

CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH UNDERWRITERS

TOP PRIORITY BILL STATUS REPORT

MARCH 20, 2017

BILL/AUTHOR	SUBJECT	POSITION	DESCRIPTION	STATUS
<u>AB 156</u> (<u>Wood D</u>)	Individual market: single risk pool: index rate.	WATCH: PENDING AMENDMENT	CAHU is closely watching AB 156 for amendments. AB 156, which is currently a spot bill, is very likely to become a prime vehicle for IFP health care reforms that will be added in reaction to changes made at the federal level in the coming weeks and months. Identical to SB 133.	ASSEMBLY HEALTH HEARING SET: 4/25/2017
<u>AB 157</u> (<u>Wood D</u>)	Small group market: single risk pool: index rate.	WATCH: PENDING AMENDMENT	CAHU is closely watching AB 157 for amendments. AB 157, which is currently a spot bill, is likely to become a prime vehicle for small group health care reforms that will be added in reaction to changes made at the federal level in the coming weeks and months. Identical to SB 134.	ASSEMBLY HEALTH HEARING SET: 4/25/2017
<u>AB 251</u> (<u>Bonta D</u>)	Health and care facilities	SUPPORT	CAHU SUPPORTS AB 251 which will ensure health care consumers are afforded continued access to certified specialty clinics throughout California.	ASSEMBLY HEALTH HEARING SET: 3/28/2017
<u>AB 417</u> (<u>Wood D</u>)	Health coverage: small employers	WATCH: PENDING AMENDMENT	CAHU is watching AB 417 for amendments. AB 417, which is currently a spot bill, is very likely to become a prime vehicle for small group health care reforms that will be added in reaction to changes made at the federal level in the coming weeks and months.	ASSEMBLY HEALTH HEARING SET: 4/25/2017
<u>AB 595</u> (<u>Wood D</u>)	Health Insurers: Mergers And Acquisitions	WATCH: PENDING AMENDMENT	CAHU is tracking AB 595 regarding health care service plan acquisitions and mergers. CAHU believes that it is necessary to ensure affordable choice for	ASSEMBLY HEALTH HEARING SET: 4/4/2017

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			health care consumers that is only available through a competitive health insurance marketplace.	
AB 989 (Cooper D)	Health Savings Accounts: Tax Conformity	SUPPORT	CAHU is working in tandem with NAIFA California and IIABCal to SUPPORT AB 989 which would conform state and federal tax laws pertaining to health savings accounts (HSAs) in order to provide needed savings to public and private sector employees and employers. Health Savings Accounts allow individuals to save tax-free dollars to pay for near-term medical expenses and also save for future longer-term costs, in particular, medical care costs that occur after retirement.	ASSEMBLY REVENUE & TAXATION HEARING SET: 3/27/2017
AB 1140 (Oberholte R)	Health Savings Accounts: Tax Conformity	SUPPORT	CAHU is working in tandem with NAIFA-California and IIABCal to SUPPORT AB 1140 which conforms state and federal tax laws pertaining to health savings accounts (HSAs) in order to provide needed savings to public and private sector employees and employers. HSAs allow individuals to save tax-free dollars to pay for near-term medical expenses and also save for future longer-term costs, in particular, medical care costs that occur after retirement.	ASSEMBLY REVENUE & TAXATION HEARING SET: 3/27/2017
SB 133 (Hernandez D)	Individual market: single risk pool: index rate.	WATCH: PENDING AMENDMENT	CAHU is closely watching SB 133 for amendments. SB 133, which is currently a spot bill, is very likely to become a prime vehicle for IFP health care reforms that will be added in reaction to changes made at the federal level in the coming weeks and months. Identical to AB 156.	SENATE HEALTH 1/19/2017 HEARING: NOT SET
SB 134 (Hernandez D)	Small group market: single risk pool: index rate.	WATCH: PENDING AMENDMENT	CAHU is closely watching SB 134 for amendments. SB 134, which is currently a spot bill, is very likely to become a prime vehicle for small	SENATE HEALTH 1/19/2017

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<u>SB 172</u> <u>(Portantino D)</u>	Health Care Coverage: Fertility Preservation	OPPOSE	CAHU OPPOSES SB 172 that increases the cost of health care by mandating all new individual or group health insurance policies issued, amended, or renewed on and after January 1, 2018, provide fertility preservation coverage for any and all situations, direct or indirect, where fertility may be impacted.	SENATE HEALTH 2/2/2017 HEARING: NOT SET
<u>SB 199</u> <u>(Hernandez D)</u>	New Paperwork Mandate: Health Care: Self Insured Employers	OPPOSE UNLESS AMEND	CAHU OPPOSES SB 199 UNLESS AMENDED, which seeks to burden all employers, regardless of size, who self-insure for health care with new, multi-level reporting mandates about their private contracts and employee use of health care.	SENATE HEALTH 2/9/2017 HEARING: 4/19/2017
<u>SB 374</u> <u>(Newman D)</u>	Grandfathered Plans: Mandated Change: Health Insurance: Mental Health.	OPPOSE	CAHU OPPOSES SB 374, which will have the negative impact of eliminating existing individual, small and large group grandfathered plans by mandating mental health coverage changes in all health insurance policies beginning January 1, 2018. SB 374 does this by not providing an exception for grandfathered plans in the bill language.	SENATE HEALTH HEARING SET: 3/29/2017
<u>SB 562</u> <u>(Lara D)</u>	Universal Single Payer Health System	OPPOSE	CAHU is working with NAIFA California and IIABCAL to OPPOSE SB 562 (Lara/Atkins) which seeks to replace California's healthcare marketplace with a universal Single Payer system that would reduce competition, limit options for consumers, raise costs, and threaten access to care.	SENATE RULES 2/17/2017 HEARING: NOT SET

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SB 640 (Hertzberg D)	New Tax: Services	OPPOSE	CAHU OPPOSES SB 640, which proposes to establish a first-time sales tax on services, including services provided by independent health insurance agents.	SENATE GOVERNANCE & FINANCE 3/2/2017 HEARING: NOT SET