

CALIFORNIA WORKING FAMILIES POLICY SUMMIT
UPDATE ON LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
(as of 8/15/05)

Bill No. & Link for Update	Author	Sponsor(s) and Supporters	Description	Supporters' Information
NUTRITION & PHYSICAL ACTIVITY				
<u>SB 12</u>	<u>Escutia (D-30)</u>	<u>California Center for Public Health Advocacy (CCPHA)</u> Also supported by <u>CSBA, ACS, AHA</u>	For competitive foods sold in grades K-12, sets limits for total fat, saturated fat, added sugar, and calories.	<u>Fact Sheet</u> <u>Sample Letter</u>
<u>SB 965</u>	<u>Escutia (D-30)</u>	<u>Governor</u> Presented at the Summit by CCPHA	In high schools, phases in the elimination of soda and other highly sweetened drinks.	<u>Fact Sheet</u> <u>Sample Letter</u>
<u>SB 567</u>	<u>Torlakson (D-7)</u>	<u>CDE</u> (supported by <u>AHA</u>)	Requires school districts participating in federal school meal programs to implement school wellness policies by the beginning of 2006/7 school year.	Call Jamie Morgan at 916-446-6505 for fact sheets and sample letters of support.
<u>SB 559</u>	<u>Torlakson (D-7)</u>	<u>Governor</u> (supported by <u>AHA</u>)	Establishes the Physical Education Professional Development Program. Reduces ability of schools to excuse high school students from PE courses.	Call Jamie Morgan at 916-446-6505 for fact sheets and sample letters of support.
<u>AB 689</u>	<u>Nava (D-35)</u>	<u>AHA</u> Also supported by PTA and the Superintendent of Public Instruction	Requires the State Board of Education to adopt curriculum standards for health education.	Call Jamie Morgan at 916-446-6505 for fact sheets and sample letters of support.
<u>AB 696</u>	<u>Chu (D-49)</u>	<u>CFPA</u>	This Food for Families Act would increase food stamp participation and bring more federal funds into state. Would end finger-imaging requirements.	<u>Update on AB 696</u> <u>Sample Letter</u>
<u>AB 1385</u>	<u>Laird (D-21)</u>	<u>CFPA</u>	Establishes a program for direct certification of low-income children into federal school meal programs.	<u>Update on 1385</u> <u>Sample Letter</u>

CHILD CARE & AFTER-SCHOOL CARE				
<u>SB 638</u>	<u>Torlakson (D-7)</u>	Author-sponsored Supported by <u>CalSAC</u>	Requires development and distribution of voluntary guidelines for physical activity for the After School Education and Safety (ASES) Program.	
<u>SB 707</u>	<u>Kehoe (D-39)</u>	Sponsored by the San Diego After-School Partnership Presented by Summit by <u>CalSAC</u>	Would give more flexibility to ASES programs for operating hours, reduce time for participation in pre-before school programs, and allow reimbursement in cases of natural disaster.	
<u>SB 854</u>	<u>Ashburn (R-18)</u>	Sponsored by the <u>California After-School Partnership</u> Presented by Summit by <u>CalSAC</u>	Would increase the reimbursement rate, guarantee a 15% administrative cost, and create a statewide advisory Committee for 21 st Century Community Learning Center programs.	
<u>SB 640</u>	<u>Escutia (D-30)</u>	Presented by <u>Child Care Law Center</u> at the Summit.	Appropriates \$5 million to provide child care programming for children with disabilities.	
CalWORKs				
<u>AB 1298</u>	<u>Evans (D-7)</u>	Sponsored by <u>WCLP</u>	As amended, requires the Health & Human Services Agency to form a work group to examine ways to streamline eligibility requirements of MediCal, Healthy Families, CalWORKs and Food Stamps and report recommendations back to the Legislature (no longer includes provisions for self-certification).	<u>Letter of Support</u>
<u>AB 855</u>	<u>Bass (D-47)</u>	(Not presented at Summit, but currently a priority for <u>WCLP</u>)	Allows certain drug felons to receive CalWORKs cash grant assistance when amenability to treatment is documented.	

HEALTH CARE				
<u>SB 437</u> & <u>AB 772</u>	Senator Escutia & Assembly Members Chan & Frommer	100% Campaign	The California Healthy Kids Insurance Program (CHKIP) would provide health insurance options for every uninsured child in California.	Background Information Support Letters
<u>AB 1199</u>	Assembly Members Frommer & Chan	Now a priority for the 100% Campaign	Would establish the California Healthy Kids Fund, designed to hold private and public contributions to launch CHKIP.	Background Information
<u>AB 356</u>	Chan (D-16)	Sponsored by Health Access	Would require disclosure of the criteria and process for denying individuals health insurance coverage. Would thus provide more information to individuals having “pre-existing conditions” that prevent them from getting coverage.	Support Letter
<u>AB 1359</u>	Chan (D-16)	Sponsored by Health Access	Would require the new Medicare prescription drug plans to be licensed and thus ensure consumer protections.	Support Letter
TWO-YEAR BILLS (legislative action put on hold until 2006)				
<u>SB 840</u>	Kuehl (D-23)	Presented at the Summit by Health Access	Authorizes the California Health Insurance Reliability Act to provide affordable health insurance to all Californians.	Author's Fact Sheet Website dedicated to bill: http://www.healthcareforall.org/
<u>AB 774</u>	Chan (D-16)	Presented at the Summit by Health Access	Would provide hospital patients basic consumer financial protections and protect self-pay hospital patients from being charged more than the insured.	
<u>AB 977</u>	Nava D-35	Presented at the Summit by Health Access	Would require the Departments of Insurance and Managed Health Care to review and approve out-of-pocket costs for consumers in a public process with specific standards.	