

The below IIABCal tracked/positioned bills advanced off the Floors early September and are headed to the Governor:

AB 1008 (Bauer-Kahan) California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018: personal information. – This bill Clarifies that the California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018 (CCPA) applies to personal information regardless of its format. – Passed the Senate Floor on a vote of 29-9; Senate amendments concurred in on a vote of 55-15; to Engrossing and Enrolling on August 31, 2024.

AB 1815 (Weber) Discrimination: race: hairstyles. – This bill defines the term race, for purposes of the Unruh Act, to include traits associated with race, including, but not limited to, hair texture and protective hairstyles, as defined, and makes a minor change to the existing CROWN Act. – Passed the Senate Floor on a vote of 40-0; Senate amendments concurred in on a vote of 76-0; Enrolled and presented to the Governor on September 5, 2024.

AB 1871 (Alanis) Adopted course of study for grades 7 to 12: social sciences: personal financial literacy. – This bill adds personal financial literacy for the course of study in social sciences for grades 7 through 12. – Passed the Senate Floor on a vote of 40-0; Senate amendments concurred in on a vote of 77-0; to Engrossing and Enrolling on August 30, 2024.

AB 1949 (Wicks) California Consumer Privacy Act of 2020: collection of personal information of a consumer less than 18 years of age. – This bill amends the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA) to prohibit a business from collecting the personal information of a consumer under 18 years of age unless the consumer, or the consumer's parent or guardian if under 13, affirmatively authorizes the collection. – Passed the Senate Floor on a vote of 33-0; Senate amendments concurred in on a vote of 60-0; to Engrossing and Enrolling on August 29, 2024.

AB 1976 (Haney) Occupational safety and health standards: first aid materials: opioid antagonists. – This bill requires the Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA), before December 1, 2027, to submit a draft rulemaking proposal to revise standards to require first aid materials in a workplace to include naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist, as specified, to reverse opioid overdose and instructions for using the opioid antagonist. The Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board (board) shall consider for adoption these revised standards on or before December 1, 2028. – Passed the Senate Floor on a vote of 40-0; Senate amendments concurred in on a vote of 76-0; to Engrossing and Enrolling on August 28, 2024.

AB 2337 (Dixon) Workers' compensation: electronic signatures. – This bill authorizes the use of electronic signatures in proceedings before the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board (WCAB). – Passed the Senate Floor on a vote of 40-0; Senate amendments concurred in on a vote of 76-0; to Engrossing and Enrolling on August 31, 2024.

AB 2738 (Luz Rivas) Labor Code: alternative enforcement: occupational safety. – This bill clarifies that the training certification requirements of entertainment events employees may be alternatively enforced by a public prosecutor and adds a public events venue or a contracting entity to the entities that may be assessed a penalty for violating these requirements. – Passed the Senate Floor on a vote of 30-9; Senate amendments concurred in on a vote of 58-12; Enrolled and presented to the Governor on September 5, 2024.

AB 2743 (Pacheco) Insurance: personal vehicle sharing. – This bill updates the insurance coverage limits for a personal vehicle sharing program (PVSP) when the vehicle is engaged in personal vehicle sharing. – Passed the Senate Floor on a vote of 38-0; Senate amendments concurred in on a vote of 77-0; Enrolled and presented to the Governor on September 5, 2024.

AB 2872 (Calderon) Department of Insurance: sworn members: compensation. – This bill requires the state to pay sworn members of the Department of Insurance (CDI) who are rank-and-file members of State Bargaining Unit (BU) 7 the same compensation paid to corresponding rank-and-file sworn peace officers of the Department of Justice (DOJ). – Passed the Senate Floor on a vote of 32-7; Enrolled and presented to the Governor on September 3, 2024.

IIABCal supported this measure.

AB 2892 (Low) Vehicles: financial responsibility: self-insurance. – This bill codifies Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) requirements for an applicant with more than 25 vehicles registered in their name to qualify as a self-insurer. – Passed the Senate Floor on a vote of 40-0; to Engrossing and Enrolling on August 31, 2024.

AB 2983 (Rodriguez) Office of Emergency Services: comprehensive wildfire mitigation program: impact on fire insurance. – This bill requires the California Department of Insurance (CDI) to be added to the California Wildfire Mitigation Program (CWMP) Board and requires the CWMP to assess the extent to which a project or proposal under the program would increase the availability of insurance policies covering damage from fire, as specified. – Passed the Senate Floor on a vote of 39-0; Senate amendments concurred in on a vote of 76-0; to Engrossing and Enrolling on August 29, 2024.

AB 3048 (Lowenthal) California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018: opt-out preference signal. – This bill requires that internet browsers and mobile operating systems include an opt-out preference signal allowing consumers interacting with businesses online to automatically exercise their right to opt-out of the selling and sharing of their personal information. – Passed the Senate Floor on a vote of 31-7; Senate amendments concurred in on a vote of 59-12; Enrolled and presented to the Governor on September 6, 2024.

SB 278 (Dodd) Elder abuse: emergency financial contact program. – This bill requires financial institutions to take specified actions intended to deter financial abuse of elder or dependent adults. – Passed the Assembly Floor on a vote of 75-0; Passed the Senate Banking and Financial Institutions Committee on a vote of 5-0; Assembly amendments concurred in on a vote of 33-1; to Engrossing and Enrolling on August 29, 2024.

SB 310 (Dodd) Prescribed fire: civil liability: cultural burns. – This bill authorizes the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency and local air districts to enter into written agreements with federally recognized California Native American Tribes to waive certain state requirements for cultural burns in ancestral territories, as specified, and expands the definition of burn boss for purposes of the qualified immunity provided prescribed fire and cultural burns in California, among other things. – Passed the Assembly Floor on a vote of 77-0; Assembly amendments concurred in on a vote of 39-0; Enrolled and presented to the Governor on September 4, 2024.

SB 504 (Dodd) Wildfires: defensible space: grant programs: local governments. – This bill updates defensible space requirements and implementation timeframes, and revises the Fire Prevention Grants Program at the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CalFire or department). – Passed the Assembly Floor on a vote of 77-0; Assembly amendments concurred in on a vote of 40-0; to Engrossing and Enrolling on August 30, 2024.

SB 636 (Cortese) Workers' compensation: utilization review. – This bill requires, beginning July 1, 2026, a private employer's medical treatment utilization review (UR) process under the workers' compensation system be performed by medical professionals licensed under California state law. – Passed the Assembly Floor on a vote of 54-13; Assembly amendments concurred in on a vote of 31-9; to Engrossing and Enrolling on August 30, 2024.

SB 946 (McGuire) Personal Income Tax Law: Corporation Tax Law: exclusions: wildfire mitigation payments. – This bill excludes from income for Personal Income and Corporation Tax purposes any amount received by a qualified taxpayer as a California qualified wildfire loss mitigation payment through the California Wildfire Mitigation Financial Assistance Program. – Passed the Assembly Floor on a vote of 77-0; Assembly amendments concurred in on a vote of 39-0; Enrolled and presented to the Governor on September 4, 2024.

SB 988 (Wiener) Freelance Worker Protection Act. – This bill establishes the Freelance Worker Protection Act to impose minimum requirements relating to 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; pay a freelance worker the compensation specified by such contract, as provided; and authorizes an aggrieved freelance worker or a public prosecutor to bring a civil action to enforce these provisions. – Passed the Assembly Floor on a vote of 70-0; Assembly amendments concurred in on a vote of 34-3; Enrolled and presented to the Governor on September 4, 2024.

SB 1101 (Limón) Fire prevention: prescribed fire: state contracts: maps. – This bill streamlines contracting requirements for the provision of logistical support for large-scale prescribed fire operations by the Department of Forestry and Fire Prevention (CalFire). Further, the bill requires CalFire to map a comprehensive network of potential operational delineations for strategic wildfire response or the proactive use of prescribed fire, and map the severity of wildfire impacts. – Passed the Assembly Floor on a vote of 77-0; Assembly amendments concurred in on a vote of 39-0; Enrolled and presented to the Governor on September 4, 2024.

SB 1137 (Smallwood-Cuevas) Discrimination claims: combination of characteristics. – This bill clarifies that the Unruh Civil Rights Act, the provisions of the Education Code prohibiting discrimination in public education, and the California Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA) prohibit discrimination on the basis not just of individual protected traits, but also on the basis of the combination of two or more protected traits. – Assembly amendments concurred in on a vote of 31-8; Enrolled and presented to the Governor on September 4, 2024.

SB 1223 (Becker) Consumer privacy: sensitive personal information: neural data. – This bill includes “neural data,” as defined, within the definition of “sensitive personal information” for purposes of the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA). – Passed the Assembly Floor on a vote of 76-0; Assembly amendments concurred in on a vote of 38-0; to Engrossing and Enrolling on August 31, 2024.

SB 1295 (Rubio) Automobile insurance: notice of cancellation. – This bill clarifies that the 10-day notice of cancellation period for nonpayment of premium for auto insurance policies shall not commence until after nonpayment of premium. – Passed the Assembly Floor on a vote of 76-0; to Engrossing and Enrolling on August 30, 2024.

SB 1299 (Cortese) Farmworkers: benefits. – This bill creates a rebuttable presumption that a heat-related injury arose out of the course of employment where an employer in the agriculture injury, as defined, failed to comply with existing heat standards. – Passed the Assembly Floor on a vote of 60-16; Enrolled and presented to the Governor on September 4, 2024.

SB 1340 (Smallwood-Cuevas) Discrimination. – This bill authorizes local entities to enforce the employment components of California’s state civil rights laws, as specified. Assembly Amendments Removed requirement that the Department of Industrial Relations establish the California Public Infrastructure Task Force. Removed requirements that state contractors and subcontractors report demographic information of employees to the California Civil Rights Department (CRD). – Passed the Assembly Floor on a vote of 62-11; Assembly amendments concurred in on a vote of 31-9; to Engrossing and Enrolling on August 30, 2024.

The below IIABCal tracked bills failed passage off the Floors last week:

AB 2416 (Connolly) Residential property insurance: wildfire risk. – This bill requires the department, on or before January 1, 2030, and every five years thereafter, to consider whether or not to update its regulations to include additional building hardening measures for property-level mitigation efforts and communitywide wildfire mitigation programs. As part of this consideration, the bill would require the department to consult with specified agencies to identify additional building hardening measures to consider, as well as to develop and implement a public participation process during the evaluation. – Ordered to inactive file at the request of Senator Gonzalez.

AB 2996 (Alvarez) California FAIR Plan Association. – This bill is an urgency measure that authorizes the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank (IBank), upon the request of the California Fair Access to Insurance Requirements Plan Association (FAIR Plan) to issue bonds to finance the costs of claims, to increase liquidity, and claims-paying capacity of the FAIR Plan, and to refund bonds previously issued for that purpose. Requires the FAIR Plan, with the approval of the Insurance Commissioner, to assess all members to pay all loan payments and the costs and expenses relating to a loan agreement with IBank, as well as to assess all members to repay a line of credit and its related costs and expenses. – Ordered to inactive file at the request of Senator Gonzalez.

SB 1003 (Dodd) Electricity: wildfire mitigation. – This bill modifies timelines relevant to the submission and approval of wildfire mitigation plans (WMPs) by electrical corporations – also known as investor-owned electric utilities (IOUs) – to the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety (OEIS) and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). Requires IOUs to take into account, in their WMP, both the time required to implement an action and the amount of risk reduced for the cost and risk remaining. – Failed; did not make the August 31st midnight hearing deadline.

SB 1205 (Laird) Workers' compensation: medical treatment. – This bill provides that an employer's denial of an employee's request to receive workers' compensation treatment during work hours constitutes discrimination against the employee. – Ordered to inactive file on request of Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry.