



2010 Public Policy Legislative Positions

The AAUW CA Public Policy Committee takes positions on bills that relate to both national Public Policy Principles and AAUW CA Public Policy Priorities. The Committee reviewed 46 bills, and took positions on those bills listed below. AAUW members are encouraged to communicate with their Assembly Members and Senators on these bills, and follow the progress of bills online at www.leginfo.ca.gov

Support / Oppose

A Support or Oppose position is the highest priority; AAUW's advocate Charlotte Newhart commits maximum effort, sending letters, testifying on behalf of the AAUW position in both committee meetings and Assembly and Senate floor sessions, and communicates when action alerts should be sent to the membership.

SB 929 Pavley Hazardous Materials: Cadmium in Children's Jewelry **Support / CoSponsor**
Prohibits the manufacturing, shipping, selling or offering for sale or offering for promotional purposes children's jewelry containing Cadmium.

SB 1020 Wolk Senate Budget and Fiscal Review **Support**
Requires that the budget submitted by the Governor to the Legislature for the 2014-15 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter be developed pursuant to performance-based budgeting. Requires the budget of a state agency submitted to the Department of Finance to utilize performance-based budgeting. Establishes a task force to develop performance-based budgeting guidelines and a process for phasing in requirements of performance-based budgeting.

SB 1426 DeSaulnier State Budget: 2 Year Spending Plan **Support**
Requires the Governor to submit, together with the Governor's Budget for each fiscal year that begins in an odd-numbered year, a proposed budget plan for the immediately following fiscal year. Specifies that the Governor's Budget subsequently submitted for that immediately following fiscal year identify proposed modifications to the budget plan previously submitted for that year.

AB 1900 Skinner Pregnant Inmates and Wards **Support**
Ensures that inmates who are pregnant are restrained in the least restrictive way possible, consistent with the legislative security needs of each inmate, when being transported. Requires adult and juvenile state correctional facilities and local correctional and detention facilities to develop policies.

AB 2229 Brownley Mandated Child Abuse Reporting **Oppose**
Relates to mandated child abuse reporting. Requires a health practitioner or medical social worker who is making a mandated report pursuant to such provisions relating to maternal substance abuse to disclose all known health needs of a child, including exposure to HIV infection.

Approve / Disapprove

On bills noted as Approve or Disapprove, AAUW's lobbyist will communicate AAUW's position to the author or to the hearing committee chair; further action will be taken as time and resource availability permits.

- AJR 32 Monning Gender Discrimination : Ratify CEDAW **Approve**
 Memorializes the United States Senate to ratify, and the President to sign, the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.
- SB 810 Leno Single-Payer Health Care Coverage **Approve**
 Establishes the State Healthcare System to be administered by the newly created State Healthcare Agency under the control of a Healthcare Commissioner appointed by the Governor. Makes all residents eligible for specified health care benefits under the system, which would, on a single-payer basis, negotiate for or set fees for health care services provided through the system and pay claims for them. Extends the application of insurance fraud laws to providers of services and products under the system.
- SB 917 Denham Public Postsecondary Education: Student Protection Act **Disapprove**
 Enacts the Student Protection Act, which would require any increase in mandatory systemwide fees adopted by the trustees to become effective at a specified time after the date on which the increase is adopted. Prohibits the trustees from increasing mandatory systemwide fees, in any academic year, by an amount exceeding a percentage mandatory systemwide fees for the immediately preceding academic year. Requests the regents to adopt policies that are consistent with these provisions.
- SB 969 Florez Postsecondary Education **Approve**
 Enacts the California College and University Fee Stabilization Act of 2010. Places limits on increases in mandatory systemwide fees charged to students enrolled in the 3 segments of public postsecondary education.
- SB 1157 DeSaulnier Healthy Schools Act of 2010 **Approve**
 Prohibits all public schools from using the most highly toxic pesticides on school property. Exempts antimicrobial pesticides, products deployed in the form of a self-contained bait or trap, or as a crack and crevice treatment, agricultural uses, or activities undertaken by participants in agricultural vocational education. Requires all manufacturers who sell any of the most highly toxic pesticides, to pay an unspecified fee.
- SB 1233 Oropeza Confidential Address Programs **Approve**
 Amends the Address Confidentiality of Victims of Domestic Violence and Stalking Program; extends the provisions of the program; extends the provisions of the Address for Reproductive Health Care Services Providers, Employers, Volunteers, and Patients program and provides an exemption to the length of retention for program records for a change of name record. Extends indefinitely voter registration confidentiality provisions.
- SB 1365 Corbett Public Safety: Consumer Products **Approve**
 Amends an existing law that provides no person shall manufacture, sell, or exchange any toy that is contaminated with any toxic substance and provides for enforcement of these provisions by the State Department of Public Health and local health officers. Allows the Department of Toxic Substances Control to enforce these provisions.

- AB 1738 Tran Domestic Violence Incident Report **Approve**
Amends existing law that relates to domestic violence incident reporting. Requires State and local law enforcement agencies to provide domestic violence incident report documents to a victim's representative when the victim is not deceased. Revises the definition of personal representative to include the victim's attorney and members of the victim's immediate family.
- AB 1825 DeLaTorre Maternity Services **Approve**
Requires new forms for health insurance policies submitted to the Department of Insurance to provide coverage for maternity services. Requires health insurers to submit to the department, revised policy forms that provide coverage for maternity services and would require insurers to include that coverage in the corresponding policies that are issued, amended, or renewed following the department's approval.
- AB 1866 Strickland Public Assistance: Home Visits **Disapprove**
Relates to the CalWORKS program. Requires a welfare fraud investigator in the county of residence of an applicant for aid, within 10 days of the applicant's preliminary approval, to arrange for an authorized investigator to conduct a home call, consisting of a brief interview with the applicant and a walk-through of the applicant's residence.
- AB 2112 Monning Prescription Record Privacy Act **Approve**
Enacts the Prescription Record Privacy Act. Prohibits a person from knowingly disclosing or using regulate records that include prescription information for marketing a prescribed product. Provides an exception. Provides an administrative penalty for violation. Authorizes the Secretary of Health and Human Services to adopt regulations for implementation. Requires the Office of Health Information Integrity to conduct an administrative hearing upon receipt of a violation.
- AB 2211 Fuentes Work-Based Learning **Approve**
Authorizes school districts that maintain high schools to establish work-based learning programs. Authorizes partnership academies, regional occupational programs to deliver work-based learning opportunities for pupils that may include work experience education, community classrooms, cooperative career technical education programs and job shadowing experience.

Watch

Bills may be introduced as "intent bills" or "placeholders" before being fully detailed. In the case of bills that appear to have merit, but lacked enough information to enable taking a position, the Public Policy Committee assigned a "Watch" position. When more information or greater definition is available, the position could change to Approve/Disapprove or the bill may be found to not have merit.

- SB 890 Alquist Health Care Coverage **Watch**
Relates to existing law that provides for licensing and regulation of health care service plans by the Department of Health Care and health insurers by the Department of Insurance, and creates various programs to provide health care services to persons of limited incomes, including the Medi-Cal Program and the Healthy Families Program. States the intent of the Legislature to implement federal health care reforms by enacting specified legislation in that regard.
- SB 900 Alquist California Health Insurance Exchange **Watch**
Establishes the State Health Insurance Exchange within the Health and Human Services Agency. Requires the exchange to provide, or make available, health care coverage through participating

health plans, determine eligibility, enrollment and disenrollment criteria and processes, authorizes expenditures from the Insurance Exchange Fund and be governed by an unspecified board.

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- SB 906 Leno Marriage **Watch**
Defines civil marriage as a personal relation arising out of a civil contract between a man and a woman, established pursuant to a State of California marriage license issued by the county clerk, to which the consent of the parties capable of making that contract is necessary. Specifies that no priest, minister, rabbi, or authorized person of any religious denomination would be required to solemnize a marriage that is contrary to the tenets of his or her faith.
- SB 974 Steinberg Career Pathways Investment Credit **Watch**
Relates to the Personal Income Tax and Corporation Tax laws. Relates to strategic investments to educate and prepare the workforce to fuel the next state of economic growth. States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to ensure that the state's tax expenditure investments are rigorously evaluated and to establish fiscal incentives, such as tax credits, that encourage businesses in the state to enter into partnerships with schools to strengthen education and develop career skills.
- SB 1200 Leno Health Care Coverage: School Based **Watch**
Relates to regulation of health care service plans. Adds timeliness of care for schoolage children who must receive medically necessary services during school hours as one of the indicators of timeliness.
- SB 1230 DeSaulnier Human Trafficking **Watch**
States that it is the intent of the Legislature to later amend into this bill provisions that would combat and prevent human trafficking in California
- SB 1300 Correa Pupils: Teen Dating Violence Prevention **Watch**
Authorizes a school district to provide teen dating violence prevention education consisting of age-appropriate instruction , as developed by the state Board of Education as part of the sexual health and health education program it provides to pupils in grades 7 to 12, inclusive.
- SB 1315 Romero Parent Empowerment **Watch**
States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation relating to parent empowerment in education related matters relating to the implementation of alternative governance arrangements.
- AB 1595 Jones Health Care Reform **Watch**
States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would implement federal health care reform in this state.
- AB 1609 Evans Budget Act of 2010 **Watch**
Makes appropriations for the support of state government for the 2010-11 fiscal year.
- AB 1741 Coto Low Achieving Schools **Watch**
Relates to high school graduation requirements.
- AB 1754 Swanson Instructional Materials **Watch**
Expresses the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to provide greater flexibility in the use of textbooks in schools.

- AB 2102 Lieu Criminal Procedure: Court Proceedings **Watch**
 Relates to court appearance, arraignment and plea by video for misdemeanor offenses involving domestic violence. Removes the requirement that the accused agree to making such appearances by video. Removes the requirement that the accused shall be personally present pursuant to these provisions.
- AB 2251 Buchanan School Employees and Volunteers **Watch**
 Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to existing law that provides that prior to assuming a paid or volunteer position to supervise, direct, or coach a pupil activity program sponsored by, or affiliated with, a school district, all noncertificated candidates are required to obtain an Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing.
- AB 2319 Swanson Human Trafficking: Minors **Watch**
 Provides that depriving or violating a person's liberty with the intent to effect or maintain the provision of a person under the age of 16 to another person for the purpose of any lewd or lascivious act, or the procurement of minors in the preparation of material depicting sexual conduct by a minor, constitutes human trafficking.
- AB 2335 Brownley Education Finance: Reporting System **Watch**
 Expresses findings and declarations of the Legislature with respect to the school funding system in the state. Requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to study prescribed topics to a school-based financial reporting system and to make findings and recommendations to the Legislature.
- AB 2757 Bradford Oocyte Donation: Advertisement **Watch**
 Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to existing law which requires specified notice to be given when posting an advertisement seeking oocyte donation associated with the delivery of fertility treatment.

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