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CIPC SPONSORED BILLS

Health4All
AB 4 (Arambula) and SB 29 (Durazo)
Co-sponsored by CIPC and Health Access

Background: This year, California must expand access to health care to include all Californians. Our healthcare system is stronger when everyone is included. People who are ineligible for health coverage due to their immigration status continue to make up the largest group of California's remaining uninsured population. To eliminate this exclusion, AB 4 and SB 29 would provide comprehensive full-scope Medi-Cal to income-eligible undocumented adults in California.

Take Action Today! Health4All will be presented in Senate Health Committee on March 20! Your

support is crucial in ensuring Health4All Californians becomes a reality. Click [here](#) to send your organization's name and logo in support!

California Earned Income Tax Credit (CalEITC)

AB 1593 (Reyes)

**Co-sponsored by CIPC, United Ways of California, and
the California Children's Defense Fund**

Background: The California Earned Income Tax Credit (CalEITC) provides low-income people, particularly those living below the poverty line, a modest financial credit to secure basic necessities such as food and school supplies. While Governor Newsom proposed to greatly expand the CalEITC, immigrant tax filers remain excluded. CIPC, in partnership with the CalEITC Advocacy Coalition, is working to change this. AB 1593 would make the CalEITC a more inclusive policy by removing these harmful exclusions for working immigrants who file their taxes with an ITIN or SSN.

Take Action Today! Join the effort to promote economic equity for all Californians! Click [here](#) to send your organization's name and logo in support!

Protecting Families Against Public Charge

ACR 1 (Bonta)

Sponsored by CIPC and Asian Health Services

Background: Under federal law, a person seeking admission to the United States or trying to adjust their status is ineligible if the individual is deemed to be a "public charge," or primarily dependent on the government for subsistence. On October 10th, 2018, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) proposed a dangerous expansion of the public charge test which, if finalized, would affect thousands of immigrant families in California.

ACR 1 would condemn the public charge rule change by DHS and urge the federal government to reject the proposed regulations. ACR 1 defends the well-being of California immigrants against the targeted anti-immigrant actions of the federal government.

Take Action Today! To join our effort to condemn the anti-immigrant actions of the federal government click [here](#) to request a letter of support!

Making Workforce Development Programs Work for All Californians

ACR 50 (Chiu & Garcia)

Co-sponsored by CIPC, Chinese for Affirmative Action, and PolicyLink

Background: ACR 50 calls on the state to remove barriers to job training, education, and family-sustaining careers for immigrants, refugees, and communities of color in California. The resolution also calls on the state to build equity and accountability into our public workforce development programs so that all Californians can participate meaningfully and thrive in our economy.

Take Action Today! To join our effort to ensure that all Californians can attain a successful profession click [here](#) to request a letter of support!

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DETENTION & DEPORTATION

DIVESTMENT & DISENTANGLEMENT

AB 33 (Bonta) State Public Retirement Systems: Divestment from private prison companies

This bill would stop the boards of both the Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) and the State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) from making new investments or renewing existing investments in a private prison company. Additionally, the bill would require that boards eliminate current investments in private prison companies by July 1, 2020.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Committee on Public Employment and Retirement.

AB 1332 (Bonta) Sanctuary State Contracting and Investment Act

This bill would stop a local governing body from entering into a contract with any entity that provides immigration authorities with data assistance or detention facility services unless there is no alternative.

Status: Pending referral from the Assembly Rules Committee.

AJR 9 (Garcia) Immigration Enforcement Tactics

This resolution would urge the federal government to stop using ruses against immigrants, end raids that target undocumented communities, and end unjust detention and deportation. Additionally, the bill would call for ICE agents to wear a standard uniform that clearly identifies them when operating in California.

Status: Pending referral from the Assembly Rules Committee.

CONDITIONS: PRISONS & JAILS

SB 555 (Mitchell) Jails and Juvenile Facilities: Telephone services: stores

Currently, sheriff departments enter into contracts with companies to provide telephone services and items for sale in county jails. This bill would eliminate price gouging via commissions, fees, and price inflation.

Status: Pending referral from the Senate Rules Committee.

SB 398 (Durazo) Protection and Advocacy Agency

Under current law, the protection and advocacy agency has various powers to protect and advocate for people with developmental disabilities and mental disorders, including investigations of any incident of abuse or neglect within a program or facility. This bill would expand the powers of the agency to monitor, investigate, and access programs and facilities, and would also expand the definition of a "facility" to include immigration detention facilities.

Status: Referred to both the Senate Committee on Human Services and Senate Committee on Judiciary.

POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY

AB 392 (Weber) Police Officers: Deadly force

This bill, the California Act to Save Lives, would require law enforcement officers to use de-escalation tactics whenever possible and avoid using deadly force, unless absolutely necessary.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Committee on Public Safety.

AB 1052 (Chu) Peace Officer Training: Hate crimes

This bill would require training courses for peace officers on hate crimes to include a training video, which peace officers will be required to watch by June 1, 2020.

Status: Pending referral from the Assembly Rules Committee.

AB 1185 (McCarty) Officer Oversight: Sheriff Oversight Board

This bill would allow a county to create a Sheriff Oversight Board and Office of the Inspector General, which would have the authority to issue a subpoena when necessary to investigate a matter related to Sheriff oversight.

Status: Pending referral from the Assembly Rules Committee.

HEALTH EQUITY

HEALTH

AB 174 (Wood) and SB 65 (Pan) Increasing Health Insurance Affordability Assistance

This bill would increase affordability assistance for those who have an Affordable Care Act subsidy but still can't afford the premiums, deductibles, or co-pays and those who are ineligible for a subsidy.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Committee on Health, Assembly Committee on Revenue and Taxation, and Senate Committee on Health.

AB 229 (Nazarian) In-Home Supportive Services: Written content translation

This bill would clarify that the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is required to provide translations of written content in any languages spoken by a substantial number of providers of in-home supportive services in California.

Status: This bill passed unanimously through the Assembly Committee on Human Services on February 26, and is now pending a hearing in the Assembly Committee on Appropriations.

AB 318 (Chu) Improving Translation and Readability

This bill would ensure that the Medi-Cal documents that consumers rely on the most are

understandable and appropriately translated so that consumers can access care. It would require field testing of newly translated materials and create a work-group to identify the most important Medi-Cal documents, improve readability of materials, and field test the translations.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Committee on Health.

AB 1404 (Santiago) Payer's Bill of Rights

Currently, the Payer's Bill of Rights requires hospitals to provide a written estimate of the amount the hospital will require an uninsured person to pay for services. This bill would additionally require hospitals to provide information about how the person can access public health care programs.

Status: Pending referral from the Assembly Rules Committee.

SB 165 (Atkins) Medical Interpretation Services

Current law requires the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to work with stakeholders to conduct a study and make recommendations regarding interpretation services for Medi-Cal, and establish a pilot project based on the recommendations of the study. This bill would instead require DHCS to establish a pilot project concurrent with the study and would extend the study until July 1, 2022.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Committee on Health.

MENTAL HEALTH

AB 512 (Ting) Medi-Cal: Specialty mental health services

This bill would require Medi-Cal mental health plans to submit a cultural competency assessment plan every three years to address disparities in access, utilization, and outcomes by race, ethnicity, language, sexual orientation, gender identity, and immigration status.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Committee on Health.

A STRONGER SAFETY NET

CALFRESH

AB 1377 (Wicks) CalFresh

This bill would require a child to be deemed eligible for CalFresh if that child meets the criteria for free and reduced-price school meals, and would require that the parents be notified.

Status: Pending referral from the Assembly Rules Committee.

CALWORKS

AB 944 (Quirk) CalWORKs: Sponsored Non-citizen: Indigence exception

The California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program allows indigent individuals to receive benefits without verification of their sponsor's income and resources for a

period of 12 months. This bill would require renewal of the 'indigence exception period' for an additional 12 months for people who remain indigent.

Status: This bill is scheduled to be heard in the Assembly Committee on Human Services on March 26, 2019.

SB 365 (Durazo): CalWORKs: Immediate needs assistance

Existing law provides for immediate assistance for people who are in an emergency situation, including a lack of housing. This bill would expand the definition of 'lack of housing' to include situations in which an applicant cannot pay rent when it is due within five days and provide critical financial assistance to those who qualify.

Status: Referred to the Senate Committee on Human Services.

IMMIGRANT INCLUSION & INTEGRATION

LANGUAGE ACCESS

SB 1391 (Bonta): Elections: Voter language preference

This bill would require voting application materials to allow the applicant to specify the preferred language in which the applicant would like to receive future election materials, and would require voter notifications to include a statement of the voter's language preference.

Status: Pending referral from the Senate Rules Committee.

SB 160 (Jackson): Emergency services: Cultural competence

This bill would require a county to integrate cultural competence into its emergency plan, upon the next update to its emergency plan.

Status: This bill is scheduled to be heard in the Senate Committee on Governmental Organization on March 26, 2019.

IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION

AB 917 (Reyes): Victims of Crime: Non-immigrant status

This bill would require an official to provide a U-Visa 'certification' when requested by a legal representative on behalf of the victim, and would require that the official provide the certification with 30 days (seven days if the individual is in removal proceedings).

Status: Referred to the Assembly Committee on Public Safety.

SB 225 (Durazo): Citizens of the State

This bill would provide that a person who is born outside of the state and resides here is a citizen of California, and that residents are eligible to hold public office, appointed or elected, regardless of their immigration status.

Status: Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

SB 8 (Durazo): Relative to Asylum Seekers

This resolution would condemn the federal government's failure to meet its obligations to asylum seekers under international law, and would call on the federal government to remove barriers that prevent a prompt and fair evaluation of asylum claims.

Status: Referred to the Senate Committee on Human Services.

ECONOMIC JUSTICE

WORKERS' RIGHTS

AB 5 (Gonzalez) Worker Status: Independent contractors

On April 30, 2018, the California Supreme Court issued a unanimous decision in *Dynamex Operations West v. Superior Court*, ruling that workers may only be classified as independent contractors in specified instances based on various factors, including the level of harm to workers. AB 5 would codify this decision into state law and provide clarifications and exemptions where needed.

Status: Pending referral from the Assembly Rules Committee.

AB 333 (Eggman) Whistleblower Protection: State and local independent contractors

Currently, an employer cannot retaliate against an employee for disclosing information about their employer's potential violations of the law. This bill would extend this protection to independent contractors and contracted businesses working for state and local governments.

Status: This bill passed unanimously through the Assembly Committee on Labor and Employment on March 6, and is now pending a hearing in the Assembly Committee on Appropriations.

AB 378 (Limon) Childcare: Family child care providers: bargaining representative

This bill would allow childcare providers, licensed by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), to organize and elect a representative to negotiate with the state on early child care operations.

Status: Pending referral from the Assembly Rules Committee.

AB 403 (Kalra) Division of Labor Standards Enforcement: Complaint

This bill would increase the statute of limitations for filing complaints with the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement from six months to three years, and authorize a court to award attorney's fees to a plaintiff.

Status: Referred to the both the Assembly Committee on Labor and Employment and Assembly Committee on Judiciary.

AB 589 (Gonzalez) Employment: Unfair immigration-related practices

This bill would require an employer to give employees a “Workers’ Bill of Rights” to inform them of their right to deny an employer’s demand for immigration or identification documents, and would make it unlawful for an employer to knowingly destroy, conceal, or confiscate said documents from a person. Additionally, this bill would require employers to post a public notice at work that provides the number for the National Human Trafficking hotline.

Status: This bill is scheduled to be heard in the Assembly Committee on Labor and Employment on March 20, 2019.

AB 673 (Carillo) Failure to pay wages: Penalties

This bill would allow an employee who was subjected to wage theft to bring a civil or administrative action against an employer and be awarded the employer’s penalties.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Committee on Labor and Employment.

AB 1124 (Maienschein) Employment safety: Outdoor workers: wildfire smoke

This bill would require the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board to adopt regulations that would mandate employers to make respirators available on days where the air quality is harmful due to wildfire smoke.

Status: Pending referral from the Assembly Rules Committee.

ACCESS TO JOBS AND TRAINING

AB 476 (Rubio) Department of Consumer Affairs: Taskforce: foreign-trained professionals

This bill would require the Department of Consumer Affairs to create a taskforce to conduct a study and create a report, by January 1, 2021, that will include recommendations for integrating foreign-trained professionals into the state’s workforce.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Committee on Business and Professions.

AB 541 (Gabriel) Student Financial Aid: Students exempt from paying nonresident tuition

This bill would allow AB 540 eligible students to be eligible for Competitive Cal Grant A and B Awards.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Committee on Higher Education.

AB 595 (Medina) Community Colleges: Apprenticeship programs

This bill would allow a student enrolled in a community college class, as part of an apprenticeship or internship program, to use an individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN) in lieu of a social security number for any required background checks by the program.

Status: This bill is scheduled to be heard in the Assembly Committee on Higher Education on March 19, 2019.

AB 1645 (Rubio) Student support services: Dreamer Resource Liaisons

This bill would request of the University of California and require of the California Community Colleges and the California State University systems to designate a Dreamer Resource Liaison on each of their campuses, to help students navigate financial aid, social services, state-funded legal services, internships, and other academic opportunities.

Status: Pending referral from the Assembly Rules Committee.

SB 354 (Durazo) California DREAM Loan Program: Graduate degree programs

This bill would expand the DREAM Act loan-eligibility requirements to include professional, graduate, and teacher credentialed programs at California State University and University of California campuses.

Status: This bill is scheduled to be heard in the Senate Committee on Education on April 3, 2019.

MONITORING

The following pieces of legislation are being actively monitored by CIPC because their subject matter uniquely impacts immigrant and refugee communities. Some of these bills have general language while others touch on privacy or other issues that may pose unintended consequences for undocumented immigrants. CIPC will continue to monitor these bills for further developments and will provide updates as they progress.

AB 269 (Quirk-Silva): Foreign Driver's Licenses

This bill would authorize the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to waive the driving portion of a driver's license test for an individual who submits a driver's license issued by a foreign nation, as specified.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Committee on Transportation.

AB 870 (Burke) Public Social Services

This bill would require agencies to examine the feasibility of creating a single, standardized application for public benefit programs.

Status: This bill is scheduled to be heard in the Assembly Committee on Human Services on March 26, 2019.

AB 1324 (Levine) Foster Children: Immigration counsel

This bill would require the State Department of Social Services (CDSS) to contract with nonprofit organizations that provide legal services to undocumented children who are in the foster care system.

Status: Pending referral from the Assembly Rules Committee.

AB 1416 (Cooley) Businesses: Collection & disclosures of personal information

This bill would specify that the California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018 does not restrict a business's ability to collect, use, retain, sell, authenticate, or disclose personal information for

various purposes, including assisting another person, or agency, to conduct activities.

Status: Pending referral from the Assembly Rules Committee.

SB 296 (Allen) Student Financial Aid: Immigrants seeking asylum

This bill would make asylum seekers eligible for the Cal Grant program if they have provided their application for asylum, a valid employment authorization document (EAD), social security number, and a signed affidavit which states the student will inform the school of any changes to their immigration status.

Status: This bill is scheduled to be heard in the Senate Committee on Education on April 3, 2019.

OPPOSE

AB 71 (Melendez) Employment Standards: Independent contractors and employees

This bill would undermine the Dynamex court ruling and would impede efforts to address misclassification, making it more difficult for workers to access worker protections, benefits, and rights.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Committee on Labor and Employment.

AB 222 (Voepel) Law Enforcement: Cooperation with immigration authorities

This bill would amend the California Values Act (SB 54) to allow local law enforcement to provide immigration authorities with information regarding the release date of an individual from custody if the individual has been convicted of any assault or battery crime against a peace officer or firefighter. Under current state law, some specified assault and battery convictions result in a 'carve out' exception to the Values Act that allows information sharing if the crime occurred within the past five to 15 years, depending on the severity of the conviction.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Committee on Public Safety.

AB 1408 (Mathis) Law Enforcement: Cooperation with immigration authorities

This bill would amend the California Values Act (SB 54) to add two new 'carve out' exceptions to the law that allow further cooperation between law enforcement and immigration authorities: 1) for individuals who are deemed 'medium' or 'high' risk pursuant to the new pretrial risk assessment and 2) for individuals who are deemed a risk or danger at the discretion of a police chief or sheriff.

Status: Pending referral from the Assembly Rules Committee.

AB 1480 (Melendez) Driver's Licenses and Identification Cards: Real ID Act of 2005

This bill would require all driver's licenses and identification cards issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles to be compliant with the federal Real ID Act, unless the applicant affirmatively indicates that they do not wish to receive, or are not eligible for, a Real ID compliant card.

Status: Pending referral from the Assembly Rules Committee.

SB 429 (Nielsen) Law enforcement: Cooperation with immigration authorities

This bill would amend the California Values Act (SB 54) to grant local law enforcement the discretion to cooperate with immigration authorities regarding an individual who has been convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs where a warrant has been issued for the individual's arrest.

Status: Referred to the Senate Committee on Public Safety.

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