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Support

- [AB 46](#) (Ramos D) Personal income taxes: exclusion: Military Services Retirement and Surviving Spouse Benefit Payment Act.**
Current Text: Introduced: 12/5/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#)
Introduced: 12/5/2022
Status: 2/7/2023-Coauthors revised.
Location: 12/5/2022-A. REV. & TAX
Summary: The Personal Income Tax Law imposes a tax on individual taxpayers measured by the taxpayer's taxable income for the taxable year, but excludes certain items of income from the computation of tax, including an exclusion for combat-related special compensation. This bill, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2024, and before January 1, 2034, would exclude from gross income retirement pay received by a taxpayer from the federal government for service performed in the uniformed services, as defined, during the taxable year. The bill, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2024, and before January 1, 2034, would also exclude from gross income annuity payments received by a qualified taxpayer, as defined, pursuant to a United States Department of Defense Survivor Benefit Plan during the taxable year. The bill would make related findings and declarations. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.
- [AB 559](#) (Boerner Horvath D) Personal income tax: California Senior Citizen Advocacy Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund.**
Current Text: Introduced: 2/8/2023 [html](#) [pdf](#)
Introduced: 2/8/2023
Status: 2/17/2023-Referred to Com. on REV. & TAX.
Location: 2/17/2023-A. REV. & TAX
Summary: Existing law authorizes an individual to contribute amounts in excess of the individual's personal income tax liability for the support of specified funds. Existing law allows a taxpayer to designate an amount in excess of personal income tax liability to be deposited into the California Senior Citizen Advocacy Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund, which is continuously appropriated to the California Senior Legislature for the purpose of funding the activities of the California Senior Legislature. Existing law requires the Franchise Tax Board to revise the return for taxable years 2017 to 2023, inclusive, to include a space for that designation, and repeals these voluntary contribution provisions on January 1, 2025. This bill would require the Franchise Tax Board to revise the return for taxable years 2017 to 2030, inclusive, to allow a taxpayer to designate an amount in excess of personal income tax liability to be deposited into the California Senior Citizen Advocacy Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund, and would extend the repeal date for these provisions to January 1, 2032. By extending a continuously appropriated fund, the bill would make an appropriation.
- [AB 516](#) (Rodriguez D) Medical Group Financial Transparency Act.**
Current Text: Introduced: 2/9/2023 [html](#) [pdf](#)
Introduced: 2/9/2023
Status: 2/17/2023-Referred to Com. on HEALTH.
Location: 2/17/2023-A. HEALTH
Summary: Existing law establishes the Office of Health Care Affordability within the Department of Health Care Access and Information to analyze the health care market for cost trends and drivers of spending, develop data-informed policies for lowering health care costs for consumers and purchasers, and create a state strategy for controlling the cost of health care. Existing law requires the office to collect data and other information it deems necessary from health care entities to carry out the functions of the office, and requires the office to require providers and physician organizations to submit audited financial reports or comprehensive financial statements, as specified. Existing law requires those reports and statements to be kept confidential, and specifies that they are not required to be disclosed under the California Public Records Act. Existing law requires the office to obtain information about health care service plans from the Department of Managed Health Care. Existing law requires a contract between a health care service plan and a risk-bearing organization to include provisions concerning the risk-bearing organization's administrative and financial capacity. Existing law requires the director of the Department of Managed Health Care to adopt regulations regarding, among other things, periodic reports from a health care service plan that include information concerning the risk-

bearing organizations and the type and amount of financial risk they have assumed. This bill, the Medical Group Financial Transparency Act, would authorize the disclosure of audited financial reports and comprehensive financial statements of providers and physician organizations collected by the Office of Health Care Affordability and financial and other records of risk-bearing organizations made available to the Department of Managed Health Care. The bill would also make related findings and declarations. This bill contains other existing laws.

[SCR 5](#)

([Nguyen R](#)) Older Americans Month.

Current Text: Introduced: 12/5/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 12/5/2022

Status: 1/19/2023-Ordered to inactive file on request of Senator Nguyen.

Location: 1/19/2023-S. INACTIVE FILE

Summary: This bill would recognize the month of May 2023 as Older Americans Month and would encourage all Californians to recognize and treat all older adults with compassion and respect, and to participate in services and activities that contribute to the health, welfare, and happiness of older adults.

[SJR 1](#)

([Cortese D](#)) Social Security Act: repeal of benefit reductions.

Current Text: Introduced: 12/5/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 12/5/2022

Status: 1/18/2023-Re-referred to Com. on L., P.E. & R.

Location: 1/18/2023-S. L., P.E. & R.

Summary: This measure would request the Congress of the United States to enact, and the President to sign, legislation that would repeal the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision from the Social Security Act.

Watch

[AB 1](#)

([McKinnor D](#)) Collective bargaining: Legislature.

Current Text: Introduced: 12/5/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 12/5/2022

Status: 1/26/2023-Referred to Com. on P.E. & R.

Location: 1/26/2023-A. P.E. & R.

Summary: Existing law, the Ralph C. Dills Act (Dills Act), governs collective bargaining between the state and recognized state public employee organizations. Existing law excludes certain employees from coverage under the Dills Act, including, among others, managerial employees, supervisory employees, and confidential employees, as defined. Existing law creates the Public Employment Relations Board and authorizes it, among other things, to determine appropriate state employee bargaining units, as specified. This bill would enact the Legislature Employer-Employee Relations Act, to provide employees of the Legislature the right to form, join, and participate in the activities of employee organizations of their own choosing for the purpose of representation on all matters of employer-employee relations. The bill would prescribe rights, duties, and prohibitions in this context that parallel those in the Dills Act. The bill would prohibit the Public Employment Relations Board from including employees of the Legislature in a bargaining unit that includes employees other than those of the Legislature. The bill would make it a misdemeanor for any person to willfully resist, prevent, impede, or interfere with any member of the board, or any of its agents, in the performance of duties pursuant to its provisions. By expanding the definition of a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The bill would provide that the provisions of the Legislature Employer-Employee Relations Act are severable. The bill would become operative on July 1, 2024. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[AB 13](#)

([Essayli R](#)) Elections: Election Day holiday: voting by mail.

Current Text: Amended: 1/26/2023 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 12/5/2022

Last Amend: 1/26/2023

Status: 1/30/2023-Re-referred to Com. on ELECTIONS.

Location: 1/26/2023-A. ELECTIONS

Summary: Existing law requires the statewide general election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even-numbered year. Existing law designates specific days as holidays in this state. This bill would add the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of any even-numbered year to the list of state holidays. By increasing the duties of local officials in connection with the creation of a new state holiday, this bill would create a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[AB 96](#)

([Kalra D](#)) Public employment: local public transit agencies: autonomous transit vehicle

technology.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/9/2023 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 1/9/2023

Status: 1/30/2023-Re-referred to Com. on P.E. & R. pursuant to Assembly Rule 96.

Location: 1/30/2023-A. P.E. & R.

Summary: Existing law creates various transit districts and prescribes requirements applicable to their labor relations, including those that address the recognition and certification of exclusive employee representatives, unit determinations, and procedures for meeting and conferring on matters subject to collective bargaining. This bill would require a public transit employer to provide written notice to the exclusive employee representative of the workforce affected by autonomous transit vehicle technology of its determination to begin, or its substantive progress toward initiating, any procurement process or a plan to acquire or deploy any autonomous transit vehicle technology for public transit services that would eliminate job functions or jobs of the workforce to which the autonomous transit vehicle technology applies not less than 12 months before commencing the process, plan, or deployment. The bill would require a public transit employer, upon a written request of the exclusive employee representative, to provide specified information to the exclusive employee representative, including the potential gaps in skills that may result from the new service. The bill would require the public transit employer, following the written request for information by the exclusive employee representative, and within 30 days of receiving the specified information, to commence collective bargaining on specified subjects, including creating plans to train and prepare the affected workforce to fill new positions created by the autonomous transit vehicle technology.

AB 236

(Holden D) Health care coverage: provider directories.

Current Text: Amended: 2/14/2023 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 1/13/2023

Last Amend: 2/14/2023

Status: 2/15/2023-Re-referred to Com. on HEALTH.

Location: 1/26/2023-A. HEALTH

Calendar: 3/14/2023 1:30 p.m. - 1021 O Street, Room 1100 ASSEMBLY HEALTH, WOOD, JIM, Chair

Summary: Existing law, the Knox-Keene Health Care Service Plan Act of 1975, provides for the licensure and regulation of health care service plans by the Department of Managed Health Care, and makes a willful violation of the act a crime. Existing law provides for the regulation of health insurers by the Department of Insurance. Existing law requires a health care service plan and a health insurer that contracts with providers for alternative rates of payment to publish and maintain a provider directory or directories with information on contracting providers that deliver health care services enrollees or insureds, and requires a health care service plan and health insurer to regularly update its printed and online provider directory or directories, as specified. This bill would require a plan or insurer to annually audit and delete inaccurate listings from its provider directories, and would require a provider directory to be 60% accurate on January 1, 2024, with increasing required percentage accuracy benchmarks to be met each year until the directories are 95% accurate on or before January 1, 2027. The bill would subject a plan or insurer to administrative penalties for failure to meet the prescribed benchmarks and for each inaccurate listing in its directories. If a plan or insurer has not financially compensated a provider in the prior year, the bill would require the plan or insurer to delete the provider from its directory beginning July 1, 2024, unless specified criteria applies. The bill would require a plan or insurer to provide information about in-network providers to enrollees and insureds upon request, and would limit the cost-sharing amounts an enrollee or insured is required to pay for services from those providers under specified circumstances. Because a violation of the bill's requirements by a health care service plan would be a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

AB 265

(Boerner Horvath D) Senior Citizens and Disabled Citizens Property Tax Postponement Fund.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/19/2023 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 1/19/2023

Status: 1/20/2023-From printer. May be heard in committee February 19.

Location: 1/19/2023-A. PRINT

Summary: Existing law establishes the Senior Citizens and Disabled Citizens Property Tax Postponement Fund and continuously appropriates moneys in the fund to the Controller for specified purposes relating to the postponement of property taxes. Existing law imposes duties on the Controller related to the transfer and expenditure of moneys in the fund. This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to the provisions related to those duties imposed on the Controller.

AB 403

(Arambula D) Health data transparency.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/2/2023 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/2/2023

Status: 2/3/2023-From printer. May be heard in committee March 5.

Location: 2/2/2023-A. PRINT

Summary: Existing law requires the Department of Health Care Access and Information to implement

and administer the Health Care Payments Data System to learn about and seek to improve public health, population health, social determinants of health, and the health care system. Existing law states the intent of the Legislature in creating the Health Care Payments Data System is to establish a system to collect information regarding health care costs, utilization, quality, and equity, and create a process to aggregate and use this data to provide greater transparency. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to increase transparency of health data.

[AB 666](#)

(Arambula D) Health systems: public benefits.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/13/2023 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/13/2023

Status: 2/14/2023-From printer. May be heard in committee March 16.

Location: 2/13/2023-A. PRINT

Summary: Existing law establishes the Department of Health Care Access and Information to oversee various aspects of the health care market, including oversight of hospital facilities and community benefit plans. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to clarify definitions of public benefits in health systems.

[AB 729](#)

(Bonta D) Elder abuse.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/13/2023 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/13/2023

Status: 2/14/2023-From printer. May be heard in committee March 16.

Location: 2/13/2023-A. PRINT

Summary: Existing law makes a person who violates any provision of law proscribing theft, embezzlement, forgery, or fraud, or identity theft, with respect to the property or personal identifying information of an elder or a dependent adult, and who knows or reasonably should know that the victim is an elder or a dependent adult, punishable as a misdemeanor or a felony, as specified. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation pertaining to scams targeting vulnerable seniors and their communities.

[AB 751](#)

(Schiavo D) Elder abuse.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/13/2023 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/13/2023

Status: 2/23/2023-Referred to Com. on PUB. S.

Location: 2/23/2023-A. PUB. S.

Summary: Existing law requires every local law enforcement agency to, when the agency next undertakes the policy revision process, revise or include specified information about the elements of elder abuse crimes in the portion of its policy manual relating to elder and dependent adult abuse, if that policy manual exists. Existing law requires a municipal police department or county sheriffs' department that adopts or revises a policy regarding elder and dependent adult abuse or senior and disability victimization on or after April 13, 2021, to include specified provisions regarding procedures for investigating elder abuse in that policy. This bill would clarify that a department that complied with the requirements above regarding including specified information about the elements of elder abuse crimes in their policy manuals on or after April 13, 2021, is required to include the specified provisions regarding procedures for investigating elder abuse in their policy.

[AB 820](#)

(Reyes D) State boards and commissions: seniors.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/13/2023 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/13/2023

Status: 2/14/2023-From printer. May be heard in committee March 16.

Location: 2/13/2023-A. PRINT

Summary: Existing law requires the Governor and every other appointing authority to, in making appointments to state boards and commissions, be responsible for nominating a variety of persons of different backgrounds, abilities, interests, and opinions in compliance with the policy that the composition of state boards and commissions shall be broadly reflective of the general public including ethnic minorities and women. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would increase representation for older adults on state boards and commissions.

[AB 845](#)

(Alvarez D) Behavioral health: older adults.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/14/2023 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/14/2023

Status: 2/23/2023-Referred to Coms. on AGING & L.T.C. and HEALTH.

Location: 2/23/2023-A. AGING & L.T.C.

Summary: Existing law, the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), an initiative measure enacted by the voters as Proposition 63 at the November 2, 2004, statewide general election, establishes the continuously appropriated Mental Health Services Fund to fund various county mental health programs,

including the Adult and Older Adult Mental Health System of Care Act. Existing law authorizes the MHSA to be amended by a 2/3 vote of the Legislature if the amendments are consistent with and further the intent of the MHSA. This bill would establish within the State Department of Health Care Services an Older Adult Behavioral Health Services Administrator to oversee behavioral health services for older adults. The bill would require that position to be funded with administrative funds from the Mental Health Services Fund. The bill would prescribe the functions of the administrator and their responsibilities, including, but not limited to, developing outcome and related indicators for older adults for the purpose of assessing the status of behavioral health services for older adults, monitoring the quality of programs for those adults, and guiding decisionmaking on how to improve those services. The bill would require the administrator to receive data from other state agencies and departments to implement these provisions, subject to existing state or federal confidentiality requirements. The bill would require the administrator to report to the entities that administer the MHSA on those outcome and related indicators by July 1, 2022, and would require the report to be posted on the department's internet website. The bill would also require the administrator to develop a strategy and standardized training for all county behavioral health personnel in order for the counties to assist the administrator in obtaining the data necessary to develop the outcome and related indicators. By expanding the purposes for which funds from a continuously appropriated fund may be spent, this bill would make an appropriation. This bill contains other related provisions.

[AB 1006](#)

(McKinnor D) Aging and Disability Resource Connection program.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/15/2023 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/15/2023

Status: 2/16/2023-From printer. May be heard in committee March 18.

Location: 2/15/2023-A. PRINT

Summary: Existing law establishes an Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) program, administered by the California Department of Aging, to provide information to consumers and their families on available long-term services and supports (LTSS) programs and to assist older adults, caregivers, and persons with disabilities in accessing LTSS programs at the local level. Existing law requires the ADRC program to provide services within the geographic area served and provide information to the public about the services provided by the program. Existing law makes the implementation of these provisions contingent upon the appropriation of funds for that purpose. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to those provisions.

[SB 278](#)

(Dodd D) Elder abuse.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/1/2023 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/1/2023

Status: 2/9/2023-Referred to Coms. on B. & F.I. and JUD.

Location: 2/9/2023-S. B. & F. I.

Summary: Existing law, the Elder Abuse and Dependent Adult Civil Protection Act, establishes various procedures for the reporting, investigation, and prosecution of elder and dependent adult abuse. Existing law defines financial abuse for those purposes and provides that it occurs when, among other instances, a person or entity takes, secretes, appropriates, obtains, or retains, or assists in taking, secreting, appropriating, obtaining, or retaining, real or personal property of an elder or dependent adult for a wrongful use or with intent to defraud, or both. Existing law requires a person or entity to be deemed to have taken, secreted, appropriated, obtained, or retained property for a wrongful use if, among other things, the person or entity takes the property and the person or entity knew or should have known that the conduct is likely to be harmful to the elder or dependent adult. Existing law requires the court to award specified costs if a defendant is found liable for financial abuse, as specified. This bill would specifically state that the above-described provision regarding when a person or entity is deemed to have taken property for a wrongful use includes when a person or entity assisted in taking, secreting, appropriating, obtaining, or retaining property for a wrongful use. The bill would state that its provisions are declaratory of existing law.

[SB 334](#)

(Cortese D) Public Employment Relations Board: powers and duties.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/7/2023 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/7/2023

Status: 2/15/2023-Referred to Com. on L., P.E. & R.

Location: 2/15/2023-S. L., P.E. & R.

Summary: Existing law gives public school employees the right to form, join, and participate in the activities of employee organizations of their own choosing for the purpose of representation on all matters of employer-employee relations. Existing law establishes the Public Employment Relations Board and gives the board specified powers and duties relating to employer-employee relations. Existing law authorizes the board to conduct studies relating to employer-employee relations, including the collection, analysis, and making available of data relating to wages, benefits, and employment practices in public and private employment, and to recommend legislation. This bill would specifically authorize the board to conduct employer-employee relations studies concerning the impact on public employees of net-zero carbon emissions initiatives, including collecting, analyzing, and making available

related data.

Total Measures: 19

Total Tracking Forms: 19