (Caballero) Agricultural workers: immigration.** This bill authorizes the Governor, on behalf of the state, to enter into an agreement with the United States Attorney General, or the United States Attorney General's designee, to establish a program for the United States Attorney General or designee to grant an agricultural employee, living in the state, parole. Status: Chap. 636, Stats. 2023.

## LIABILITY AND RELATED MATTERS

### *Damages and Civil Penalties*

**AB 82 (Weber) Dietary supplements and over-the-counter diet pills.** This bill would have prohibited a retail establishment from selling, transferring, or otherwise furnishing dietary supplements for weight loss or over-the-counter (OTC) diet pills, as defined, to any person under 18 years of age without a prescription, as specified. The bill would have made a person who violates these provisions liable for a civil penalty of no more than \$250 for each violation, as specified. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

**AB 239 (Wilson) Avocado oil regulations.** This bill would have required the Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to promulgate regulations to adopt standards of identity for avocado oil, including, but not limited to, the quality and purity of the oil, requirements for labeling and packaging, and a method of measurement and analysis to ensure the standards are met. Provisions of the bill that imposed civil penalties for violation of the requirements were removed from the measure after it was referred to the Committee, thereby removing the bill from the jurisdiction of the Committee. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

**AB 259 (Lee) Wealth tax: false claims.** This bill would have imposed an annual tax at a rate of 1.5% of a resident's net worth in excess of \$1,000,000,000, established the Wealth Tax Advisory Council, and applied relevant provisions of the False Claims Act to claims, records, or statements made in relation to the tax imposed by the bill. Status: Held, Asm Revenue and Taxation.

**AB 331 (Bauer-Kahan) Algorithmic discrimination: automated decision tool.** This bill would have established a new governmental framework for regulating the development and deployment of automated decision tools (ADT). The bill would have required deployers and developers to develop annual impact assessments, focused on the potential adverse and beneficial impacts of their ADT, and prohibited either from using an ADT that contributes to algorithmic discrimination. Within the jurisdiction of this Committee, the bill would have imposed various enforcement mechanisms, including an administrative enforcement mechanism for the Civil Rights Department, and a private right of action for enforcement of any of the bill's requirements. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

**AB 460 (Bauer-Kahan) State Water Resources Control Board: water rights and usage: civil penalties.** This bill, when initially heard in this Committee would have significantly modified the procedures for the State Water Resources Control Board to issues cease and desist orders and enhanced civil penalties for specified water-related violations, however, amendments narrowed the bill so that the measure simply increases penalties for violations of cease and desist orders and curtailment orders issued by the State Water Resources Control Board and requires the Board to annually adjust all civil and administrative penalties based on inflation beginning January 1, 2026. Status: Chap. 342, Stats. 2024.

**AB 631 (Hart) Oil and gas: enforcement: penalties.** This bill increases civil and other penalties for violations of the state's governing oil and gas statutes and regulations, and strengthens the Department of Conservation's Geologic Energy Management Division's authority to seek injunctive relief, cease and desist specified activities, and recoup administrative and enforcement costs. Status: Chap. 337, Stats. 2023.

**AB 1027 (Petrie-Norris) Social media platforms: controlled substances.** As heard by this Committee, this bill required social media platforms to maintain a record of communications between its users for seven days, and authorized public prosecutors to bring civil claims against a platform for failure to comply. The bill was later amended to instead place various requirements on social media companies and their handling of content related to controlled substances. Status: Chap. 824, Stats. 2023.

**AB 1077 (Jackson) State agencies and counties: antiracism audits.** This bill would have required the Controller, on or before January 1, 2025, and every 5 years, to perform a

comprehensive antiracism audit of each state agency and county. The bill would have required each state agency and county, within one year following the audit to establish and implement an action plan tailored to the function of the agency or particular activities of the county, to rectify deficiencies in the agency's or county's efforts to identify, interrupt, and dismantle racist practices, policies, and attitudes identified by the antiracism audit. Within this Committee's jurisdiction, the bill would have authorized a schedule of civil penalties in an action brought by the Controller. Status: Dead, Asm Accountability and Administrative Review.

**AB 1171 (Rubio) Cannabis: private right of action.** This bill authorizes a person licensed under the Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act to bring an action in superior court against a person engaging in commercial cannabis activity without a license seeking actual and statutory damages. Status: Chap. 467, Stats. 2023.

**AB 1210 (Kalra) Sodium nitrates: civil penalty.** This bill prohibits a person or entity from selling or offering for sale in this state sodium nitrite at a purity level that exceeds 10% without specified warning labels on the immediate container and on the outside of the shipping package. The bill subjects any person who violates the bill's provisions to a civil penalty of \$10,000 for the first violation and at least \$50,000 and no more than \$100,000 for a second or subsequent violation. Status: Chap. 469, Stats. 2023.

**AB 1305 (Gabriel) Voluntary carbon market disclosures.** This bill mandates the disclosure of specified information by sellers and buyers of voluntary carbon offsets and subjects those who fail to make the disclosures to a civil penalty up to \$2,500 per day for each violation. Status: Chap. 365, Stats. 2023.

**AB 1394 (Wicks) Commercial sexual exploitation: civil actions.** This bill requires social media platforms to implement a mechanism by which a user may submit a report of suspected child sexual abuse material (CSAM) in which they are depicted as a minor, that is displayed, stored, or hosted on the social media platform. The bill establishes a right of action for a reporting user to bring against the platform for the platform's failure to adhere to the procedure established by this bill. The bill also expands existing Civil Code Section 3345.1 by making social media platforms liable if they knowingly facilitate, aid, or abet commercial sexual exploitation. Status: Chap. 579, Stats. 2023.

**AB 1448 (Wallis) Cannabis: enforcement of local laws.** This bill redirects specified portions of civil penalties collected for unlicensed commercial cannabis activity from the General Fund to the treasurers of the localities that brought the action for the penalties. Status: Chap. 843, Stats. 2023.

**AB 1465 (Wicks) Nonvehicular air pollution: civil penalties.** This bill enhances existing local air district civil penalty limits by a factor of up to three for emissions from a Title V source that contain one or more air contaminants, as specified. Status: Chap. 300, Stats. 2024.

**AB 1590 (Friedman) Major coastal resorts: coastal development permits: audits: waste.** This bill would have established various environmental audit requirements on major hotels within the Coastal Zone, would prohibit these establishments from providing guests products in single-use plastic bottles, and imposed a civil penalty of \$500 for each violation of the above provisions. Status: Failed, Asm Natural Resources.

**AB 1659 (Gabriel) Sale of small electronic devices: charging devices.** This bill would have required small electronic devices manufactured in California on or after January 1, 2026, to be universally chargeable with a USB Type-C cable and meet other criteria, as specified. The bill would have provided for enforcement by specified public prosecutors. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

**AB 1800 (Jones-Sawyer) Negligence: controlled substances: social media companies.** This bill would have imposed civil penalties of up to two million dollars on social media platforms in instances when the illegal sale of a controlled substance on the platform resulted in harm or death and the claimant can demonstrate that the harm was a result of the platform's negligence. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

**AB 1894 (Ta) Nonvehicular air pollution: civil penalties.** This bill would have required a local air quality management district to provide small businesses, as defined, a 30 day safe harbor to rectify any air pollution violations before the business could be subjected to civil penalties. Status: Dead, Asm Natural Resources.

**AB 1979 (Ward) Doxing Victims Recourse Act.** This bill creates a cause of action against a person who doxes another individual, and entitles a prevailing plaintiff who suffers harm as a result of the doxing to specified damages. Status: Chap. 557, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2066 (Reyes) The California Food Safety Act.** This bill would have required decaffeinated coffee that utilized methylene chloride in the decaffeination process to have clear labeling on the product, noting that methylene chloride was used in the creation of the product, and imposed civil penalties for the failure to add such a label to the product. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

**AB 2081 (Davies) Substance abuse: recovery and treatment programs.** This bill requires substance abuse treatment programs licensed or certified by the Department of Health Care Services to include on their websites and intake paperwork a disclosure stating an individual may check the Department's website to confirm any actions taken against the entity. Provisions applying civil penalties for violations of the disclosure requirements were deleted prior to the bill being heard in this Committee, and the Committee subsequently waived hearing the bill. Status: Chap. 376, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2149 (Connolly) Gates: standards: inspection.** In order to improve the safety of large, heavy gates that are installed in areas that are used by the public, this bill would have adopted a regulatory framework for the inspection and repair of such gates, imposed administrative fines for violations, and declared unrepaired and dangerous gates to be a public nuisance. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

**AB 2217 (Weber) Tianeptine.** This bill, commencing January 1, 2027, would have prohibited a person or entity from manufacturing, selling, delivering, distributing, holding, or offering for sale, in commerce a food product for human consumption that contains tianeptine. The bill also would have made a violation of these provisions punishable by a civil penalty not to exceed \$5,000 for a first violation and not to exceed \$10,000 for each subsequent violation, upon an action brought by the Attorney General, a city attorney, a county counsel, or a district attorney. Status: Dead, Asm Health.

**AB 2223 (Aguiar-Curry) Cannabis: industrial hemp.** This bill would have established a regulatory framework for industrial hemp. Relevant to this Committee, the bill would have imposed civil penalties for unauthorized retail sale of industrial hemp and authorized the Attorney General to bring enforcement actions. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

**AB 2239 (Bonta) Digital discrimination of access: prohibition.** This bill would have prohibited broadband providers from engaging in “digital discrimination of access” and would have authorized the Attorney General to bring enforcement actions. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

**AB 2244 (Ting) Product safety: proofs of purchase: intentionally added bisphenols.** This bill would have prohibited a receipt provided to a consumer by a business or created by a manufacturer from containing, beginning on January 1, 2025, internationally added bisphenol A followed by, beginning January 1, 2026, any bisphenols. The bill would have imposed civil penalties for violations of the above prohibition. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

**AB 2496 (Pellerin) Liability claims: foster family agencies and noncustodial adoption agencies.** This bill authorizes the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to temporarily waive provisions in existing law in order to facilitate the expedient transfer of an approval of a resource family from a foster family agency (FFA) to a county. It also provides that an FFA may be held liable for injury or damage caused by the negligence of the FFA, but not for the injury or damage caused by the public entity. Status: Chap. 403, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2515 (Papan) Menstrual products: perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).** This bill prohibits a person from manufacturing, distributing, selling, or offering for sale a menstrual product that contains regulated perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), and imposes civil penalties of \$10,000 per violation of the above prohibition. Status: Chap. 1008, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2552 (Friedman) Pesticides: anticoagulant rodenticides.** This bill expands rodenticides to include a prohibition on the use of the first-generation anticoagulant rodenticides (FGARs) chlorophacinone and warfarin, and imposes civil penalties on the unlawful use of FGARs and second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides (SGARs). Status: Chap. 571, Stats 2024.

**AB 2642 (Berman, Gipson) Elections: intimidation.** This bill prohibits a person from intimidating, threatening, or coercing, or attempting to intimidate, threaten, or coerce, any other person for engaging in specified election-related activities, and authorizes an aggrieved person, an officer holding an election or conducting a canvass, or the Attorney General (AG) to file a civil action to enforce those prohibitions. The bill also creates a presumption that a person who openly carries a firearm or imitation firearm while interacting with or observing specified election-related activities, has engaged in prohibited intimidation, as specified. Status: Chap. 533, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2761 (Hart) Product safety: plastic packaging: Reducing Toxics in Packaging Act.** This bill would have prohibited the use of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, in plastic packaging and imposed civil penalties for violating the above prohibition, as specified. Status: Dead, Sen Environmental Quality.



**AB 2930 (Bauer-Kahan) Automated decision tools.** This bill would have prohibited developers of automated decision tools (ADTs), as defined, and deployers of ADTs from developing or deploying any ADT that results in algorithmic discrimination. Additionally, it imposed civil penalties for violations of the bill's provisions in enforcement actions brought by the Civil Rights Department. Status: Dead, Sen Inactive.

**AB 3124 (Low) Internet websites: personal information.** This bill would have prohibited businesses from making specified personal information publicly available on its website, and would have required businesses that sell personal information through a website to retain identifying information of the customer that purchases the personal information, which would be available to the subject of the personal information upon request. The bill would have made a violation of its provisions subject to a civil penalty of \$200 per day. Status: Dead, Asm Privacy and Consumer Protection.

**AB 3172 (Lowenthal) Social media platforms: injuries to children: damages.** This bill would have specified civil penalties available in negligence claims brought against social media platforms for harm caused to a minor by the platform. Status: Dead, Sen Inactive.

**AB 3192 (Muratsuchi) Major coastal resorts: audits: waste.** This bill would have required major coastal resorts, as defined, to submit a biennial audit to the California Coastal Commission and comply with various requirements and restrictions related to the use of pesticides and the offering of non-renewable plastic products to consumers. The bill would also have imposed administrative penalties for violations of the above requirements. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

**AB 3211 (Wicks) California Digital Content Provenance Standards.** This bill would have regulated the use of generative artificial intelligence technology by requiring watermark and content provenance requirements on artificial intelligence system providers, camera technology manufacturers, and online platform companies. The bill would have adopted administrative penalties in the event of a violation of the watermark and content provenance requirements of the bill. Status: Dead, Senate Inactive.

**SB 244 (Eggman) Right to repair act.** This bill requires manufacturers of certain electronic or appliance products with a wholesale price to the retailer of not less than \$50 to make available, on fair and reasonable terms, sufficient service documentation and prescribed functional parts and tools to owners of the product, service and repair facilities, and service dealers for specified timeframes. The bill provides that a city, a county, a city and county, or the state may bring an action to impose civil liability on a person or entity that knowingly, or reasonably should have known, that it violated these provisions as provided. Status: Chap. 704, Stats. 2023.

**SB 271 (Dodd) Powered wheelchairs: right to repair.** This bill would have required a manufacturer of powered wheelchairs designed for use by people with physical disabilities to make available to independent repair providers and wheelchair owners, on fair and reasonable terms, the documentation, parts, and tools needed to repair those wheelchairs, and would have provided for public and private enforcement. Status: Vetoed.

**SB 296 (Dodd) In-vehicle cameras.** This bill requires the disclosure of in-vehicle cameras installed by the manufacturer and places restrictions on what can be done with video recordings

from such cameras and where such recordings can be retained. The bill also prohibits compelling an entity to build specific features for the purpose of allowing the monitoring of communications. The bill provides for injunctive relief and a civil penalty not to exceed \$2,500 per vehicle equipped with an in-vehicle camera knowingly sold or leased in violation of this bill. Status: Chap. 864, Stats. 2023.

**SB 390 (Limón) Voluntary carbon offsets: business regulation.** This bill would have made it illegal to market or sell a voluntary carbon offset that a person knows or should know will not achieve meaningful greenhouse gas reduction benefits and imposes civil penalties not to exceed \$2,500 for each violation of the bill. Status: Vetoed.

**SB 646 (Cortese) Civil law: personal rights: online sex trafficking: sexual photographs.** This bill would have authorized a cause of action for a person who is depicted in “actionable material” on a social media platform against a person or entity who distributes the material. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

**SB 680 (Skinner) Social media platforms: harm to children.** This bill would have made social media platforms liable in a civil action brought by specified public prosecutors for specified harm suffered by minors on the platforms stemming from the platform’s own algorithm, design, or feature that the platform knew or should have known would cause a minor user to do any of the following: 1) inflict harm on themselves or others; 2) develop an eating disorder; or 3) experience addiction to the social media platform. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

**SB 727 (Limón) Human trafficking: civil actions.** This bill authorizes a plaintiff, in an action arising from human trafficking, to seek a finding from a court that specific debts were incurred as the result of the trafficking and without the consent of the plaintiff and therefore not the responsibility of the plaintiff. Status: Chap. 632, Stats. 2023.

**SB 942 (Becker) California AI Transparency Act.** This bill requires the developers of generative artificial intelligence (GenAI) systems to include provenance disclosures in the original content their systems produce, make tools available to identify GenAI-content produced by their systems, and imposes civil penalties upon the developer of a Gen-AI system that fails to terminate the license of a user who abuses the system. Status: Chap. 291, Stats. 2024.

**SB 1037 (Wiener) Planning and zoning: housing element: enforcement.** This bill provides, in a civil action brought by the Attorney General or the Department of Housing and Community Development, for the imposition of civil penalties against local agencies that fail to grant ministerial approval for an otherwise qualified planning decision or housing development project, and outlines how a court must apply the new penalty authority. Status: Chap. 293, Stats. 2024.

**SB 1047 (Wiener) Safe and Secure Innovation for Frontier Artificial Intelligence Models Act.** This bill would have required developers of artificial intelligence models that are more powerful than a specified level and those providing the computing power to train such models to put appropriate safeguards and policies into place to prevent critical harms. It also would have protected the right of employees and contractors of developers to disclose violations of the bill’s requirements; created the Board of Frontier Models (board) to review and propose specified

regulations and guidance to be issued by Government Operations Agency; and authorized the creation of a framework to create a public cloud-computing cluster. Status: Vetoed.

**SB 1144 (Skinner) Online marketplaces.** This bill expands, beginning July 1, 2025, existing requirements for online marketplaces, as defined, to collect certain information from high-volume third-party sellers on those platforms and permits a district attorney, city attorney, or county counsel to enforce the requirements. Status: Chap. 172, Stats. 2024.

**SB 1498 (Ashby) Cannabis and industrial hemp: advertising: civil action.** This bill authorizes the imposition of civil penalties against persons engaged in commercial cannabis activity deemed to have violated the laws restricting the advertisement of cannabis products to minors. Status: Chap. 899, Stats. 2024.

### *Immunity, Scope of Liability and Related Issues*

**AB 24 (Haney) Emergency response: opioid antagonist kit.** This bill would have required a designated facility (a bar, gas station, public library, or residential hotel) that received an opioid antagonist kit from the State Department of Public Health to place the kit in an area of the facility that was readily accessible only by employees; and would have provided immunity from civil liability to the designated facility and a user of the kit under specified circumstances. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

**AB 70 (Rodriguez) Emergency response: trauma kits.** This bill amends a recently enacted law that requires certain buildings constructed after January 1, 2023 to have at least six trauma kits on the premises, extending it to buildings that were constructed prior to that date if the buildings were renovated or improved. The bill also applies existing qualified immunity laws to users of the trauma kits and owners of these buildings. Status: Chap. 515, Stats. 2023.

**AB 299 (Holden) Hazing: educational institutions: civil liability.** This bill would have authorized, as of January 1, 2025, a civil action against a higher educational institution for an instance of hazing, as defined, if that educational institution knew or should have known of the hazing practices of an affiliated organization. The bill also would have required the State Department of Education to post a model anti-hazing policy on its website, as specified. Status: Vetoed.

**AB 635 (V. Fong) Space flight liability and immunity.** This bill would have limited the liability of a “space flight entity” if the entity had a participant or crewmember sign a prescribed warning statement. The bill would have provided that a space flight entity would not be strictly liable for personal injury or wrongful death resulting from space flight activities. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

**AB 1089 (Gipson) Firearms.** This bill defines and regulates three-dimensional (3D) printers that are used to manufacture firearms; expands firearm civil liability laws to include the unlawful possession and use of computer numerical control (CNC) machines and 3D printers to manufacture firearms; and imposes strict civil liability for injuries and property damage caused by firearms unlawfully manufactured by such means. Status: Chap. 243, Stats. 2023.

**AB 1166 (Bains) Liability for opioid antagonist administration.** This bill clarifies that a person who in good faith and not for compensation, either renders emergency care by means of administering an opioid antagonist, or furnishes an opioid antagonist, is generally not liable for civil damages resulting from an act or omission related to such rendering or furnishing. Status: Chap. 97, Stats. 2023.

**AB 1228 (Holden) Fast food restaurant franchisors and franchisees: joint liability.** As heard by this Committee, this bill required a fast food franchisor to share responsibility and liability for their franchisee's violations of a number of state laws and agency orders. The bill was subsequently amended to reinstate existing law establishing a Fast Food Council within the Department of Industrial Relations, pending the withdrawal of a specified referendum by January 1, 2024. Additionally, the amendments set the hourly minimum wage for fast food restaurant employees at \$20 per hour, beginning April 1, 2024. Status: Chap. 262, Stats. 2023.

**AB 1376 (J. Carrillo) Emergency medical services: detainment: liability.** This bill provides that a private provider of ambulance services and employees of that provider, when operating in accordance with the standards, regulations, policies, and protocols of local emergency medical services agencies, shall not be criminally or civilly liable for the continued detainment of a person when that detainment is requested by a peace officer, facility staff, or other professional authorized to detain persons, as specified. Status: Chap. 474, Stats. 2023.

**AB 1501 (Hoover) Business regulations: sexually explicit material.** This bill would have required a commercial entity that knowingly and intentionally publishes or distributes sexually explicit material on the internet from a sexually explicit website to use an age verification method that prevents minors from accessing sexually explicit material and would have imposed civil liability on a commercial entity that violated the age verification procedures. Status: Dead, Asm Privacy and Consumer Protection.

**AB 1836 (Bauer-Kahan) Use of likeness: digital replica.** This bill establishes a specific cause of action for beneficiaries of deceased celebrities for the unauthorized use of a digital replica of the celebrity in audiovisual works or sound recordings. Status: Chap. 258, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2193 (Holden) Hazing: educational institutions: civil liability.** This bill authorizes a former, current, or prospective student at an institution of higher education who is injured by hazing to bring a civil action against the institution if the institution had direct involvement in the hazing practice, or knew or should have known of the hazing practice and failed to take reasonable steps to prevent the hazing, as specified. The bill also requires specified institutions of higher education to submit a report on the numbers of hazing incidents to the state legislature, as specified. Status: Chap. 704, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2317 (Nguyen) Child day care facilities: anaphylactic policy.** This bill requires designated state agencies to develop guidelines for child day care facilities so that a facility may develop an anaphylactic emergency policy. The bill, as introduced, included a redundant immunity provision for facility personnel who would implement the policy. The author agreed to remove the redundant immunity provision and the Committee waived hearing the bill. Status: Chap. 563, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2389 (Lowenthal) Alcoholic beverages: eating place and on-sale general public premises: drug reporting.** This bill requires specified bars and restaurants to contact law enforcement or emergency medical services when notified by a customer that they or another customer may have been a victim of drink spiking, and to provide law enforcement or emergency medical services specified information. As referred to this Committee, the bill included a provision making the relevant establishments liable for failure to comply with the measures requirements. The bill was amended to remove this language and the Committee therefore did not hear the bill. Status: Chap. 310, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2606 (Aguilar-Curry) California Agave Commission.** This bill creates the California Agave Commission to promote California-grown agave and products derived from California-grown agave. The bill authorizes the Commission to sue and be sued, and provides for the authority for the Commission to impose civil liability on agave producers who fail to follow the Commission's regulations or fail to tender dues to the Commission in a timely manner. Status: Chap. 725, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2635 (Irwin) California Agritourism Liability Act: agritourism civil liability.** This bill would have defined "agritourism" and exempted any business engaged in agritourism from civil liability for injury, loss, damage, or death of a participant of an agritourism activity resulting exclusively from an inherent risk of agritourism activity, as defined, unless the agritourism professional committed an act or omission that were grossly negligent or that constituted willful or wanton disregard for the safety of a participant, as specified. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

**AB 2699 (W. Carrillo) Hazardous materials: reporting: civil liability.** This bill would have revised and recast the provisions of existing law to task the California Environmental Protection Agency with the adoption and revision of regulations establishing reporting requirements for a hazardous material, hazardous waste, or hazardous substance release or threatened release and enhanced civil penalties for violations of the California Accidental Release Prevention Program. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

**AB 2848 (Joe Patterson) State Route 80: damage to auto glass.** This bill would have deemed the elements of liability for a dangerous condition to be met in a civil action against the Department of Transportation if the claim arose out of damage to auto glass occurring within a specified portion of State Route 80 in Placer County. Status: Dead, Asm Transportation.

**AB 2859 (Jim Patterson) Emergency medical technicians: peer support.** This bill establishes the California Emergency Medical Services Peer Support and Crisis Referral Services program to permit an emergency medical services provider to establish a peer support and crisis referral program. It also provides that emergency medical services (EMS) personnel, whether or not a party to an action, have a right to refuse to disclose, and to prevent another from disclosing, a confidential communication between the EMS personnel and a peer support team member, crisis hotline, or crisis referral service, except under limited circumstances. Status: Chap. 744, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2998 (McKinnor) Opioid overdose reversal medications: pupil administration.** This bill prohibits school districts, county offices of education (COE), and charter schools from preventing a student 12 years of age or older from carrying or administering federally approved over-the-counter opioid reversal medication. The bill originally was referred to the Committee

because of a provision prohibiting a pupil 12 years of age or older of those local educational agencies from being held liable in a civil action or being subject to criminal prosecution for administering the opioid antagonists on a schoolsite to a person experiencing an opioid overdose. It later was determined that the bill did not propose any change to existing law regarding Good Samaritan immunity and use of opioid antagonists, so the Committee did not hear the bill. Status: Chap. 974, Stats. 2024.

**AB 3040 (Boerner) Liability policies: lawsuits.** This bill would have clarified that a “suit” or “lawsuit” as those terms are used in liability insurance policies includes an order, directive, mandate, requirement, or other regulatory enforcement action or agreement by any federal, state, or local agency with jurisdiction to enforce environmental laws or regulations requiring an insured party to take action with respect to contamination within the state, as specified. Status: Dead, Asm Insurance.

**AB 3050 (Low) Artificial intelligence.** This bill would have required the Department of Technology to issue regulations to establish standards for watermarks to be included in material generated by artificial intelligence, as defined. The bill would have also made an artificial intelligence-generating entity or individual that creates a deepfake without permission of the person depicted liable for actual damages. Status: Dead, Asm Privacy and Consumer Protection.

**AB 3155 (Friedman) Oil and gas wells: health protection zones: civil liability.** This bill would have adopted a legal presumption that a person living in close proximity to an oil or gas well who develops a respiratory ailment as a senior or child, experiences a preterm birth or high-risk pregnancy, or develops cancer suffered the ailment as a result of their proximity to the wellhead. Status: Dead, Asm Inactive.

**SB 310 (Dodd) Prescribed fire: civil liability: cultural burns.** This bill authorizes, until January 1, 2030, the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency (NRA) to enter into agreements with federally recognized California Native American tribes in support of tribal sovereignty with respect to cultural burning, and clarifies that such agreements do not, on their own, grant immunity from fire suppression or other specified recoverable costs to any person whose conduct constitutes gross negligence. Status: Chap. 666, Stats. 2024.

**SB 357 (Portantino) Vehicles: physician and surgeon reporting.** This bill gives physicians the discretion to report or not report a patient diagnosed with a physical or mental disability, disease, or disorder that could affect the safe operation of a motor vehicle, depending upon an appropriately individualized evaluation. In addition, the bill provides that a health care provider or health care entity would not be civilly or criminally liable for making or not making the report. Status: Vetoed.

**SB 385 (Atkins) Physician Assistant Practice Act: abortion by aspiration: training.** This bill revises training requirements that determine when a physician assistant achieves clinical competency to perform abortion by aspiration and clarifies that the physician assistant may perform the procedure without the physical presence of a supervising physician, and makes other corresponding changes. The bill also clarifies that a person authorized to perform an abortion by aspiration techniques may not be punished, held liable for damages in a civil action, or denied any right or privilege, for any action relating to the evaluation of clinical competency of a physician assistant. Status: Chap. 178, Stats. 2023.

**SB 722 (Ochoa Bogh) Daycare facilities: incidental medical services plans.** This bill requires the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), by January 1, 2025, to create a template for plans of operations, and for incidental medical services plans (ICMP); requires CDSS to remove any requirements in regulations, notices, or practices for ICMPs or plans of operation to be approved before a child with exceptional needs may attend a child daycare or child development program; and authorizes a child daycare facility that submits an ICMP using the template to enroll the child prior to departmental approval of the ICMP. An immunity from liability provision that brought the bill before this Committee was removed. Status: Chap. 631, Stats. 2023.

**SB 868 (Wilk) Pupil safety: trauma kits.** This bill would have required each local educational agency to equip each classroom at each schoolsite with a trauma kit; provided qualified immunity to any lay rescuer who acted as a Good Samaritan by using such a trauma kit to provide care in an emergency; and clarified that a lay rescuer who happened to be paid at the time they provide emergency care via a school-supplied trauma kit would not be providing emergency care “for compensation.” Status: Dead, Asm Appropriations.

## **CIVIL, CONSTITUTIONAL, AND PERSONAL RIGHTS**

### *Civil/ Constitutional Rights*

**AB 524 (Wicks) Discrimination: family caregiver status.** This bill would have amended the Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA) to include “family caregiver status” to the list of “protected characteristics” in the employment provisions of FEHA, making it unlawful to refuse to hire, terminate, or take other adverse actions against an employee because of the employee’s family caregiver status. Status: Vetoed.

**AB 549 (Wilson) Gender discrimination: state agencies.** This bill would have required all state agencies, in consultation with the Commission on the Status of Women and Girls (Commission), to conduct an evaluation to ensure that they do not discriminate against women through their policies and practices and submit a report of their findings to the Commission, as specified. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

**AB 672 (Jackson) Civil Rights Department: community assistance.** This bill allows the Civil Rights Department (CRD) to offer its community dispute resolution services on its own initiative or upon the request of an appropriate state or local body, or any person directly affected by the dispute, disagreement, or difficulty. The bill specifies that the confidentiality and conflict provisions, already in existing law, apply to CRD’s provision of its community dispute resolution services. Status: Chap. 343, Stats. 2024.

**AB 836 (Essayli) Social media platform: traditional First Amendment forum.** This bill would have declared that a social media platform located in California is a traditional public forum, as that term is understood within the discourse of First Amendment jurisprudence. The bill would have also required a social media platform located in California to develop a policy addressing unprotected speech and demonstrably false information. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

**AB 920 (Bryan) Discrimination: housing status.** This bill would have added “housing status” to the list of protected characteristics in Government Code section 11135, which prohibits any

program administered or funded by the state from denying full and complete benefits to, or otherwise discriminating against, someone on the basis of a protected characteristic. The bill defines “housing status” to mean the status of experiencing homelessness. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

**AB 942 (M. Fong) Post-secondary education: sex equity.** This bill would have provided that sexual harassment of students in a post-secondary educational institution is a form of sex-based harassment and sex-based discrimination prohibited under the sex equity provisions of the Education Code. Status: Dead, Asm Higher Education.

**AB 1079 (Jackson) Discrimination: public engagement.** This bill, upon appropriation by the Legislature and commencing on or before the later of either July 1, 2025, or one year after the date of the appropriation, would have required the State Department of Public Health to establish the Hate Crimes Intervention Program within the Injury and Violence Prevention Branch to implement evidence-based community interventions in consultation with community leaders and organizations in communities that were most impacted by hate crimes. The bill also would have required the department to create and distribute statewide and regional radio, social media, and television campaigns for the purposes of discouraging discrimination. Finally, this bill would have required the department to convene a working group to develop a plan to implement the campaigns and would have exempted the working group from the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act. Status: Vetoes.

**AB 1339 (Haney) Discrimination: disability: medication-assisted treatment.** This bill would have prohibited a state-funded program from discriminating against, or denying access to, housing or housing services to individuals because they are undergoing medication-assisted treatment (MAT), as defined, or taking authorized medications as part of a narcotic treatment program that uses narcotic replacement therapy or medication-assisted treatment. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

**AB 1502 (Schiavo) Discrimination: health care coverage.** This bill would have prohibited a health care service plan or health insurer from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability through the use of clinical algorithms in its decision-making. Status: Dead, Asm Health.

**AB 1720 (Bauer-Kahan) Sex equity in education: State Department of Education.** As heard by this Committee, this bill would have removed gendered pronouns from provisions of the Education Code establishing the State Department of Education, and in particular those that refer to the Superintendent and educators in gendered language. This bill was subsequently amended to require specified ultrasound settings in prenatal screening. Status: Chap. 259, Stats. 2023.

**AB 1815 (Weber) Discrimination based on race: hairstyles.** This bill removes the term “historically” from the definitions of race in relevant provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA), thus defining race to include traits associated with race, including, but not limited to, hair texture and protective hairstyles, as defined. The bill also adds these FEHA definitions for “race” and “protective hairstyle” to the Unruh Civil Rights Act. Status: Chap. 619, Stats. 2024.



**AB 1825 (Muratsuchi) California Freedom to Read Act.** This bill requires state-funded public library jurisdictions, excluding school libraries, to adopt a written and publicly available collection development policy. The bill prohibits the governing board or body of a public library from proscribing or prohibiting the circulation of any materials because of the topic addressed by the materials or because of the views, ideas, or opinions contained in those materials. Status: Chap. 941, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2047 (M. Fong) Public postsecondary education: discrimination prevention: offices of civil rights.** This bill requires the California State University (CSU), and the University of California (UC) to establish a Systemwide Office of Civil Rights for the purpose of assisting campuses within the system in addressing and preventing sex discrimination and requires each campus of the CSU and UC to establish a Title IX office on each campus and establishes the responsibilities of the Title IX office. The bill originally was referred to the Committee because of a provision regarding discrimination, but it was later determined that the bill did not propose any substantive change to existing anti-discrimination laws and the Committee therefore did not hear the bill. Status: Chap. 693, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2048 (M. Fong) Public postsecondary education: discrimination: Title IX offices.** This bill, as referred to this Committee, would have required each California State University and University of California campus, and each community college district, to establish a Title IX office and assigned to it specific duties. Amendments taken in the Assembly Higher Education Committee removed provisions within the jurisdiction of this Committee. The final version of the bill required the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, in consultation with stakeholders, to submit a report to the Legislature with recommendations for establishing systemic campus reforms that effectively prevent, detect, and address sexual harassment on community college campuses. Status: Chap. 694, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2089 (Holden) Local government: collection of demographic data.** This bill would have required city and county governments, when collecting demographic data on the ancestry and ethnic origins of their employees, to include additional categories for African Americans relating to their status as descendants of enslaved persons. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

**AB 2232 (Maienschein) The Civil Rights Department: enforcement actions.** As referred to this Committee, this bill would have authorized the Civil Rights Department to initiate civil claims for violations of Unruh Civil Rights Act, and would have also exempted actions brought by the Civil Rights Department from Code of Civil Procedure Section 425.16, authorizing a special motion to strike in a cause of action against a person arising from an act in furtherance of the defendant's right of petition or free speech. The bill was subsequently amended to deal with emergency services which is a subject matter outside of this Committee's jurisdiction. Status: Chap. 14, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2287 (Chen) Eskimo to Inuit.** This bill eliminates all references to "Eskimo" from the California Code and replaced the term with "Inuit." Status: Chap. 104, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2326 (Alvarez) Equity in Higher Education Act: discrimination: compliance, regulation, and reports.** As referred to this Committee, this bill reassigned responsibility and oversight over various antidiscrimination measures and requirements within the University of California, the California State University, and the California Community Colleges to the

chancellor of each University of College campus, the president of each California State University campus, and the governing board and chief executive officer of each community college district, respectively. While the measure includes references to discrimination protections, the bill deals largely with allocation of responsibility to adhere to such protections within each institution. As such, the Committee did not hear the bill. Status: Chap. 827, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2355 (W. Carrillo) Political advertisements: artificial intelligence.** This bill requires a committee, as defined, that creates, originally publishes, or distributes a political advertisement that was developed or altered using artificial intelligence to include a specified disclosure. The bill requires the disclosure to adhere to specific formatting requirements depending on the advertisement's medium. The bill authorizes the Fair Political Practices Commission to enforce a violation by seeking injunctive relief. Status: Chap. 260, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2377 (L. Rivas) Pupil instruction: physical education: religious exemption.** This bill requires K-12 schools to exempt students from physical activity components of a physical education course during a period of religious fasting upon the submission of a written notification from the student or the student's parent or guardian, as specified. The bill, for purposes of calculating compliance with physical education instructional time requirements, specifies that the student may complete alternative assignments or activity in lieu of the exempted physical activity. Status: Chap. 960, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2392 (Soria) Motorcycle: safety helmet exemption.** This bill would have exempted a person who wears a turban or patka for religious purposes from the existing law that requires wearing a safety helmet when driving or riding on a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, or motorized bicycle. Status: Dead, Asm Transportation.

**AB 2655 (Berman) Defending Democracy from Deepfake Deception Act.** This bill requires large online platforms, as defined, to remove materially deceptive and digitally modified or created content related to elections, or to label that content, during specified periods before and after an election, if a candidate or any California resident reports to the content to the platform, as specified. The bill also requires the platform to respond to any report, as specified. Status: Chap. 261, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2763 (Essayli) Demographic data: Middle Eastern and North African groups.** This bill would have required that a state agency, board, or commission that directly or by contract collects demographic data as to the ancestry or ethnic origin of Californians shall use separate collection categories for the Middle Eastern and North African group; and that the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation offer and report new categories of self-reported data about inmate race, ancestry, and ethnic origin. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

**AB 2839 (Pellerin) Elections: deceptive media in advertisements.** This bill prohibits the distribution of campaign advertisements and other election communications that contain media that has been digitally altered in a deceptive way, except as specified, and allows a court to issue injunctive relief prohibiting the distribution of such content, and to award general or special damages against a person that distributed the content. Status: Chap. 262, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2925 (Friedman, Lowenthal) Postsecondary education: Equity in Higher Education Act: prohibition on discrimination: training.** This bill creates a requirement for specific antidiscrimination training or diversity, equity, and inclusion training offered by postsecondary education institutions to include training on how to combat and address discrimination against the five most targeted groups in the state. Status: Chap. 844, Stats. 2024.

**AB 3024 (Ward) Civil rights.** This bill prohibits, as a part of the protections afforded by the Ralph Civil Rights Act, the distribution of materials on the private property of another person for the purpose of terrorizing the owner or occupant of that private property. Status: Chap. 584, Stats. 2024.

**AB 3080 (Alanis) The Parent’s Accountability and Child Protection Act.** This bill would have expanded the Parent’s Accountability and Child Protection Act to include pornographic internet websites. In so doing, this bill would have required pornography websites to engage in reasonable steps to verify a user’s age. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

**ACA 5 (Low) Marriage Equality.** This proposed constitutional amendment repeals the provision of the California Constitution that limits marriage to a “man and a woman” and replaces it with a provision that expressly affirms that the right to marry is a fundamental right. Status: Chap. 125, Stats. 2023.

**ACA 7 (Jackson) Government preferences: programs: exceptions.** This constitutional amendment would have explicitly prohibited the state from harmfully discriminating against, or granting preferential treatment to, any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in the operation of public employment or public education, but would have authorized the state or a local agency to use state moneys to fund research-based or research-informed and culturally specific programs in any industry if certain conditions are satisfied, including that those programs are established or otherwise implemented by the state for purposes of eliminating legal barriers to the creation of equality and equitable outcomes for all residents of the state. Status: Dead, Sen Judiciary.

**ACR 202 (McCarty) Loving Day.** This resolution celebrates Loving Day by commemorating the United States Supreme Court decision in *Loving v. Virginia* (1967) 388 U.S. 1, which legalized interracial marriage in the United States. The resolution makes related declarations and findings. Status: Res. Chap. 154, Stats. 2024.

**AJR 5 (Gipson) Expulsion of Tennessee state representatives.** This resolution makes findings relating to the expulsion by the Tennessee House of Representatives of African-American Representatives Jones and Pearson on April 6, 2023 for their participation in protests in the House chamber after the March 27th mass shooting at a school in Nashville, Tennessee, and condemns the Tennessee House of Representatives for these expulsions. Status: Res. Chap. 174, Stats. 2023.

**HR 30 (Essayli) Middle Eastern or North African Data.** This resolution expresses the Legislature’s support for the federal Office of Management and Budget’s plan to include “Middle Eastern or North African” ancestry as a response option on all federal forms collecting demographic information. Status: Adopted.

**HR 37 (Boerner) Title IX of the Education Amendments.** This resolution commemorates the 51st anniversary of the enactment of Title IX, a federal law that specifically states that no person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance, and urges Californians to continue to work together to achieve the goals set by Title IX. Status: Adopted.

**SB 16 (Smallwood-Cuevas) Civil rights: discrimination: enforcement.** This bill would have provided that nothing in existing law prevents local governments from enforcing state laws prohibiting housing and employment discrimination. The bill would have required the Civil Rights Department (CRD), as of January 1, 2025, to promulgate regulations that, at a minimum, ensure consistent application of the anti-discrimination laws throughout the state; protect claimants against inadvertent loss of state or federal claims; avoid duplication of investigatory work; and minimize any possible loss of federal funds for CRD's work. Status: Dead, Asm Appropriations.

**SB 403 (Wahab) Discrimination on the basis of ancestry.** This bill would have defined "ancestry," in existing anti-discrimination statutes, to include "caste." The bill would have defined "caste" to mean "an individual's perceived position in a system of social stratification on the basis of inherited status," specifying further that "a system of social stratification on the basis of inherited status" may be characterized by factors that include inability to alter inherited status; socially enforced restrictions on marriage, private and public segregation, and discrimination; and social exclusion on the basis of perceived status. Finally, this bill would have stated that its provisions are "declarative and clarifying" of existing law. Status: Vetoed.

**SB 490 (Bradford) Reparations task force: African Americans.** As referred to this Committee, this bill would have extended the life of the Task Force to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans by an additional year. The bill was subsequently amended to establish the California American Freedmen Affairs Agency, which would have required the agency to implement the recommendations of the Task Force, as specified. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

**SB 847 (Dahle) Motorcycle: safety helmet exception.** As originally referred to the Committee, this bill would have exempted a person who wears a turban or patka as an expression of the person's religious belief and practice from the requirement in existing law that a driver and a passenger of a motorcycle or motorized bicycle wear a safety helmet meeting certain federal safety requirements. As amended, the bill authorized the Department of Motor Vehicles to adopt a regulation certifying a helmet offered for sale, or sold, that substantially complies with, but does not meet, the safety requirements imposed by the specified federal safety standards if the helmet were designed for the purposes of compliance with a driver's or passenger's religious beliefs or practices. Status: Vetoed.

**SB 1050 (Bradford) California American Freedman Affairs Agency: racially motivated eminent domain.** This bill would have established procedures by which a person who lost property because of racially motivated eminent domain could apply to the Office of Legal Affairs (within a newly created California American Freedman Affairs Agency) for the return of the property or compensation. Upon a rejection of the determination of the Office of Legal Affairs by the state or local agency that engaged in racially motivated eminent domain, the bill

would have authorized the dispossessed owner to bring an action to challenge the taking or the amount of compensation, as provided. The bill would have made every finding, decision, determination, or other official act of the California American Freedmen Affairs Agency subject to judicial review. Status: Vetoed.

**SB 1137 (Smallwood-Cuevas) Discrimination: intersectionality.** This bill clarifies that, under specified California anti-discrimination laws, discrimination against protected characteristics includes discrimination based on a combination of those characteristics. The bill asserts that this bill is declaratory of existing law, as it is consistent with the decision of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in *Lam v. University of Hawai'i* (9th Cir. 1994) 40 F.3d 1551. Status: Chap. 779, Stats. 2024.

**SB 1287 (Glazer) Equity in Higher Education Act: prohibitions.** This bill requires the Trustees of the California State University (CSU) and requests the Regents of the University of California (UC) to adopt and enforce a student code of conduct pertaining to specified behavior, including speech and protest activity on campus. The bill also requires CSU, and requests UC, to develop mandatory training programs for students about rules of conduct and the exchange of ideas on campus. Status: Chap. 892, Stats. 2024.

**SB 1331 (Bradford) Fund for Reparations and Restorative Justice.** This bill would have established the Fund for Reparations and Reparative Justice in the State Treasury for the purpose of funding policies approved by the Legislature and the Governor that address the harm that the State of California has caused to descendants of enslaved African Americans, and certain Free Blacks. Status: Dead, Asm Inactive.

**SB 1340 (Smallwood-Cuevas) Discrimination.** This bill permits local enforcement of employment discrimination complaints under the Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA) as long as the enforcement meets specified requirements, including, but not limited to, that it concerns an employment complaint filed with the Civil Rights Department (CRD) and is pursuant to a local law that is at least as protective as FEHA. Status: Chap. 626, Stats. 2024.

**SB 1403 (Bradford) California American Freedmen Affairs Agency: Task Force recommendations.** This bill would have established the California American Freedmen Affairs Agency to implement the recommendations of the Reparations Task Force. The bill would have placed the new agency under the direction of a secretary appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. The bill would have required the agency to monitor existing state agencies and departments tasked with engaging in direct implementation of the policies recommended by the Reparations Task Force and related policies. Status: Dead, Asm Inactive.

**SB 1491 (Eggman, Atkins) Equity in Higher Education Act.** This bill requires the Trustees of the California State University and the governing board of each community college district to designate an employee at each campus as a point of contact for the needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, asexual, pansexual, transgender, gender-nonconforming, intersex, and two-spirit faculty, staff, and students. The bill also amends the definition of “sexual orientation” to mean a person’s physical, emotional, and romantic attraction to other people, including heterosexuality, homosexuality, bisexuality, asexuality, and pansexuality. The bill would request the University of California to comply with the bill’s provisions. Status: Chap. 490, Stats. 2024.

**SB 1504 (Stern) Cyberbullying Protection Act.** This bill expands the scope of the Cyberbullying Protection Act (Act) by requiring a social media platform to respond to reports of cyberbullying within specified timelines. The bill also increases the civil penalties for a social media platform's failure to comply with the Act. Status: Chap. 900, Stats. 2024.

### *Disability Rights*

**AB 222 (Arambula) Civil Rights Department: Californians with disabilities workgroup.** This bill would have created a workgroup, convened by the Office of Civil Rights (OCR), to study policies related to workforce and employment that affect Californians with disabilities and would have recommended changes to the state's laws and policies to reduce high rates of unemployment and underemployment among people with disabilities. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

**AB 539 (Nguyen) Accessibility related violations.** This bill, among other things, would have prohibited a high-frequency litigant in a disability access-related civil action, from recovering any amount, other than actual damages, that exceeds \$1,000 for each offense. The bill would have also prohibited a party alleging a disability access-related violation pursuant to those provisions from alleging more than one violation per defect and, through repeated visits, using the previously identified defect as the basis for additional damages. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

**AB 950 (Maienschein) Accessibility: internet websites.** This bill would have, among other things, created a presumption in state law that a website of a business entity that meets a specified standard (WCAG 2.1 Level AA) complied with state accessibility requirements and therefore would not be liable for damages; and would have authorized certain civil actions, including by allowing businesses to recover statutory damages and attorney's fees that businesses must pay when their internet websites are inaccessible, against a developer of an internet website that is inaccessible. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

**AB 1404 (W. Carrillo) Disability access: internet website-related accessibility claims.** This bill requires an attorney, with each demand letter or complaint alleging an internet website-related accessibility claim, to provide the defendant with a copy of a written advisory notice pertaining to disability access laws, as specified. The bill becomes operative only if AB 1757 of the 2023–24 Regular Session is enacted and takes effect on or before January 1, 2025. Status: Chap. 842, Stats. 2023.

**AB 1757 (Judiciary) Accessibility: internet websites.** As originally referred to, heard, and approved by this Committee, this bill amended a number of provisions in existing law to conform with the unification of municipal and superior courts and would make related changes with respect to employees of superior courts in specified counties and to judicial officers and their duties, including insuring judicial officers and the representation and indemnification of judicial officers and related expenses. As amended in the Senate, the bill included the nonfiscal provisions of AB 950 (see above). It would have, among other things, created a process for the owner of an internet website to identify and correct accessibility violations on its own website and obtain immunity from liability for such violations during and after they were corrected. It also would have authorized certain civil actions, including for businesses to recover damages and attorney's fees from the designer or developer of the inaccessible website. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

**AB 1876 (Jackson) Developmental services: individual program plans and individual family service plans: remote meetings.** This bill would have eliminated the June 30, 2024 sunset for utilizing remote technology for Individual Program Plan and Individualized Family Service Plan meetings. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

**AB 1906 (Gipson) Persons with disabilities: terminology.** This bill requires the California Law Revision Commission to conduct a study to recommend how to remove the terms "dependent adult" and "dependent person" from California code sections and replace those terms with new terminology that would describe these adults in a respectful way while preserving their legal rights and protections. Status: Chap. 233, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2026 (Mathis) Disabilities: person-first terminology.** This bill, in order to be more respectful of persons with an intellectual or developmental disabilities (IDD) and emphasize that they are people first who are not defined by their disabilities, would have changed the terminology used in existing code sections in a manner that does not make substantive changes to the law. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

**SB 585 (Niello) Disability access: construction-related accessibility claims: statutory damages: attorney's fees and costs.** This bill would have prohibited a construction-related accessibility claim for statutory damages from being initiated in a legal proceeding against a defendant who employs 50 or fewer individuals unless the defendant has: (1) been served with a letter specifying each alleged violation of a construction-related accessibility standard; and (2) established that the alleged violations was not corrected within 120 days of service. The bill provided that a defendant is not liable for statutory damages, costs, or plaintiff's attorney's fees for an alleged violation that is corrected within 120 days of service of a letter. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

**SB 748 (Roth) Disability access and information: local government: notice.** This bill requires that a specified notice regarding potential liability under state and federal disability access laws and the importance of obtaining inspection services by a Construction-Related Accessibility Specialist is provided to an applicant for a new or renewed business license. Status: Chap. 76, Stats. 2023.

### *Personal Rights*

**AB 48 (Aguiar-Curry) Nursing Facility Resident Informed Consent Protection Act of 2023.** This bill, among other things, requires a prescriber, prior to prescribing a psychotherapeutic drug for a nursing home resident, to personally examine and obtain the informed written consent of the resident or their representative. It also requires specified information be disclosed to the patient or their representative when obtaining informed written consent. Status: Chap. 794, Stats. 2023.

**AB 1314 (Essayli) Gender identity: parental notification.** This bill would have required any teacher, counselor, or employee of a school that becomes aware that a pupil is identifying at school as a gender that does not align with the child's sex on their birth certificate or other official records, using sex-segregated school programs and activities, or using facilities that do not align with the child's sex on their birth certificate, other official records, or sex assigned at birth to notify the child's parents within three days. Status: Dead, Asm Education.

**AB 2351 (Lowenthal) Suspensions and expulsions: acts occurring outside of school hours.** This bill would have authorized a school district superintendent or school principal to suspend a student or recommend a student for expulsion based upon specified acts taking place outside of school hours, subject to certain conditions. Status: Dead, Asm Appropriations.

**AB 3089 (Jones-Sawyer) Chattel slavery: formal apology.** This bill, on behalf of the State of California, issues a formal apology that recognizes and accepts responsibility for all of the harms committed by the state in connection with chattel slavery and its enduring legacy. The bill requires the installation of a plaque memorializing the apology in the State Capitol. Status: Chap. 624, Stats. 2024.

**AB 3161 (Bonta) Health and care facilities: patient safety and antidiscrimination.** This bill requires hospital patient safety plans to include demographic data on injured patients in order to address racism and discrimination in health care, including procedures for staff to anonymously report instances of racial bias. Status: Chap. 757, Stats. 2024.

**ACR 135 (Weber) Human rights violations and crimes against humanity on African slaves and their descendants.** This resolution would have recognized and accepted responsibility for the harms and atrocities committed by representatives of the State of California who promoted, facilitated, enforced, and permitted the institution of chattel slavery and the legacy of ongoing badges and incidents of slavery. Status: Dead, Sen Judiciary.

**SCR 113 (Smallwood-Cuevas) Human rights violations and crimes against humanity on African slaves and their descendants.** This resolution would have recognized and accepted responsibility for the harms and atrocities committed by representatives of the State of California who promoted, facilitated, enforced, and permitted the institution of chattel slavery and the legacy of ongoing badges and incidents of slavery. Status: Dead, Asm Floor.

### *Privacy Rights*

**AB 243 (Alanis) Child abduction survivors: address confidentiality program.** This bill makes survivors of child abduction, as defined, and members of their households eligible for the protections of the Safe at Home (SAH) address confidentiality program. Status: Chap. 642, Stats. 2023.

**AB 793 (Bonta) Privacy: reverse demands.** This bill would have banned reverse-location searches, also known as a “geofence warrant” which allow law enforcement agencies to obtain cell phone data about unspecified individuals near a certain location, and reverse-keyword searches, which allow law enforcement agencies to obtain data about unspecified individuals who used certain search terms on an internet website. Status: Dead, Sen Judiciary.

**AB 3139 (Weber) Data privacy: vehicle manufacturers: remote vehicle technology.** This bill would have required a vehicle manufacturer to ensure that any remote technology in their vehicles could be immediately manually disabled by a driver from inside the vehicle, as provided, or, if technically impossible, to create a mechanism for survivors of specified crimes to submit a request to disable such technology within one business day. It also would have required a survivor of specified crimes to provide a notice with specified documentation to the



manufacturer within seven days of using the manual disabling mechanism. Status: Dead, Sen Inactive.

**AB 3170 (Ortega) Public health: maternal substance abuse.** *See Children.*

**SB 1000 (Ashby, Rubio) Connected devices: device protection requests.** This bill would have required an account manager of an internet or app-based user account to deny a person access to a connected device if it receives a request to do so from a survivor of domestic violence. The bill would have required the account manager to deny access no later than two days after the submission of a device protection request by a survivor of domestic violence. The bill would have required a vehicle manufacturer to immediately terminate access or disable remote technology and provide the survivor with a way to disable remote vehicle technology manually, as specified. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

### ***Employment Rights***

**AB 504 (Reyes) Employment relations.** This bill would have established the right of specified public employees to engage in sympathy strikes by prohibiting public employers from disciplining or otherwise engaging in any adverse action against an employee for their refusal to enter the site of a primary labor dispute, perform work for an employer involved in a primary labor dispute, or cross a picket line, or directing a public employee to engage in any of these activities. Status: Vetoed.

**AB 594 (Maienschein) Labor Code: alternative enforcement.** This bill authorizes, until January 1, 2029, public prosecutors to bring civil actions for certain violations of the Labor Code independently of the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement (DLSE) and nullifies any agreement that limited an employee's right to file in court on behalf of themselves or in a representative action. Status: Chap. 659, Stats. 2023.

**AB 647 (Holden) Grocery workers.** This bill revises recall rights for grocery workers when there is a change of control in a grocery establishment to cover workers of a grocery distribution center and create a private right of action for violations of the recall provisions. Status: Chap. 452, Stats. 2023.

**AB 747 (McCarty) Business: unlawful employee contracts and requirements.** *See Contracts.*

**AB 853 (Maienschein) Grocery workers.** This bill establishes parties engaging in the transfer or acquisition of retail grocery stores to provide notice to the Attorney General. Status: Chap. 456, Stats. 2023.

**AB 1356 (Haney) Relocations, terminations, and mass layoffs.** This bill would have revised the California Worker Adjustment and Retraining Act (WARN Act) to cover employees who contract with labor contractors, or temp agencies, and increase the notice period an employer is required to provide prior to ordering terminations, relocations, or mass layoffs from 60 to 75 days. Status: Vetoed.

**AB 1928 (Sanchez) Worker classification: employees and independent contractors.** This bill would have repealed the codification of the *Dynamex* decision, otherwise referred to as the ABC-

test, which determines worker classification as either employees or independent contractors. Status: Dead, Asm Labor and Employment.

**AB 2011 (Bauer-Kahan) Unlawful employment practices: small employer family leave mediation program.** This bill expands the small employer family leave mediation program to include resolution of alleged violations of reproductive loss leave, deems the mediation complete if the mediator determines that the employer does not have between 5 and 19 employees, and repeals the sunset date for the program, thereby making the program permanent. Status: Chap. 147, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2288 (Kalra) Labor Code enforcement: private civil actions.** As referred to this Committee, this bill authorized plaintiffs who bring claims under the Private Attorneys General Act to seek injunctive relief. The bill was subsequently expanded to authorize aggrieved employees to bring a civil claim on behalf of themselves and other current or former employees who suffered the same violation or violations. Additionally, the bill was expanded to make the employer liable for a civil penalty of \$100 for each aggrieved employee per pay period if, at the time of the alleged violation, the person employed one or more employees. Status: Chap. 44, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2374 (Haney) Displaced janitors.** This bill would have amended the Displaced Janitor Opportunity Act in a number of ways. First, the bill would have expanded the Act to cover any contractor with one or more janitorial employees and extended to cover any individual employee by an in-house janitorial service. Additionally, the bill would have required the awarding authority to provide notice of a forthcoming contract termination within 5 days of the decision to terminate, and to provide that notice to the employees' union. Third, the bill would have required a successor contractor to maintain the same work schedules, pay, and benefits provided by the initial contractor, as well as binds the successor contractor to any preexisting collective bargaining agreement. Finally, the bill modified the Acts enforcement provision to authorize enforcement by the Labor Commissioner and recover specified penalties on behalf of the aggrieved employees, among other changes to the Act's enforcement mechanisms. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

**AB 2404 (Lee) State and local public employees: labor relations: strikes.** This bill would have established the right of specified public employees to engage in sympathy strikes by prohibiting public employers from disciplining or otherwise engaging in any adverse action against an employee for their refusal to enter the site of a primary labor dispute, perform work for an employer involved in a primary labor dispute, cross a strike line, or directing a public employee to engage in any of these activities. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

**AB 2455 (Gabriel) Whistleblower protections.** This bill modernizes the California Whistleblower Protect Action (CWPA) and whistleblower hotline laws. The bill expands the CWPA and hotline laws to capture misconduct involving state grant funds, contractors, and subcontractors, and allows local governments to authorize individuals to administer the whistleblower hotlines. Status: Chap. 568, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2499 (Schiavo) Unlawful employment practices: discrimination for time off.** This bill entitles an employee of an employer with 25 or more employees who is a victim or who has a family member who is a victim of a crime to up to 12 weeks of job protected leave to attend to

their or their family member's needs and ensure their safety. Additionally the bill permits both an employee victim and an employee who has a family member who is a victim to use sick leave for time off to obtain victim services. Status: Chap. 967, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2696 (Rendon) Labor-related liabilities: direct contractor and subcontractor.** This bill authorizes joint labor-management cooperation committees to bring a claim against a direct contractor to enforce liability for any unpaid wages, fringe or other benefit payment or contribution, penalties, or liquidated damages owed by the direct contractor in a contract for private work. Status Chap. 734, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2738 (L. Rivas) Labor Code: alternative enforcement: occupational safety.** This bill makes all remedies available for violations of the Labor Code recoverable in an action by a public prosecutor when authorized by statute. The bill authorizes such enforcement in the context of safety in staging for live events. Additionally, this bill specifies that recovery in such claims would be distributed to the prosecuting office after workers are paid any monies due, and mandates awards of attorneys fees and costs. Finally, the bill makes its provisions subject to the relevant provisions of the California Public Records Act (CPRA). Status: Chap. 969, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2741 (Haney) Temporary employees: labor contractors.** As introduced and initially referred, this bill would have imposed new requirements on labor contractors, including specifying the rate the labor contractor was being paid by the client employer on temporary workers' pay stubs, requiring labor contractors to ensure temporary workers are provided opportunities to fill permanent positions similar to the work they are completing as temporary workers, prohibiting labor contractors' restriction of temporary workers' accepting full-time positions with client employers, and prohibiting labor contractors from sending temporary workers to the location of a strike or other labor dispute without notice and disclosure. The bill was subsequently amended to deal with rental car companies which is a subject matter outside of this Committee's jurisdiction. Status: Chap. 970, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2754 (Rendon) Employment contracts and agreements: sufficient funds: liability.** This bill expands existing law prohibiting contracts for labor or services with certain contractors if the person knows or should know that the contract is insufficient to allow the contractor to comply with all applicable labor laws or regulations to capture port drayage motor carriers. Additionally, the bill requires a customer that engages or uses a port drayage motor carrier to share with the motor carrier or their successor all civil legal liability arising out of misclassification of the driver as an independent contractor. Status: Chap. 739, Stats. 2024.

**AB 3043 (L. Rivas) Occupational safety: fabrication activities.** This bill would have imposed a new regulatory structure within the silica stone industry. Relevant to this Committee, the bill would have authorized the Attorney General to enforce the bill's provisions. Additionally, the bill would have required an owner operator of a silica slab product fabrication shop to comply with prevailing wage rates and would have authorized workers to bring civil claims for a violation of the prevailing wage requirement. Status: Dead, Sen Labor, Public Employment and Retirement.

**SB 27 (Durazo) University of California: vendors.** This bill establishes the Recovery of Earned but Unpaid Wages Act and requires vendors who contract with the University of California (UC) to provide their employees with the total wage specified in their contract with

the UC or as required by UC policy. The bill also requires vendors to comply with various reporting and notice requirements and establishes a process for aggrieved employees to bring a civil action against vendors who do not comply with the provisions of this Act. Status: Chap. 480, Stats. 2023.

**SB 73 (Seyarto) Employment policy: voluntary veterans' preference.** This bill would have enacted the Voluntary Veterans' Preference Employment Act to authorize a private employer to establish and maintain a written veterans' preference employment policy, to be applied uniformly to hiring decisions, to give a voluntary preference for hiring a veteran over another qualified applicant. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

**SB 92 (Umberg) Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004.** This bill expands the right to cure Labor Code violations for businesses with fewer than one hundred employees and offers businesses with more than one hundred employees the ability to seek an early resolution of Labor Code claims pending in court. Status: Chap. 45, Stats. 2024.

**SB 399 (Wahab) Employer communications: intimidation.** This bill prohibits an employer from disciplining or threatening to discipline an employee who declines to attend an employer-sponsored meeting or participate in or receive communications from the employer regarding political or religious matters. Additionally, the bill authorizes enforcement either through the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement upon a complaint by the employee or a through a civil action brought by the employee. Status: Chap. 670, Stats. 2024.

**SB 428 (Blakespear) Temporary restraining orders and protective orders: employee harassment.** *See Civil Procedure.*

**SB 497 (Smallwood-Cuevas) Protected employee conduct.** This bill establishes a rebuttable presumption that an employer who disciplines an employee within 90 days of the protected activity has engaged in unlawful retaliation. Additionally, the bill requires that any penalties recovered in an action for an employer's retaliatory conduct in response to a whistleblower's report be directed to the employee and provides certain factors for consideration by the Labor Commissioner when assessing the appropriate penalty. Status: Chap. 612, Stats. 2023.

**SB 553 (Cortese) Occupational safety: workplace violence: restraining orders and workplace violence prevention plan.** *See Civil Procedure.*

**SB 627 (Smallwood-Cuevas) Displaced workers: notice: retention and transfer.** This bill would have established the Displaced Worker Retention and Transfer Rights Act. The bill would have required chain employers, as defined, to provide each employee a displacement notice at least 60 days before the expected date of a closure of a covered establishment and to subsequently provide each affected employee the opportunity to transfer. Status: Vetoed.

**SB 700 (Bradford) Employment discrimination: cannabis use.** This bill establishes that it is unlawful under the Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA) for an employer to request information from an applicant for employment relating to the applicant's prior use of cannabis unless the employer is permitted to consider or inquire about that information under the Fair Chance Act or other applicable state or federal law. Status: Chap. 408, Stats. 2023.

**SB 716 (Alvarado-Gil) Excluded employees: binding arbitration.** This bill would have established the Excluded Employee Arbitration Act to provide state excluded employees, such as managers and supervisors, the option of requesting binding arbitration as a method for resolving disputes with their employers after first exhausting the current grievance resolution procedures, and among other things, includes a sunset date of January 1, 2029. Status: Vetoed.

**SB 731 (Ashby) Employment discrimination: unlawful practices: disability: work from home.** This bill would have required an employer to provide an employee who is working from home at least 30 days' advance notice before requiring a return to in-person work. Status: Vetoed.

**SB 808 (Dodd) California State University: annual report: sexual harassment reports: formal sexual harassment complaints.** As originally referred to this Committee, this bill would have required the California State University (CSU) to require each campus president and vice president or chancellor to approve all sexual harassment settlements and placed retreat right prohibitions for certain campus employees who have engaged in sexual harassment or violated CSU's Title IX sexual harassment policy. Amendments taken in the Committee on Higher Education removed the bill from this Committee's jurisdiction. Status: Chap. 417, Stats. 2023.

**SB 848 (Rubio) Employment: leave for loss related to reproduction or adoption.** This bill makes it an unlawful employment practice for an employer to refuse to grant a request by an eligible employee to take up to five days of reproductive loss leave following a reproductive loss event. Status: Chap. 724, Stats. 2023.

**SB 901 (Umberg) The military: eligibility.** This bill provides that a person is ineligible to commission or enlist in, and must be administratively discharged with an other than honorable characterization from the California National Guard or State Guard if they actively participate in, advocate for, or engage in, the use of unlawful force, unlawful violence, or other means to deprive an individual of their rights. Status: Chap. 774, Stats. 2024.

**SB 988 (Wiener) Freelance Worker Protection Act.** This bill establishes the Freelance Worker Protection Act to impose minimum requirements in contracts between a hiring party and a freelance worker, as defined. Among other things, the Act requires a hiring entity to provide a written contract to the freelance worker and pay a freelance worker the compensation specified by such contract. The bill authorizes an aggrieved freelance worker or a public prosecutor to bring a civil action to enforce these provisions. Status: Chap. 870, Stats. 2024.

**SB 1100 (Portantino) Discrimination: driver's license.** This bill prohibits a job advertisement, posting, application, or other material from stating that an applicant must have a driver's license unless there is a reasonable expectation that driving is a function of the position and that an alternative form of transportation cannot suffice. Status: Chap. 877, Stats. 2024.

**SB 1264 (Grove) Employment discrimination: cannabis use.** This bill would have exempted employees in (or applicants for) sworn law enforcement positions from the provisions of Fair Housing and Employment Act that protect employees and applicants from discrimination due to their off-the-job cannabis use. Status: Failed, Asm Labor and Employment.

## OPEN GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC RECORDS

**AB 15 (Dixon) Public records: parole calculations and inmate release credits.** This bill would have provided that records of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation pertaining to an inmate's release date and their early release credits are public records and therefore subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act. Status: Failed, Asm Public Safety.

**AB 312 (Reyes, Ward) State partnership for affordable housing registries in California Grant program.** This bill would have created a centralized platform housed under the California Department of Housing and Community Development to both assist the state in identifying the true number of affordable housing units available and facilitate tenants' access to those units. As an element of the new platform, the bill proposes to exempt personally identifiable information submitted to the program from disclosure requirements under the California Public Records Act. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

**AB 469 (V. Fong) California Public Records Act Ombudsperson.** This bill would have established in state government, until January 1, 2027, the position of the California Public Records Act Ombudsperson, responsible for reviewing denials by a state agency of an original request by a member of the public to access records under the provisions of the California Public Records Act. Status: Vetoed.

**AB 730 (Lowenthal) California Public Records Act: public agency employees: notice requirements: personnel and medical information.** This bill would have required an agency to promptly provide a public agency employee with written notice of a request to disclose a record related to personnel, medical, or similar information of that employee, as specified. The bill also would have required the agency, before disclosing or making those records available, to provide not less than 21 days' written notice to the employee of its intent to disclose or make the records available. The bill would further expand the definition of "unusual circumstances" to include the need to provide the advance written notices required by the bill. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

**AB 1147 (Addis) Disability Equity and Accountability Act of 2023.** This bill makes records of regional centers subject to the California Public Records Act, notwithstanding the fact that regional centers are private non-profit entities, rather than government agencies. The bill also deletes, revises, and adds various requirements that apply to the Department of Developmental Services and the regional centers that coordinate services for the eligible population. Status: Chap. 902, Stats. 2024.

**AB 1785 (Pacheco) Public Records Act.** This bill, in order to clarify existing law, prohibits a public agency from publicly posting both the name and assessor parcel number associated with the home address of any elected or appointed official on the internet and defines "publicly post." Status: Chap. 551, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2095 (Maienschein) Publication: newspapers of general circulation.** This bill would have required public notices to be published in a newspaper of general circulation, on the newspaper's internet website, if one exists, and on a statewide internet website. Status: Vetoed.

**AB 2153 (Lowenthal) California Public Records Act: public agency employees: notice requirements.** This bill would have required each public agency, upon receipt of a request for a

copy of, or the inspection of any record of a public agency employee, or any record that would disclose a public agency employee's personal identity in connection with the performance of that employee's work duties, to promptly and prior to the release of the records, provide written notice of the request to the public agency employee. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

**AB 2439 (Quirk-Silva) Public records: owners and developers.** This bill would have required an owner, developer, or agent of an owner or developer, that receives public funds from a public agency to perform specified public works projects to be subject to the Public Records Act. The bill was subsequently amended to make available specified records to joint labor-management committees, multiemployer Taft-Hartley trust funds, and nonprofits established to ensure compliance within the building and construction trades. Status: Dead, Asm Appropriations.

**AB 2766 (Low, Dixon) Public records: parole calculations and inmate release credits.** This bill would have clarified that records of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) pertaining to an inmate's release date and the early release credits earned by an inmate are public records and subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act (CPRA). It also would have required CDCR to compile an annual report that summarizes inmate participation in rehabilitation, good behavior, and education programs at each CDCR facility. Status: Held, Sen Appropriations.

**AB 2783 (Alvarez) San Diego Unified Port District.** This bill would have made numerous changes to the San Diego Unified Port District Act. The bill originally was referred to the Committee because of provisions regarding the CPRA, but it was later determined that the bill did not propose any change to existing law regarding disclosure of public records and the Committee therefore waived its hearing. Status: Dead, Asm Concurrence.

**AB 3092 (Ortega) Attorney General: law enforcement agencies: reports of deaths.** This bill requires law enforcement agencies or state correctional facilities that report a death of a person in their custody to update its written report to the Attorney General within 10 days of when a change within the case occurs or when the new information becomes available. It also clarifies that the new information is open to the public. Status: Chap. 69, Stats. 2024.

**SB 630 (Dodd) Contractors State License Board: regulation of contractors: records.** This bill authorizes the Contractors State License Board (CSLB) to require applicants, registrants, and licensees to provide a valid email address and to automatically revoke a license for failure to fully comply with the terms and conditions of probation and also makes confidential email addresses that are provided to CSLB. Status: Chap. 153, Stats. 2023.

**SB 782 (Limón) Gubernatorial appointments: report.** This bill would have required the Office of the Governor to maintain on its internet website a list of every state board and commission, including specified data of every state board and commission. In addition, the bill would have required the Office of the Governor to publish on its internet website a report that contains aggregate demographic information of appointments by the Office of the Governor. Status: Vetoed.

**SB 790 (Padilla) Public records: contracts for goods and services.** This bill clarifies that any executed contract for the purchase of goods or services by a state or local agency, including the price and terms of payment, is a public record and makes any written agreement that purports to

make such a contract confidential void and unenforceable as a matter of law, except as specified. Status: Chap. 77, Stats. 2023.

**SB 795 (Stern) HVAC equipment: sale registry and compliance tracking system: compliance documentation.** This bill would have required the California Energy Commission (CEC) to establish two separate online systems to track the sales of heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) equipment and to track compliance documents required for HVAC and lighting control building standards. It would also have required the department to aggregate and use the data as specified; protected personal information within the systems; and made data otherwise available to the public. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

**SB 827 (Glazer) San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District: Office of the BART Inspector General.** This bill would have given new powers to the Office of the Inspector General (IG) for San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) to ensure independence, including the right to access and examine all records, files, documents, accounts, reports, correspondence, or other property of BART and external entities that perform work for BART. It also would have clarified the manner in which the IG could interact with BART employees to protect their employment rights. Status: Dead, Asm Inactive.

**SB 1027 (Menjivar) Political Reform Act of 1974: disclosures.** This bill prevents the disclosure of sensitive financial information, specifically bank account information submitted by a political campaign committee on their Statement of Organization forms (Form 410) to the Secretary of State (SOS), from being disclosed to the public in response to a request for public records. Status: Chap. 180, Stats. 2024.

**SB 1034 (Seyarto) California Public Records Act: state of emergency.** This bill adds an additional unusual circumstance under which the initial response time to a public records request may be extended to include the need to search for, collect, and appropriately examine records during a state of emergency proclaimed by the Governor in the jurisdiction where the agency is located when the state of emergency currently affects, due to the state of emergency, the agency's ability to timely respond to requests due to staffing shortages or closure of facilities where the request records are located, and specifies that this provision only applies to records not created during and applying to the state of emergency. Status: Chap. 161, Stats. 2024.

**SB 1109 (Bradford) Cannabis: demographic information of license applicants.** This bill requires the Department of Cannabis Control to collect and consolidate voluntarily provided demographic data regarding persons receiving licenses issued by the Department. The bill provides that individualized data is not subject to disclosure via the California Public Records Act. Status: Chap. 878, Stats. 2024.

**SB 1441 (Allen) Examination of petitions: time limitations and reimbursement of costs.** This bill revises rules relating to the process for a county to examine an election petition for insufficiency to help ensure that examinations are completed in a timely manner and do not become a financial burden to county election offices. Status: Chap. 479, Stats. 2024.

**SB 1452 (Ashby) Architecture and landscape architecture.** This bill extends the sunset date for the California Architects Board (CAB or board) and the Landscape Architects Technical Committee (LATC) to January 1, 2029 and enacts technical changes, statutory improvements,



and policy reforms in response to issues raised during the CAB and the LATC's sunset review oversight process. The bill originally was referred to the Committee because of a provision regarding the CPRA, but it was later determined that the bill did not propose any change to existing law regarding disclosure of public records. Therefore, the Committee did not hear the bill. Status: Chap. 482, Stats. 2024.

## **PROBATE AND RELATED MATTERS**

### *Civil Commitment, Conservatorship and Guardianship*

**SB 35 (Umberg) Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Court Program.** This bill makes numerous changes to the Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act, including but not limited to, allowing a subordinate judicial officer to preside over CARE Court proceedings and prohibiting courts from charging a fee to file a CARE Court petition. Status: Chap. 283, Stats. 2023.

**SB 42 (Umberg) CARE Court Program: process and proceedings.** As originally referred to this Committee, this bill would have placed an affirmative burden on licensed attorneys to report to the State Bar of California when the attorney knew another licensee had conspired to engage in, or had engaged in, treason, sedition, or insurrection against the State of California or the United States. The bill was subsequently amended to require a court to provide ongoing notice about CARE Court proceedings, including notice of a continuance or dismissal of the proceedings, to specified family members of the respondent without the respondent's consent and prohibits the disclosure of confidential patient information in any such notice without the respondent's consent, as specified. Status: Chap. 640, Stats. 2024.

**SB 43 (Eggman) Behavioral health: gravely disabled: definition.** This bill expands the definition of “gravely disabled,” for purposes of involuntarily detaining an individual with a severe substance use disorder (SUD), or a co-occurring mental health (MH) disorder and a severe SUD, or chronic alcoholism that is unable to additionally provide for personal safety or necessary medical care. The bill deems statements of specified health practitioners, when acting as expert witnesses in certain conservatorship proceedings, as exempt from the hearsay rule. Status: Chap. 637, Stats. 2023.

**SB 280 (Laird) Review of conservatorship plans.** The bill, beginning January 1, 2025, requires a conservator of the person, within 120 days of appointment and 10 days before a hearing to determine the continuation or termination of an existing conservatorship, to file with the clerk of the court a care plan for the care, custody, and control of the conservatee and requires the care plan to address specified elements. The bill does not apply to a limited conservator appointed for a developmentally disabled adult if the limited conservator is a relative within the first degree of the conservatee. Status: Chap. 705, Stats. 2023.

**SB 402 (Wahab) Involuntary commitment.** This bill would have authorized, for a “5150 hold,” a licensed mental health professional (LMHP) who is not direct staff of, or contracted by, a county to take into custody a person who, as result of a mental health disorder, is a danger to self or others, or gravely disabled, under certain conditions and expands related requirements regarding information collection and publication. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

**SB 1106 (Rubio) Conservators: required notices.** This bill (1) clarifies who may receive special notice about a conservatorship; (2) requires persons who have requested special notice to be notified when a conservator is moving the conservatee's place of residence, as specified; (3) extends the timeframe for when a conservator must provide a notice of intent to move the conservatee from their personal residence, from 15 days to 20 days; (4) requires a conservator to give advanced notice of their intent to move a conservatee from their current residence under the same procedures as the notice to move a conservatee from their personal residence; and (5) requires a conservator to provide specified persons with notice of a conservatee's burial or funeral arrangements, as specified, where the conservator made those arrangements. Status: Chap. 455, Stats. 2024.

**SB 1184 (Eggman) Mental health: involuntary treatment.** This bill permits, in "exigent circumstances," an order for involuntary treatment with antipsychotic medication to continue after the expiration of a detention period and until a new hearing for a determination of the person's capacity to refuse treatment occurs; requires the capacity hearing to be held on an expedited basis; and requires a facility where such an extension of involuntary treatment occurs to report specified data to the county behavioral health director in the county in which they operate. The bill sunsets the provisions of this bill on January 1, 2030. Status: Chap. 643, Stats. 2024.

### *Elder Abuse*

**AB 2773 (Kalra) Elders and dependent adults: abuse and neglect.** This bill would have changed the standard of proof required for an action for abuse, abandonment, or neglect of an elder or dependent adult, from clear and convincing to preponderance of the evidence, only in cases where the plaintiff can establish that a defendant has intentionally concealed or destroyed relevant evidence of the abuse. Status: Vetoed.

**AB 2800 (Kalra) Elder Abuse and Dependent Adult Civil Protection Act.** This bill would have expanded the definition of "physical abuse" in an action for abuse, abandonment, or neglect of an elder or dependent adult to include use of a physical or chemical restraint or psychotropic medication for discipline or convenience when not required to treat the resident's medical symptoms and administered by a long-term health care facility or residential care facility for the elderly. It also would have changed the standard of proof required in these abuse and neglect cases to preponderance of the evidence. Status: Dead, Asm Aging & Long Term Care.

**SB 278 (Dodd) Elder abuse.** This bill would have required financial institutions to take specified actions intended to deter elder and dependent financial abuse, including notifying a designated emergency contact or holding a transaction when a financial institution reasonably expects the transaction is the result of financial abuse. The bill also provided for fees and damages if the financial institution acted with reckless disregard of their obligations, resulting in financial abuse. Status: Vetoed.

### *Trusts and Estates*

**AB 288 (Maienschein) Revocable transfer on death deeds.** This bill, following recommendations by the California Law Revision Commission, allows for the transfer of interest

in a stock cooperative outside of the normal probate procedure by expanding the scope of the revocable transfer on death deed to include such transactions. Status: Chap. 62, Stats. 2023.

**AB 717 (Villapudua) Trusts: information.** This bill would have authorized each court to include information on its website regarding revocable living trusts and revocable transfer on death deeds (TODDs). The bill would have also required the California Housing Finance Agency to provide information on revocable living trusts and TODDs to any homebuyer participating in the home purchase assistance program, and would have required the Agency's borrower's education program to include information on revocable living trusts and TODDs. Status: Dead, Sen Inactive.

**AB 2016 (Maienschein) Estates: small estates.** This bill raises the threshold of the small-estate exception that permits distribution of assets outside of probate. Specifically, the bill provides that for the period starting April 1, 2025, through March 31, 2028, the adjusted amount of the value of a decedent's real property that may be disposed of outside of probate administration is \$750,000. The bill also requires the Judicial Council beginning April 1, 2028, and at each three-year interval thereafter, to determine the amount of the adjustment to this value, according to the Consumer Price Index as specified. Status: Chap. 331, Stats 2024.

**SB 801 (Allen) California Uniform Directed Trust Act.** This bill enacts the California Uniform Directed Trust Act, which is modeled after the national Uniform Directed Trust Act, but with minor modifications to reflect California law and drafting practices. The bill also clarifies that, notwithstanding any other law, the consent of the public administrator, public guardian, or public conservator is required before they may be appointed to act as a trust director or directed trustee. Status: Chap. 721, Stats. 2023.

**SB 1127 (Niello) Trust termination.** This bill raises the threshold for the principal value at which a trustee may terminate a trust without petitioning the court for approval. Existing law allows trust termination without court approval if the trust principal does not exceed \$50,000. This bill increases the threshold to \$100,000. Status: Chap. 76, Stats. 2024.

**SB 1458 (Allen) The Revised Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act.** This bill expands the Revised Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act to additionally apply to a fiduciary acting as a conservator appointed by the court to manage the estate of a living individual or an agent acting as an attorney-in-fact who is granted authority under a durable or nondurable power of attorney, as provided. Status: Chap. 799, Stats. 2024.

## **PROPERTY AND RELATED MATTERS**

### *Personal Property*

**AB 542 (J. Carrillo) Self-service storage facilities: lien sales.** This bill permits an operator of a self-service storage facility to advertise a lien sale once in a print newspaper and once on any publicly accessible internet website that customarily conducts or advertises online auctions or sales in lieu of publicizing a lien sale for two consecutive weeks in a print newspaper. Status: Chap. 531, Stats. 2023.

**AB 748 (Villapudua) California Abandoned and Derelict Commercial Vessel Program.** This bill would have prohibited a commercial vessel that is at-risk of becoming derelict from occupying, anchoring, mooring, or otherwise being secured in or on commercially navigable waters, and established the California Abandoned and Derelict Commercial Vessel Program to identify, prioritize, and fund, as specified, the removal of abandoned and derelict commercial vessels from commercially navigable waters. Status: Vetoed.

**AB 1916 (Maienschein) Self-service storage facilities: abandoned personal property.** This bill amends the Self-Storage Facility Act to include provisions addressing the disposition of abandoned property at the end of a rental agreement and the requirements for updating rental agreements. Status: Chap. 91, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2228 (Villapudua) Collateral recovery: notice.** This bill would have established that a repossession agency may send a notice of seizure to the debtor’s current address, if known, as opposed to “last known address.” Status: Dead, Sen Business, Professions and Economic Development.

**AB 2737 (Alanis) Motor vehicle conditional sale contracts: guaranteed asset protection waivers.** This bill would have required, if a conditional sale contract was assigned specific to securitization and other conditions were met, the seller to notify the consumer in accordance with specified requirements. The bill also required the seller to assume the legal liability of the holder for violations of these provisions if the holder did not comply with the specified notice requirements. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

**AB 2867 (Gabriel) Recovery of artwork and personal property lost due to persecution.** This bill provides that California substantive law shall apply in actions to recover fine art or an item of historical, interpretive, scientific, or artistic significance, as specified, and creates a new cause of action for damages or recovery of artwork or other personal property stolen or lost as the result of political persecution. Status: Chap. 257, Stats. 2024.

### *Common Interest Developments*

**AB 1458 (Ta) Common interest developments: association governance: member election.** This bill provides for a reduced quorum requirement of 20 percent of the association’s members voting for homeowner association board elections if the first attempt at holding election failed to establish a quorum. Status: Chap. 303, Stats. 2023.

**AB 2159 (Maienschein) Common interest developments: association governance: elections.** This bill authorizes and establishes the rules by which a homeowner’s association may conduct an association election by electronic secret ballot. Status: Chap. 383, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2460 (Ta) Common interest developments: association governance: member election.** This bill adopts various technical clarifications to the existing law governing delayed homeowner association board elections resulting from the initial absence of a quorum. Status: Chap. 401, Stats. 2024.

**SB 900 (Umberg) Common interest developments: repair and maintenance.** This bill authorizes, and provides the procedural requirements for, the imposition of emergency

assessments by the board of a homeowner association necessary to fund repairs to interrupted gas, heat, water, or electrical services. Chap. 288, Stats. 2024.

### ***Real Property***

**AB 295 (Lowenthal) Residential real property: foreclosure.** This bill enhances the anti-fraud provisions of existing foreclosure law and makes several technical and conforming changes regarding the duties and responsibilities of a trustee overseeing a foreclosure. Status: Chap. 142, Stats. 2024.

**AB 450 (W. Carrillo) Commercial real estate.** This bill would have made a technical amendment to the provisions relating to notices of termination of commercial property leases. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

**AB 475 (Mathis) Sensitive military land: foreign ownership and interests: prohibited foreign actors.** This bill would have prohibited a foreign actor, as defined, from purchasing, acquiring, leasing, or holding an interest, as defined, in any land that is located within 50 miles of a United States military base or California National Guard base within the State of California. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

**AB 919 (Kalra) Residential real property: sale of rental properties: right of first offer.** This bill would have required an owner of residential real property, defined to include a single-family residential property, that is occupied by a tenant or a multifamily residential property to take various actions before offering the residential real property for sale to any purchaser, soliciting any offer to purchase the residential real property, or otherwise entering into a contract for sale of the residential real property. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

**AB 968 (Grayson) Single-family residential real property: disclosures.** This bill establishes a new disclosure obligation on a seller of single-family residential property to alert potential buyers about renovations to the property undertaken within the prior 18 months. Status: Chap. 968, Stats. 2023.

**AB 1043 (Essayli) Residential real property: foreclosure: eligible bidders.** This bill would have enhanced the anti-fraud provisions of existing foreclosure law and made several technical and conforming changes regarding the duties and responsibilities of a trustee overseeing a foreclosure. Status: Failed, Asm Concur.

**AB 1193 (Pacheco) Real property: property records: personal identifying information.** This bill would have, except as specified, required a county recorder or other county official who manages a county's property records to establish a procedure that, among other things, redacts personal identifying information from property records and only allows access to an unredacted property record in person at the office of the county recorder or other county official who manages the county's property records. Status: Dead, Asm Privacy and Consumer Protection.

**AB 1242 (Wilson) Real estate: contracts granting exclusivity to sell.** This bill would have prohibited a real estate broker from entering into a contract that grants an agent the exclusive right to list or sell in excess of one year. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

**AB 1280 (Maienschein) Fire hazard severity zones: disclosures.** This bill revises the Natural Hazard Disclosure Statement that must be provided by a property seller to a potential buyer to include specific disclosures regarding whether the property falls within current local, or state, high and very high fire hazard severity zones. Status: Chap. 99, Stats. 2023.

**AB 1333 (Hart) Residential real property: bundled sales.** This bill would have prohibited a homebuilder of residential one to four dwelling units, inclusive, from conducting a sale of two or more parcels of real property containing one to four residential dwelling units, inclusive, if the occupancy permit was issued on or after January 1, 2025. Status: Dead, Sen Judiciary.

**AB 1345 (Hart) Contracts: Residential Exclusive Listing Agreements Act: prohibition.** This bill prohibits the predatory practice of entering into exclusive residential listing agreements lasting more than 24 months or renewing an exclusive listing agreement to last longer than 12 months. Status: Chap. 577, Stats. 2023.

**AB 1879 (Gipson) Property taxation: filing.** This bill establishes that if a county assessor authorizes the submission of a State Board of Equalization form by the use of electronic media, the taxpayer may execute the form by electronic signature if certain requirements are met. The bill clarifies that an electronic signature (the broader category that also encompasses digital signatures) can be used on State Board of Equalization forms, so long as it is authenticated in a manner approved by the State Board of Equalization, the state entity responsible for property tax programs. The bill also clarifies that a county assessor may require payment of a fee in an amount equal to the reasonable costs associated with accepting an electronic signature. Status: Chap. 217, Stats. 2024.

**AB 1950 (W. Carrillo) Task force: former Chavez Ravine property: eminent domain: compensation.** This bill would have created a task force to study how to compensate the former residents of the Chavez Ravine area of the City of Los Angeles who were forcibly displaced by the City in the 1950s. Status: Vetoed.

**AB 2306 (Mathis) Sensitive military land: foreign ownership and interests: prohibited foreign actors.** This bill would have required the Military Department to develop a statewide policy regarding foreign actors owning property near military facilities. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

**AB 2424 (Schiavo) Mortgages: foreclosure.** This bill adds procedural requirements to the foreclosure process, including notification requirements intended to help a borrower find assistance in navigating the foreclosure process, additional time before a foreclosure auction commences for a borrower who attempts to sell their property, and a minimum sales price, in relation to fair market value, for the initial foreclosure auction. Status: Chap. 311, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2539 (Connolly) Mobilehome parks: sale: notice: right of first refusal.** This bill would have adopted a framework that provides mobilehome resident organizations with notice of an owner's intention to sell, and an exclusive time period within which they may make an offer for purchase. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

**AB 2584 (Lee) Single-family residential real property: corporate entity: ownership.** This bill would have prohibited a business entity, as defined, that has an interest in more than 1,000

single-family residential properties from purchasing, acquiring, or otherwise obtaining an ownership interest in another single-family residential property and subsequently leasing the property. This bill would have given the Attorney General authority to enforce this measure by bringing a civil action. Status: Dead, Sen Judiciary.

**AB 2662 (Mathis) Sale of agricultural land: tribal first right of refusal.** This bill would have required that a property owner selling agricultural land within an area of cultural and traditionally significant land to send, before selling or participating in negotiations to sell that agricultural land to a prospective buyer, a notice of first right of refusal for the agricultural land to a California Native American tribe affiliated with the cultural and traditionally significant land within the area of the agricultural land, as specified. Status: Dead, Asm Agriculture.

**AB 2794 (Bryan) Anti-displacement Commercial Property Acquisition Program.** This bill would have established a program within the Governor's Office of Business Development to provide low interest loans to community-based groups seeking to prevent gentrification and displacement, as specified. In order to fund this program, the bill would have created within the State Treasury the Anti-Displacement Commercial Property Acquisition Revolving Loan Fund. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

**AB 2992 (Nguyen) Real Estate Law: buyer-broker representation agreements.** This bill requires a buyer-broker agreement to be executed between a buyer's agent and buyer as soon as practicable, but no later than the execution of the buyer's offer to purchase real property. The bill also makes it unlawful for a buyer-broker agreement to last longer than three months from the date the agreement was made and further specifies that a buyer-broker representation agreement must include certain terms. Status: Chap. 516, Stats. 2024.

**AB 3100 (Low) Assumption of mortgage loans: dissolution of marriage.** This bill requires conventional home mortgage loans on certain residential real properties with multiple borrowers to include provisions to allow for assumption of a co-borrower's portion of the mortgage in connection with a divorce by another co-borrower. Status: Chap. 431, Stats. 2024.

**SB 382 (Becker) Single-family residential property: disclosures.** This bill requires sellers of single-family residential properties to provide prospective buyers with disclosures regarding the home's electrical system and any known restrictions relating to the future replacement of existing gas-powered appliances. Status: Chap. 443, Stats. 2024.

**SB 455 (McGuire) State of emergency: mortgage servicers: written disclosure.** This bill provides responsibilities for transferor and transferee mortgage servicers related to a mortgage secured by real property located within the geographic limits of a proclaimed emergency, as specified. Status: Chap. 873, Stats. 2023.

**SB 1146 (Wilk) Mortgages.** This bill makes technical and clarifying changes to laws related to mortgage servicing and non-judicial foreclosure processes, including clarifying that a specified exemption from the California Constitution's usury limit related to the forbearance of loans secured by real property includes a forbearance arranged by a licensed real estate broker who may differ from the broker who previously made or arranged the loan. The bill also adds to the existing exemption the extension or modification of a loan secured by real property made or arranged by a real estate broker. Status: Chap. 601, Stats. 2024.

**SB 1190 (Laird) Mobilehomes: solar energy systems.** This bill authorizes the owner of a mobilehome to install and use a solar energy system, notwithstanding any covenant, restriction, or condition contained in any rental agreement, as specified. Status: Chap. 162, Stats. 2024.

**SB 1366 (Hurtado) Real property disclosure requirements: domestic water storage tank assistance.** This bill requires a property owner to disclose to a prospective buyer if their property received water storage tank assistance during recent droughts. Status: Chap. 21, Stats. 2024.

**SB 1399 (Stern) Transfer of real property: transfer fees.** This bill provides that the prohibition on the creation of private transfer fees does not apply to private transfer fee covenants if certain conditions are met. Status: Chap. 475, Stats. 2024.

### *Rental Property*

**AB 12 (Haney) Tenancy: security deposits.** This bill limits the amount of a security deposit a landlord can collect for a rental property to no more than one month's rent, regardless of whether the property is furnished or unfurnished, subject to certain exceptions. Status: Chap. 733, Stats. 2023.

**AB 485 (Davies) Tenancy: application screening fee.** This bill would have required, under certain circumstances, that a landlord or their agent give a copy of a consumer credit report to an applicant within 24 hours of paying the application screening fee. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

**AB 500 (Davies) Rent increases: noticing.** This bill would have authorized a landlord of a residential dwelling to give notice of a change to the terms of the lease, as required by law, by electronic mail in lieu of personal service or mail. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

**AB 1097 (L. Rivas) Credit history of persons receiving government rent subsidies.** As referred to Committee, this bill would have prohibited the use of a person's credit history as part of the application process for a rental housing accommodation without offering the applicant the option of providing alternative evidence of financial responsibility and ability to pay in instances in which there is a government rent subsidy. The bill was subsequently amended to change the threshold for requiring a person to register for the Qualified Purchaser Program (QPP) from \$100,000 in annual gross receipts to anyone with over \$10,000 in purchases subject to the use tax and not paid to a retailer. Status: Chap. 355, Stats. 2023.

**AB 1317 (W. Carrillo) Unbundled parking.** This bill adopts a pilot program that requires property owners of new multi-family residential properties in certain counties to unbundle the cost of parking from the cost of the housing unit. Status: Chap. 757, Stats. 2023.

**AB 1418 (McKinnor) Tenancy: local regulations: contact with law enforcement or criminal convictions.** This bill limits the ability of local governments to adopt local ordinances, rules, policies, programs, or regulations to penalize a tenant's contact with law enforcement, or require landlords to adopt policies or procedures that do so. Status: Chap. 476, Stats. 2023.

**AB 2059 (Flora) Tenancy: obligations of landlords: repairs.** This bill would have prohibited a landlord from being liable for dilapidations rendering the premises uninhabitable, unless the landlord received written or oral notice of the dilapidations and the landlord was given a



reasonable time to repair the dilapidations. The bill would have specified that if a landlord acts to repair the dilapidations within 30 days following the notice, it is presumed they acted within a reasonable time. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

**AB 2187 (Bryan) Office of Tenants' Rights and Protections.** This bill would have established an Office of Tenants' Rights and Protections in the Civil Rights Department tasked with establishing and maintaining an up-to-date list of statewide tenants' rights and protection laws. It would have also mandated that the list be made available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Tagalog, Vietnamese, and Korean. Status: Held, Asm Appropriations.

**AB 2216 (Haney) Tenancy: common household pets.** This bill would have required landlords to accept pets in their rentals without charging any additional refundable or non-refundable fee. Status: Dead, Sen Judiciary.

**AB 2230 (Bennett) Residential Housing Unfair Practices Act of 2023.** This bill would have amended the Cartwright Act, California's antitrust law, to expressly prohibit certain conduct related to price fixing in residential housing. Status: Dead, Asm Judiciary.

**AB 2493 (Pellerin) Tenancy: application screening fee.** This bill prohibits a landlord or their agent from charging an applicant an application screening fee when they know or should have known that no rental unit is available or will be available within a reasonable period of time. The bill also authorizes a landlord or their agent to charge an application screening fee only if the landlord or their agent, at the time the application screening fee is collected, offers an application screening process, as specified. Status: Chap. 966, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2747 (Haney) Tenancy: credit reporting.** The bill requires specified landlords to offer each tenant obligated on a lease the option of having the tenant's positive rental payment information reported to at least one nationwide consumer reporting agency. Status: Chap. 279, Stats. 2024.

**AB 2778 (Muratsuchi) Mobilehome Affordability Act: mobilehome parks: rent caps.** This bill would have enacted the Mobilehome Affordability Act, which would have prohibited the management of a mobilehome park from increasing the gross rental rate for a tenancy for a mobilehome space more than 3% plus the percentage change in the cost of living, as defined, or 5%, whichever is lower, of the lowest gross rental rate charged for a tenancy at any time during the 12 months prior to the effective date of the increase, as specified. Status: Dead, Asm Housing and Community Development.

**AB 2785 (Wilson) Tenancy: applications and security deposits.** This bill would have updated when and at what amount an application screening fee can be collected. It would have also updated the protocols relating to security deposits paid by tenants. Status: Dead, Asm Inactive.

**AB 2801 (Friedman) Tenancy: security deposits.** This bill prohibits a landlord of residential property from deducting from a tenant's security deposit costs for materials or supplies, the work of a contractor, or for professional carpet cleaning services, unless they are reasonably necessary to restore the premises to their condition before the tenancy, less ordinary wear and tear, and requires landlords to take photographs of the premises, as specified. Status: Chap. 280, Stats. 2024.

**SB 267 (Eggman) Credit history of persons receiving government rent subsidies.** This bill prohibits a landlord, in instances involving a government rent subsidy, from using credit history as part of the rental housing application process unless the landlord offers the applicant the option to provide lawful, verifiable alternative evidence of reasonable ability to pay the portion of the rent to be paid by the tenant, including, but not limited to, government benefit payments, pay records, and bank statements. Status: Chap. 776, Stats. 2023.

**SB 567 (Durazo) Termination of tenancy: no-fault just causes: gross rental rate increases.** This bill makes a series of revisions to existing statewide protections against eviction without just cause and provides enforcement mechanisms for the violation of statewide restrictions on residential rent increases and statewide protections against no-fault evictions. Status: Chap. 290, Stats. 2023.

**SB 611 (Menjivar) Residential rental properties: fees and advertisements.** This bill prohibits certain fees from being charged by landlords and provides some protections to service members in connection with security charged. Status: Chap. 287, Stats. 2024.

**SB 712 (Portantino) Tenancy: micromobility devices.** This bill prohibits a landlord from prohibiting a tenant from owning personal micromobility devices, as defined, or from storing and recharging up to one personal micromobility device in their dwelling unit for each person occupying the unit, subject to certain conditions and exceptions. Status: Chap. 630, Stats. 2023.

**SB 1051 (Eggman) Victims of abuse or violence: lock changes.** This bill extends California's lock change protection to immediate family or household members of a tenant, expands the acceptable supporting documentation of abuse or violence triggering the lock change protection, and prohibits a landlord from taking adverse action against a prospective tenant because of their use of the lock change protection. The bill also clarifies that a landlord is responsible for paying for a lock change request by a tenant who provides supporting documentation of abuse or violence. Status: Chap. 75, Stats. 2024.

**SB 1103 (Menjivar) Tenancy of commercial real properties: agreements: building operating costs.** Requires commercial landlords to provide "qualified commercial tenants," as defined, to provide contract translation and notice for month-to-month rent increases or termination, and places transparency and proportionality requirements on the fees a landlord may impose to recover building operating costs from qualified tenants. Status: Chap. 1015, Stats. 2024.

### *Affordable Housing*

**AB 323 (Holden) Density Bonus Law: purchase of density bonus units by nonprofit housing organizations: civil actions.** This bill limits the ability of developers to sell deed-restricted units intended for owner-occupancy to purchasers that would rent the unit and authorizes a civil action to enforce the limits provided in the bill. Status: Chap. 738, Stats. 2023.

**AB 911 (Schiavo) Unlawfully restrictive covenants: affordable housing.** This bill establishes a process for a prospective purchaser of a property to receive notification if a county counsel has authorized the county recorder to record a modification document removing covenants that

restrict the number, size, or location of affordable housing units that may be built on the property. Status: Chap. 750, Stats. 2023.

**AB 1485 (Haney) Housing element: enforcement: Attorney General.** This bill authorizes the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Office of the Attorney General the unconditional right to intervene in any suit brought to enforce specified affordable housing and housing development laws. Status: Chap. 763, Stats. 2023.

**AB 2898 (W. Carrillo) Unbundled parking: exemptions: Housing Choice Vouchers.** This bill exempts any residential unit that is leased to a tenant who receives a federal Housing Choice Voucher, including a federal Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Voucher from the unbundled parking requirements of Civil Code Section 1947.1. Status: Chap. 420, Stats. 2024.

**SB 439 (Skinner) Special motions to strike: priority housing development projects.** *See Civil Procedure.*

**SB 924 (Bradford) Tenancy: credit reporting: lower income households.** This bill removes the July 1, 2025 sunset from the provisions of the Civil Code that require any landlord of an assisted housing development, as defined, to offer each tenant obligated on a lease the option of having the tenant's rental payment information reported to at least one nationwide consumer reporting agency. Status: Chap. 519, Stats. 2024.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**AB 1756 (Judiciary) Judiciary omnibus.** This bill makes dozens of technical changes to the existing law falling within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Judiciary including reforms to civil procedure, the extension of several sunset dates, and the renaming of programs within the Department of Justice. Status: Chap. 478, Stats. 2023.

**AB 3281 (Judiciary) Judiciary omnibus.** This bill makes numerous minor, technical, and non-controversial updates to the codes falling within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Judiciary including preventing the waiver of several consumer rights, clarifying the venue for dissolution of marriage proceedings, and making it easier for Californians to remedy errors in critical personal documents. Status: Chap. 853, Stats. 2024.

**ACR 169 (Kalra) California Law Revision Commission: studies.** Reauthorizes the California Law Revision Commission to continue its study of 14 designated topics that the Legislature previously authorized ranging from issues related to family and probate law to the Evidence Code and administrative law. Status: Res. Chap. 138, Stats. 2024.

**AJR 1 (Holden) Republic of Artsakh.** This resolution condemns Azerbaijan's blockade of Artsakh; calls for the Biden Administration to recognize the independence of Artsakh and take tangible action to hold Azerbaijan accountable for the blockade; and requests immediate humanitarian assistance to Armenians in Artsakh. Status: Res. Chap. 123, Stats. 2023.