

CALIFORNIA WORKING FAMILIES POLICY SUMMIT
UPDATE ON LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
(as of 9/14/05)

Bill No. & Link for Bill History	Author	Sponsor(s) and Supporters	Description	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.	On Governor's Desk!!
<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.	On Governor's Desk!!
<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.	On Governor's Desk!! Call Jamie Morgan at 916-446-6505 for 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.	Now a 2-Year Bill
<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.	On Governor's Desk!! From AHA: <u>Request the Governor's Signature on AB 689</u>
<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.	On Governor's Desk!! <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.	On Governor's Desk!! <u>Fact Sheet</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.	Now a 2-Year Bill
<u>SB 707</u>	<u>Kehoe (D-39)</u>	Sponsored by the San Diego After-School Partnership Presented by Summit by <u>CalSAC</u>	Makes several improvements to the state's After School Education and Safety program in order to ensure successful implementation of Proposition 49, including helping programs serve more children, allowing programs to operate more efficiently, and reducing the amount of state after-school funding that goes unspent each year and reverts to the general fund.	On Governor's Desk!!
<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>	Proposes changes to the 21st Century Community Learning Center Program, increasing the reimbursement rate from \$5 per student per day to \$7.50 and provides funding in a more timely way.	On Governor's Desk!!
<u>SB 640</u>	<u>Escutia (D-30)</u>	Presented by <u>Child Care Law Center</u> at the Summit, sponsored by the <u>California Child Care Resource & Referral Center</u> .	Appropriates \$5 million to provide child care programming for children with disabilities.	On Governor's Desk!!
<u>AB 1565</u>	<u>Pavley (D-41)</u> & <u>Benoit (R-64)</u>	Sponsored by the <u>Child Care Law Center</u>	Requires the State Department of Education (SDE) to develop and oversee a study of the effectiveness of a quality rating system for child care providers.	On Governor's Desk!! <u>Background Information</u>

CalWORKs				
<u>AB 1298</u>	<u>Evans</u> (D-7)	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).	Now a 2-Year Bill
<u>AB 855</u>	<u>Bass</u> (D-47)	(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.	On Governor's Desk!! <u>Background Information</u>
<u>AB 48</u>	<u>Lieber</u> (D-22)	(Not presented at Summit, but currently a priority for <u>WCLP</u>)	Seeks to increase the minimum wage for the state's poorest workers from \$6.75 an hour to \$7.25 in July 2006, to \$7.75 in July 2007, and then to be indexed annually according to the Consumer Price Index beginning in 2008.	On Governor's Desk!! <u>Background Information</u>
HEALTH CARE				
<u>AB 772</u>	<u>Chan</u> (D-16) & <u>Frommer</u> (D-43) (FYI: Senator <u>Escutia</u> carried the Senate version.)	<u>100% Campaign</u>	The California Healthy Kids Insurance Program (CHKIP) would provide health insurance options for every uninsured child in California.	On Governor's Desk!! <u>Background Information</u> <u>Support Letter</u>
<u>AB 1199</u>	<u>Frommer</u> (D-43) & <u>Chan</u> (D-16)	Now a priority for the <u>100% Campaign</u>	Would establish the California Healthy Kids Fund, designed to hold private and public contributions to launch CHKIP.	On Governor's Desk!! <u>Background Information</u> <u>Support Letter</u>

<u>AB 356</u>	<u>Chan</u> (D-16)	Sponsored by <u>Health Access</u>	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.	On Governor’s Desk!! <u>Support Letter</u>
<u>AB 1359</u>	<u>Chan</u> (D-16)	Sponsored by <u>Health Access</u>	Would require the new Medicare prescription drug plans to be licensed and thus ensure consumer protections.	The Governor Signed this Bill.
<u>AB 73</u>	<u>Frommer</u> & <u>Chan</u>	Supported by <u>Health Access</u>	As amended, would create a website with information on affordable prescription drug prices for Californians.	On Governor’s Desk!! <u>Support Letter</u>
See the <u>legislative update</u> on the Health Access Legislative Update for other key health bills now on the Governor’s Desk.				
BILLS IDENTIFIED AS 2-YEAR BILLS IN AUGUST SUMMIT UPDATE				
<u>SB 840</u>	<u>Kuehl</u> (D-23)	Presented at the Summit by <u>Health Access</u>	Authorizes the California Health Insurance Reliability Act to provide affordable health insurance to all Californians.	<u>Author’s Fact Sheet</u> Website dedicated to bill: http://www.healthcareforall.org/
<u>AB 774</u>	<u>Chan</u> (D-16)	Presented at the Summit by <u>Health Access</u>	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>	<u>Nava</u> D-35	Presented at the Summit by <u>Health Access</u>	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.	