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2021 Bill Listing

Updated: May 4, 2021

- AB 62** **Gray (D)** **Income taxes; credits: costs to comply with COVID-19 regulations**
Introduced: 12/7/2020
Last Amended:
Status: 3/22/2021 In committee (Asm Revenue and Taxation): Hearing postponed by committee.
Summary:
Bill would create tax credit relating to COVID-19 prevention regulations related-costs for tax payers. Refers to small business and employer that employs workforce identified by the State Public Health Officer on the list of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers.
Position: UNDER REVIEW – PENDING POSITION
- AB 91** **Valladares (R)** **Taxation: corporations: minimum franchise tax: limited liability companies: annual tax: small businesses: microbusinesses**
Introduced: 12/7/2021
Last Amended:
Status: 3/22/2021 In committee: Hearing postponed by committee.
Summary:
Bill would reduce minimum franchise tax to \$400 for small businesses, as defined, and to \$200 for microbusinesses, as defined. Includes LLC etc.
Position: SUPPORT
- AB 106** **Salas (D)** **Regions Rise Grant Program**
Introduced: 12/16/2021
Last Amended: 3/3/2021
Status: In committee: Assembly Appropriations
Summary:
Establishes a competitive grant program to support regional collaboration among public and private sector stakeholders to address and resolve significant community development issues which currently impede inclusive economic growth and upward mobility for historically marginalized groups.
Position: SUPPORT

AB 247 Ramos (D) Small Business Procurement and Contract Act

Introduced: 1/13/2021

Last Amended: 3/18/2021

Status: 4/21/2021 In committee (Asm Judiciary): Hearing postponed by committee.

Summary:

Bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would update the definition of "small business" under California law to coincide with the federal definition. Under existing California law, "small business" is defined to mean an independently owned and operate business of a specified size, that among other things, has average gross receipts of \$15,000,000 over the previous 3 years. Existing Federal law defines "small business" to depend upon, among other things, the industry, gross receipts, and number of employees of the business.

Position: SUPPORT

AB 248 Choi (R) Income taxes: credits: cleaning and sanitizing supplies; COVID-19

Introduced: 1/14/2021

Last Amended:

Status: 3/22/2021 In committee (Asm Revenue and Taxation): Hearing postponed by committee.

Summary:

Bill would allow credit against those taxes for each taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2021, and before January 1, 2022, to a taxpayer that is a business with a physical location in the state in an amount equal to the costs paid or incurred by the qualified taxpayer to prevent the transmission of COVID-19.

Position: UNDER REVIEW – PENDING POSITION

AB 255 Muratsuchi (D) Tenancy: commercial leases: COVID-19 rent relief

Introduced: 1/14/2021

Last Amended: 4/19/2021

Status: 5/4/2021 From committee: Amend, and do pass as amended. (Ayes 8. Noes 3.)

Summary:

Bill would state the intent of Legislature to enact legislation that would provide commercial rent relief protections for small businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic to help them weather the public health and economic crisis without losing their businesses.

Position: UNDER REVIEW – PENDING POSITION



- AB 257** **Gonzalez, L. (D)** **Food facilities and employment.**
Introduced: 1/15/2021
Last Amended: 4/28/2021
Status: 4/29/2021 Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
Summary:
Bill would enact the Fast Food Accountability and Standards Recovery Act or FAST Recovery Act. The bill would establish the Fast Food Sector Council (council), to be composed of 11 members to be appointed by the Governor, the Speaker of the Assembly, and the Senate Rules Committee, and would prescribe its powers. The purpose of the council would be to establish industry-wide minimum standards on wages, working hours, and other working conditions related to the health, safety, and welfare of, and supplying the necessary cost of proper living to, fast food restaurant workers, as well as effecting interagency coordination and prompt agency responses in this regard.
Position: OPPOSE
- AB 259** **Davies (R)** **Protecting Our Restaurants Tax Credit**
Introduced: 1/15/2021
Last Amended: 3/8/2021
Status: 3/22/2021 In committee (Asm Revenue and Taxation) Hearing postponed by committee.
Summary:
Bill would allow tax credit for restaurant business owners who faced financial burdens who had to close or scale back business due to COVID-10 pandemic.
Position: UNDER REVIEW
- AB 281** **Burke (D)** **Personal income taxes: corporation taxes: gross income**
Introduced: 1/21/2021
Last Amended:
Status: 1/22/2021 From printer. May be heard in committee February 21.
Summary:
Bill would state intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would bring California's tax treatment of covered Paycheck Protection Program loans into conformity with federal tax laws.
Position: UNDER REVIEW

AB 632 Ramos (D) Minimum franchise tax: small business fees.

Introduced: 1/12/2021

Last Amended:

Status: 3/22/2021 In committee (Asm Revenue and Taxation): Hearing postponed by committee.

Summary:

This bill, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2022, and before January 1, 2027, would reduce the minimum franchise tax, as provided, based on the gross receipts during the taxable year of the corporation but would continue to impose the current amount of the annual tax on corporations described above whose gross receipts exceed \$15,000,000 and on every limited partnership, limited liability partnership, and limited liability company doing business in this state.

Position: SUPPORT

AB 757 Davies (R) Private employment: COVID-19: positive test or diagnosis: documentation

Introduced: 2/16/2021

Last Amended:

Status: 2/25/2021 Referred to Com. on Labor & Employment

Summary:

Bill would authorize a private employer to request prescribed documentation of a positive COVID-19 test or diagnosis if an employee reports that the employee has been diagnosed or tested positive for COVID-19 and is unable to work and the employer determines that an employee may be subject to the 14-day exclusion from the workplace as required under certain law or regulations.

Position: NEUTRAL

AB 879 Rubio, B. (D) Personal income tax: corporation tax: sales and use taxes: California Tax Amnesty and Revenue recovery Act.

Introduced: 1/17/2021

Last Amended: 3/3/2021

Status: 5/4/2021 Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Summary:

Bill would require the California Department of Tax and fee Administration and the Franchise Tax Board to administer the California Tax Amnesty and revenue recovery Act, a tax amnesty program, as applicable, during the period beginning on February 1, 2022, to March 31, 2022, inclusive, or a period ending no later than June 30, 2022, for specified taxpayers with respect to penalties and fees for tax reporting periods beginning before January 1, 2021.

Position: SUPPORT



AB 915 ***Chui (D) & Holden (D)*** **Small and disadvantaged business enterprises.**

Introduced: 2/17/2021

Last Amended: 3/3/2021

Status: 5/4/2021 Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Summary:

Bill would require the small business liaison of each state agency to develop an "economic equity first" action plan and policy for that agency to provide, among other things, direction, recommendations, and strategies as to how to ensure that disadvantaged business enterprises are effectively involved and benefiting from the procurement process of that agency.

Position: SUPPORT (CHCC Co-Sponsor)

AB 1090 ***Quirk-Silva (D)*** **Legislative Taskforce on the California Master Plan on Homeownership**

Introduced: 2/18/21

Last Amended: 4/4/2021

Status: In committee: Assembly Appropriations

Summary:

Bill would establish the Legislative Taskforce on the California Master Plan for Homeownership, consisting of 21 members, as provided. It will evaluate policy and regulatory impediments to increasing the rate of homeownership for all Californians, as well as any impediments faced by millennials and persons of color in particular.

Position: SUPPORT

AB 1146 ***Cervantes (D)*** **California Small Business Rent Relief Act**

Introduced: 2/18/2021

Last Amended: 4/14/2021

Status: 4/15/2021: Re-referred to Com. on REV. & TAX.

Summary:

Authorizes the establishment of the California Rent Forgiveness and Tax Relief Program for the purpose of providing grants to qualified counties to implement local rent forgiveness and tax relief programs.

Position: SUPPORT



AB 1171 Arambula (D) California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

Introduced: 2/18/2021

Last Amended:

Status: 5/3/2021: Ordered to inactive file at the request of Member.

Summary:

Bill would enact the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley Act of 2021. It would incorporate the executive order in 2005 to establish a public-private partnership to identify projects and programs that will improve the economic vitality of the San Joaquin Valley.

Position: SUPPORT

AB 1181 Nguyen (R) Fees: business licenses: alcoholic beverages: health permits

Introduced: 2/18/2021

Last Amended:

Status: 3/4/2021: Referred to Coms. on G.O. and HEALTH.

Summary:

Bill would prohibit cities and counties, including charter cities and counties, from imposing or collecting license fees from restaurants from January 1, 2020, to December 31, 2021, as provided, and would require the city or county to refund to a restaurant any license fee collected during that period. etc.

Position: SUPPORT

AB 1471 Villapudua Public Utilities Commission.

Introduced: 2/19/2021

Last Amended: 4/26/2021

Status: 4/27/2021 Re-referred to Com. on APPR. Set for hearing May 5, 2021.

Summary:

This bill would, beginning January 1, 2023, state that when selecting and confirming commissioners, the Governor and Senate should consider achieving regional diversity by selecting *at least one candidate* with a permanent residence in northern California, *at least one candidate with a permanent residence in the central valley*, and *at least one candidate with a permanent residence in southern California*, and directs that the Governor and Senate should consider a candidate pool that collectively represents each of those areas.

Existing law requires that the office of the commission be in the City and County of San Francisco.

This bill would *authorize* the office of the commission *to be located in the City and County of San Francisco and authorize the commission to consider options to locate operations and staff outside of the commission's San Francisco headquarters, including in the City of Stockton.*

Position: UNDER REVIEW – POSITION PENDING



AB 1571 JEDE Committee Administrative Procedure Act: small businesses

Introduced: 4/4/2021

Last Amended: 4/6/2021

Status: 4/29/2021. From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (April 28). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Summary:

Bill would provide framework for evaluating the adoption and amendment of regulations that impact small businesses during a Governor-declared state of emergency, such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

Position: NEUTRAL

AB 1574 JEDE Committee *Public contracts: small business liaisons and advocates and disabled veteran business enterprises.*

Introduced: 3/4/2021

Last Amended: 4/6/2021

Status: 4/20/2021 From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 10. Noes 0.) (April 20). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Summary:

Bill includes program improvements gained through stakeholder engagements, discussions with agate contracting staff, and recommendations from the 2019 State Audit of the DVBE Procurement program.

Position: SUPPORT

SB 28 Caballero (D) Digital Infrastructure and Video Competition Act of 2006

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Last Amended: 5/4/2021

Status: 5/4/2021 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Summary:

Bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation relative to the Digital Infrastructure and Video Competition Act of 2006, to be known as the California Rural Broadband and DIVCA Reform act of 2021.

Position: UNDER REVIEW – POSITION PENDING



- SB 54** ***Allen (D), Stern (D), & Wiener (D)*** **Solid waste: disposable packaging and food ware**
Introduced: 12/7/2020
Last Amended: 2/25/2021
Status: 4/27/2021 From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 5. Noes 1.) (April 26). Re-referred to Com. on APPR. 4/30/2021 Set for hearing May 10.
Summary:
Bill would enact the Plastic Pollution Producer Responsibility Act, which would significantly reduce the amount of disposable packaging and food ware entering California's waste stream, polluting oceans, littering local communities and beaches.
Position: OPPOSE
- SB 74** ***Borgeas (R) and Caballero (D)*** **Keep California Working Act**
Introduced: 12/10/2020
Last Amended: 3/11/2021
Status: 3/11/2021 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on B., P. & E.D.
Summary:
Bill would establish the Keep California Working Grant Program. It would require the Small Business Advocate to administer the program and award grants, of an unspecified amount, to small businesses and nonprofit organizations that have experienced economic hardship resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. The Act would appropriate \$2.6 billion dollars to the Office of Small Business Advocate for those purposes.
Position: SUPPORT
- SB 104** ***McGuire (D) & Caballero (D)*** **Elective tax: partnership: "S" corporation: credit.**
Introduced: 1/5/2021
Last Amended: 12/12/2021
Status: 4/19/2021 Placed on APPR suspense file.
Summary:
This bill, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2021, and before January 1, 2026, would authorize a partnership or "S" corporation that meets certain other requirements to elect to pay an elective tax at a rate based on its net income, as specified, for the taxable year. The bill would authorize the Franchise Tax Board to adopt regulations to implement the elective tax and exempt those regulations from the rulemaking provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act.
Position: SUPPORT



SB 555 *McGuire(D)* **Transient occupancy taxes: short-term rental facilitator: collection.**

Introduced: 2/18/2021

Last Amended: 4/12/2021

Status: 5/4/2021 Placed on APPR suspense file.

Summary:

Bill would authorize a local agency, defined to mean a city, county, or city and county, including a charter city, county, or city and county, to enact an ordinance exclusively delegating its authority to collect any transient occupancy tax imposed by that local agency on short-term rentals to the California Department of Tax and Fee

Administration and to enter into a contract with the department for purposes of

Position: SUPPORT

SB 556 *Dodd (D)* **Street light poles, traffic signal poles: small wireless facilities**

Introduced: 2/18/2021

Last Amended: 5/4/2021

Status: 5/4/2021 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR. Set for hearing May 10.

Summary:

Bill enacts the California Connectivity Act, which requires a local government or municipal utility to make street light and traffic signal poles available for the placement of small wireless facilities, defined to mean a small cell pursuant to federal law, under fair, reasonable and nondiscriminatory fees.

Position: UNDER REVIEW – PENDING POSITION

SB 655 *Bradford (D)* **Insurers: diversity**

Introduced: 2/19/2021

Last Amended: 4/26/2021

Status: 5/4/2021 From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 11. Noes 0.) Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Summary:

Bill would encourage insurers to consider making investments with diverse investment managers to the extent possible. Existing law establishes the California Organized Investment Network (COIN) within the Department of Insurance to pursue active measures to encourage insurers to make investments in California's underserved and low-to-moderate income communities that also includes investments that promote social, economic, and environmental benefits.

Position: SUPPORT



SB 777 **Bradford (D)** **Insurance taxation: credit: California Jumpstart Act.**

Introduced: 2/19/2021

Last Amended: 4/27/2021

Status: 4/27/2021 Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Summary:

This bill would establish the California Jumpstart Act. The act would allow a credit against those taxes for each taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2024, in an amount equal to the amount of a relief contribution, as defined, that meets specified requirements. The bill would require the California Pollution Control Financing

Position: SUPPORT