

CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH UNDERWRITERS

TOP PRIORITY BILL STATUS REPORT

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BILL/AUTHOR	SUBJECT	POSITION	DESCRIPTION	STATUS
AB 156 (Wood D)	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.	Passed ASSEMBLY HEALTH 4/26/2017 To ASSEMBLY Floor Consent Calendar 4/30/2017
AB 157 (Wood D)	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.	Passed ASSEMBLY HEALTH 4/26/2017 To Assembly Floor Consent Calendar 4/30/2017
AB 251 (Bonta D)	Health and care facilities	SUPPORT	CAHU SUPPORTS AB 251 which will ensure health care consumers are afforded better access to specialty clinics throughout California.	Passed ASSEMBLY 4/20/2017 To SENATE Rules
AB 417 (Wood D)	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.	Passed ASSEMBLY HEALTH 4/26/2017 To ASSEMBLY Floor Consent Calendar 4/30/2017

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AB 595 (Wood D)	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 health care consumers that is only available through a competitive health insurance marketplace.	ASSEMBLY Appropriations HEARING: NOT SET
AB 989 (Cooper D) and (Oberholte R)	Health Savings Accounts: Tax Conformity	SUPPORT	CAHU is working in tandem with NAIFA California and IABCAL 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 Appropriations 4/26/2017 To SUSPENSE FILE HEARING: NOT SET
AB 1584 (Gonzalez Fletcher D)	Insurance: production agents: license examination: contracts	OPPOSE UNLESS AMEND	CAHU OPPOSES AB 1584 unless amended which attempts to mandate agents who take the license examination in Spanish to provide all contracts, policies, certificates, riders, and any other required notices in Spanish if Spanish was principally used in the negotiation of the contract. The mandate is should appropriately placed health plans and carriers who are the source of all documents of the named documents.	ASSEMBLY INSURANCE HEARING: NOT SET
AB 1601 (Bloom D)	New Mandate: Hearing aids: minors	OPPOSE UNLESS AMEND	CAHU OPPOSES AB 1584 that mandates all health plans provide coverage for hearing devices for those under 18 years of age unless amended to include reasonable cost controls.	Passed ASSEMBLY Health To ASSEMBLY Appropriations 4/25/2017

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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 SET: 5/3/2017
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 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 AB 157.	SENATE HEALTH HEARING SET: 5/3/2017
SB 172 (Portantino D)	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.	Passed SENATE HEALTH 4/26/2017 To SENATE Appropriations HEARING: NOT SET
SB 199 (Hernandez D)	New Paperwork Mandate: Health Care: Self Insured Employers	WATCH	As amended, CAHU no longer opposes SB 199 and is now NEUTRAL on the bill. SB 199 now calls for DMHC to convene a broad spectrum of health care stakeholders and experts, to identify the type of data, purpose of use, and entities and individuals that are required to report to, or that may have access to, a health care cost, quality, and equity atlas.	SENATE HEALTH HEARING SET: 5/3/2017

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SB 562 (Lara D)	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.	<i>Passed SENATE HEALTH 4/26/2017</i> <i>To SENATE Appropriations</i> <i>HEARING: NOT SET</i>
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.	<i>SENATE GOVERNANCE & FINANCE 3/2/2017</i> <i>HEARING: NOT SET</i>