



# **San Mateo County Chamber of Commerce Alliance**

## **February 2015 Legislative Report**

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### **Legislative Report**

- **SB 4 (Lara – D) Health Care coverage: Immigration Status**
- **SB 8 (Hertzberg – D) Taxation**

*The 2015 – 2016 legislative session currently has over 100 bills that have already been introduced. Most legislative proposals (bills) are awaiting committee assignments. The following bills have been identified as potential business related bills. In future Legislative Reports, more background details on each bill will be provided as the legislative proposals move through the committee process. A tentative 2015 – 2016 Legislative Calendar is included for your reference at the end of this report.*

### **Legislative Representation, Leadership and Committees**

- **State Senate District 13 – Senator Jerry Hill – D**
- **State Assembly District 22 – Assembly Member Kevin Mullin – D**
- **State Assembly District 24 – Assembly Member Rich Gordon – D**

### **2015-16 Legislative Calendar**

# Legislative Report

## **SB 4 (Lara – D) Health Care coverage: Immigration Status**

### **Summary**

1. SB 4 states the intent of the Legislature that all State residents who are eligible for Medi-Cal, a qualified health plan offered through the State Health Benefits Exchange, or affordable employer-based health coverage, enroll in that coverage and obtain the care that they need.

### **Background**

2. SB 4 is currently in the beginning of the legislative process and only declares certain intents of the Legislature such as all state residents, regardless of immigration status, have access to affordable health coverage and care.
3. SB 4 aims to expand coverage under Medi-Cal (California's Medicare) to income-eligible residents whether documented or not.
4. It would also set up a marketplace that would "mirror" Covered California, the state's health care exchange under the Affordable Care Act. The ACA, or "Obamacare," specifically excludes undocumented people from coverage.
5. SB 4 was introduced December 1, 2014 and is currently resides in the Senate Rules Committee pending action.

### **Arguments in Support**

6. According to the author, "Access to health care is a human rights issue and until everyone is included, our work is unfinished. I look forward to working with a broad coalition of immigrant, health care and legislative advocates to achieve the goal of health for all in the coming year."

### **Arguments in Opposition**

7. Opposition to a similar legislative proposal introduced last year by the author (SB 1005, 2014) stated that any proposed expansion of the Medicaid program would require the executive board governing the California Health Benefit exchange to provide the same subsidies and cost-sharing reductions extended to eligible individuals to the estimated 2.3 million untaxed, illegal and/or undocumented entities within Californian jurisdiction...would increase an immense burden on California taxpayers.

### **Supporting**

California Immigrant Policy Center  
California Labor Federation  
California Pan-Ethnic Health Network  
Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA)  
Health Access California  
Western Center on Law and Poverty

### **Opposing**

None at this time.

## **SB 8 (Hertzberg – D) Taxation**

### **Summary**

1. SB 8 states legislative findings regarding the Upward Mobility Act, key provisions of which would expand the application of the Sales and Use Tax Law by imposing a tax on specified services, would enhance the state's business climate and would incentivize entrepreneurship and business investment by evaluating the Corporate Tax Law, and would examine the impacts of lower and simpler Personal Income Tax Law.

### **Background**

2. The Sales and Use Tax Law imposes a tax on retailers measured by the gross receipts from the sale of tangible personal property sold at retail in this state, or on the storage, use, or other consumption in this state of tangible personal property purchased from a retailer for storage, use, or other consumption in this state.
3. The Personal Income Tax Law imposes taxes on personal taxable income at specified rates, and the Corporation Tax Law imposes taxes upon, or measured by, corporate income.
4. SB 8, if passed, would take effect in 2019 and would replace the current temporary tax increase as passed by voters in 2012 (Proposition 30).
5. SB 8 was introduced December 1, 2014 and is currently resides in the Senate Rules Committee pending action.

### **Arguments in Support**

6. The author argues in support that SB 8 would make three broad changes to the tax code:
  - a. Broaden the tax base by imposing a sales tax on services to increase revenues. Local jurisdictions would not be authorized to increase sales tax on services, as they now can do with the sales tax on goods. Though the new revenues would be collected by the state, the ownership of those funds allocated to local government under this measure will be controlled by local government using traditional allocation mechanisms. Health care services and education services would be exempted from the tax, and very small businesses with under \$100,000 gross sales would be exempted from the sales tax on services.
  - b. Enhance the state's business climate and incentivize entrepreneurship and business creation by evaluating the corporate income tax to determine whether it is meeting its intended purposes, including whether it is born equitably among California's businesses and what impact it has on the business climate, while at the same time linking changes to a more reasonable minimum wage.
  - c. Examine the impacts of lowering and simplifying the Personal Income Tax while maintaining progressivity. The measure's goal is to reduce the income tax rates imposed under the Personal Income Tax for low-and middle-class-income households so that families earning \$100,000 pay only \$1,000. The income tax rate for top earners may also be reduced in a manner that balances fairness with mitigating adverse impact to both state revenues and competitiveness. The obligation of top earners with regard to other tax obligations for top earners, including Proposition 63, would remain intact.

### **Arguments in Opposition**

7. Opponents argue that current law, Proposition 30, is a temporary \$7 billion tax program and SB 8 would be a permanent sales and use tax program that would take effect after Proposition 30 sunsets.

### **Supporting**

None at this time.

### **Opposing**

None at this time.

## Legislative Representation, Leadership and Committees

### State Senate District 13 – Senator Jerry Hill – D

Includes the following cities:

Atherton	Los Altos	Redwood City
Belmont	Los Altos Hills	San Bruno
Brisbane	Menlo Park	San Carlos
Burlingame	Millbrae	San Mateo
East Palo Alto	Mountain View	South San Francisco
Foster City	Pacifica	Sunnyvale
Half Moon Bay	Palo Alto	Woodside
Hillsborough	Portola Valley	

The district encompasses the San Francisco Peninsula and the northwestern reaches of Silicon Valley. It forms the main corridor between the state's third- and fourth-largest and the San Francisco Bay Area's two largest cities: San Jose in the south and San Francisco in the north.

### Map



## State Assembly District 22 – Assembly Member Kevin Mullin – D

Includes the following cities:

Belmont	Hillsborough	San Bruno
Brisbane	Millbrae	San Carlos
Burlingame	Pacifica	San Mateo
Foster City	Redwood City	South San Francisco

The district contains most of the San Francisco Peninsula. It is mostly suburban and forms the corridor connecting San Francisco to the north and Silicon Valley to the south.

### Map



## **State Assembly District 24 – Assembly Member Rich Gordon – D**

Includes the following cities:

Atherton  
Cupertino  
East Palo Alto  
Half Moon Bay

Los Altos  
Los Altos Hills  
Menlo Park  
Mountain View

Palo Alto  
Portola Valley  
Sunnyvale  
Woodside

The district straddles the transition from San Francisco Peninsula suburbia into Silicon Valley. It is home to numerous notable high-tech companies and affluent residential communities.

### **Map**



## Legislative Representation, Leadership and Committees

*SMCCCA legislative representation is highlighted in their respective categories.*

### Senate Floor Leadership

#### **President Pro Tem**

Senator Kevin de León (D-Los Angeles)

#### **Majority Leader:**

Senator Bill Monning (D-Carmel)

#### **Majority Whip:**

Senator Lois Wolk (D-Davis)

#### **Democratic Caucus Chair:**

Senator Connie M. Leyva (D-Chino)

### Assembly Floor Leadership

#### **Speaker**

Assembly Member Toni Atkins (D-San Diego)

#### **Majority Leader:**

Assembly Member Chris Holden (D-Pasadena)

#### **Assistant Majority Floor Leader:**

Assembly Member Cristina Garcia (D-Bell Gardens)

#### **Speaker pro Tempore:**

Assembly Member Kevin Mullin (D-South San Francisco)

#### **Assistant Speaker pro Tempore:**

Assembly Member David Chiu (D-San Francisco)

#### **Majority Whip:**

Assembly Member Miguel Santiago (D-Los Angeles)

#### **Democratic Caucus Chair:**

Susan Talamantes Eggman (D-Stockton)

#### **Assistant Majority Whip:**

Evan Low (D-Campbell)

Jim Cooper (D-Sacramento)

## **Senate Committee Chairs**

### **Agriculture:**

Senator Cathleen Galgiani (D-Stockton)

### **Appropriations:**

Senator Ricardo Lara (D-Bell Gardens)

### **Banking and Financial Institutions:**

Senator Marty Block (D-San Diego)

### **Budget and Fiscal Review:**

Senator Mark Leno (D-San Francisco)

### **Budget Subcommittee #1 – Education:**

Senator Marty Block (D-San Diego)

### **Budget Subcommittee #2 - Resources, Environmental Protection, Energy and Transportation:**

Senator Lois Wolk (D-Davis)

### **Budget Subcommittee #3 - Health & Human Services:**

Senator Holly J. Mitchell (D-Los Angeles)

### **Budget Subcommittee #4 - State Administration and General Government:**

Senator Richard D. Roth (D-Riverside)

### **Budget Subcommittee #5 – Corrections, Public Safety and the Judiciary:**

Senator Loni Hancock (D-Berkeley)

### **Business, Professions and Economic Development:**

Senator Jerry Hill (D-San Mateo/Santa Clara Counties)

### **Education:**

Senator Carol Liu (D-LaCañada/Flintridge)

### **Elections and Constitutional Amendments:**

Senator Benjamin Allen (D-Santa Monica)

### **Energy, Utilities and Communications:**

Senator Ben Hueso (D-San Diego)

### **Environmental Quality:**

Senator Bob Wieckowski (D-Fremont)

### **Governance and Finance:**

Senator Robert Hertzberg (D-Van Nuys)

### **Governmental Organization:**

Senator Isadore Hall, III (D-South Bay)

### **Health:**

Senator Ed Hernandez, O.D. (D-West Covina)

### **Human Services:**

Senator Mike McGuire (D-Healdsburg)

### **Insurance:**

Senator Richard D. Roth (D-Riverside)

### **Judiciary:**

Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson (D-Santa Barbara)

### **Labor and Industrial Relations:**

Senator Tony Mendoza (D-Artesia)

### **Legislative Ethics:**

Senator Bill Monning (D-Carmel)

### **Natural Resources and Water:**

Senator Fran Pavley (D- Agoura Hills)

### **Public Employment and Retirement:**

Senator Richard Pan (D-Sacramento)

### **Public Safety:**

Senator Loni Hancock (D-Berkeley)

### **Transportation and Housing:**

Senator Jim Beall (D-San Jose)

### **Veterans Affairs:**

*Vacant*

### **Joint Committee on Arts:**

Senator Benjamin Allen (D-Santa Monica)

### **Joint Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture:**

Senator Mike McGuire (D-Healdsburg)

### **Joint Legislative Budget:**

Senator Mark Leno (D-San Francisco)

## **Assembly Committee Chairs**

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### **Accountability and Administrative Review**

Assembly Member Rudy Salas, Jr. (D-Bakersfield)

### **Aging and Long-Term Care**

Assembly Member Cheryl R. Brown (D-San Bernardino)

### **Agriculture**

Assembly Member Henry T. Perea (D-Fresno)

### **Appropriations**

Assembly Member Jimmy Gomez (D-Northeast Los Angeles)



**Arts, Entertainment, Sports, Tourism and Internet Media**

Assembly Member Ian C. Calderon (D-Whittier)

**Banking and Finance**

Assembly Member Matthew Dababneh (D-Encino)

**Budget**

Assembly Member Shirley N. Weber (D-San Diego)

**Budget Subcommittee No. 1 on Health and Human Services**

Assembly Member Tony Thurmond (D-Richmond)

**Budget Subcommittee No. 2 on Education Finance**

Assembly Member Kevin McCarty (D-Sacramento)

**Budget Subcommittee No. 3 on Resources and Transportation**

Assembly Member Richard Bloom (D-Santa Monica)

**Budget Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration**

Assembly Member Darin Nazarian (D-Sherman Oaks)

**Budget Subcommittee No. 5 on Public Safety**

Assembly Member Reginald Byron Jones-Sawyer, Sr. (D-Los Angeles)

**Budget Subcommittee No. 6 on Budget Process, Oversight and Program Evaluation**

Assembly Member Shirley N. Weber (D-San Diego)

**Business and Professions**

Assembly Member Susan A. Bonilla (D-Concord)

**Education**

Assembly Member Patrick O'Donnell (D-Long Beach)

**Elections and Redistricting**

Assembly Member Sebastian Ridley-Thomas (D-Culver City)

**Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials:**

Assembly Member Luis A. Alejo (D-Salinas)

**Governmental Organization**

Assembly Member Adam C. Gray (D-Merced)

**Health**

Assembly Member Rob Bonta (D-Oakland)

**Higher Education**

Assembly Member Jose Medina (D-Riverside)

**Housing and Community Development**

Assembly Member Ed Chau (D-Monterey Park)

**Human Services**

Assembly Member Kansen Chu (D-San Jose)

**Insurance**

Assembly Member Tom Daly (D-Anaheim)

**Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy**

Assembly Member Eduardo Garcia (D-Riverside)

**Judiciary**

Assembly Member Mark Stone (D-Monterey Bay)

**Labor and Employment**

Assembly Member Roger Hernández (D-West Covina)

**Local Government**

Assembly Member Brian Maienschein (R-San Diego)

**Natural Resources**

Assembly Member Das Williams (D-Carpinteria)

**Privacy and Consumer Protection**

Assembly Member Mike Gatto (D-Glendale)

**Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security**

Assembly Member Rob Bonta (D-Oakland)

**Public Safety**

Assembly Member Bill Quirk (D-Hayward)

**Revenue and Taxation**

Assembly Member Philip Y. Ting (D-San Francisco)

**Rules**

Assembly Member Richard S. Gordon (D-Menlo Park)

**Transportation**

Assembly Member Jim Frazier (D-Oakley)

**Utilities and Commerce**

Assembly Member Anthony Rendon (D-Lakewood)

**Veterans Affairs**

Assembly Member Jacqui Irwin (D-Thousand Oaks)

**Water, Parks and Wildlife**

Assembly Member Marc Levine (D-San Rafael)

**Joint Legislative Audit**

Assembly Member Mike A. Gipson (D-Carson)

**Joint Legislative Committee on Emergency Management**

Assembly Member Freddie Rodriguez (D-Pomona)

## 2015-16 Legislative Calendar

Dec. 01, 2014	2015-16 Regular Session convenes for Organizational Session at 12 noon (Art. IV, Sec. 3(a)). Organizational Recess begins upon adjournment of session (J.R. 51 (a)(1)).
Jan. 01, 2015	Statutes take effect (Art. IV, Sec. 8(c)).
Jan. 05, 2015	Legislature reconvenes (J.R. 51(a)(1))
Jan. 10, 2015	Budget Bill must be submitted by Governor (Art. IV, Sec. 12(a)).
Jan. 19, 2015	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day observed.
Jan. 30, 2015	Last day to submit bill requests to the Office of Legislative Counsel.
Feb. 16, 2015	Presidents' Day observed.
Feb. 27, 2015	Last day for bills to be introduced (J.R. 61(a)(1), J.R. 54(a)).
Mar. 26, 2015	Spring Recess begins upon adjournment (J.R. 51(a)(2)).
Mar. 30, 2015	Cesar Chavez Day.
Apr. 06, 2015	Legislature reconvenes from Spring Recess (J.R. 51(a)(2)).
May. 01, 2015	Last day for Policy Committees to hear and report fiscal bills for referral to Fiscal Committees (J.R. 61(a)(2)).
May. 15, 2015	Last day for Policy Committees to hear and report to the Floor nonfiscal bills (J.R. 61(a)(3)).
May. 22, 2015	Last day for Policy Committees to meet prior to June 8 (J.R. 61(a)(4)).
May. 25, 2015	Memorial Day observed.
May. 29, 2015	Last day for Fiscal Committees to hear and report bills to the Floor (J.R. 61(a)(5)). Last day for Fiscal Committees to meet prior to June 8 (J.R. 61(a)(6)).
Jun. 01 –	
Jun. 05, 2015	Floor session only. No committee may meet for any purpose (J.R. 61(a)(7)).
Jun. 05, 2015	Last day to pass bills out of house of origin (J.R. 61(a)(8)).
Jun. 08, 2015	Committee meetings may resume (J.R. 61(a)(9)).
Jun. 15, 2015	Budget Bill must be passed by midnight (Art. IV, Sec. 12(c)).
Jul. 03, 2015	Independence Day observed.
Jul. 17, 2015	Last day for Policy Committees to meet and report bills (J.R. 61(a)(10)). Summer Recess begins upon adjournment, provided Budget Bill has been passed (J.R. 51(a)(3)).
Aug. 17, 2015	Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess (J.R. 51(a)(3)).
Aug. 28, 2015	Last day for Fiscal Committees to meet and report bills to the Floor (J.R. 61(a)(11)).
Aug. 31 -	
Sep. 11, 2015	Floor session only. No committee may meet for any purpose except for Rules Committees and Conference Committees (J.R. 61(a)(12)).
Sep. 04, 2015	Last day to amend on the Floor (J.R. 61(a)(13), A.R. 69(e)).
Sep. 07, 2015	Labor Day observed.
Sep. 11, 2015	Last day for any bill to be passed (J.R. 61(a)(14)). Interim Study Recess begins upon adjournment (J.R. 51(a)(4)).
Oct. 11, 2015	Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature on or before Sept. 11 and in the Governor's possession after Sept. 11 (Art IV, Sec. 10(b)(1)).
Jan. 01, 2016	Statutes take effect (Art. IV, Sec. 8(c)).