

Guide to Pending California Labor/Employment Bills on Governor Brown's Desk (2018)

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Sexual Harassment Bills	Subject	Prediction	Actual
AB 1867	Record Retention. Requires employers with 50 or	Sign	Result?
(Reyes)	more employees to maintain records of internal	Sign	
(NCYCS)	complaints alleging sexual harassment for at least five		
	years.		
AB 1870	FEHA Statute of Limitations . Extends the period of	Sign	
(Reyes)	time for an employee to file a complaint of unlawful	5	
	employment discrimination (not just sexual		
	harassment) with the Department of Fair Employment		
	and Housing (DFEH) from one year to three years.		
AB 2079	Janitorial Workers. Establishes new sets of	Sign	
(Gonzalez Fletcher)	requirements for the registration of janitorial	Ū	
	employers and sexual harassment prevention training		
	for janitorial employees, including a requirement that		
	mandated training must be provided by organizations		
	on a list of qualified providers that utilize peer		
	trainers.		
<u>AB 2338</u>	Talent Agencies. Requires talent agencies to provide	Sign	
(Levine)	educational material on sexual harassment training,		
	retaliation, nutrition and eating disorders to adult		
	artists, and requires minors (and their parents) to		
	receive training in sexual harassment prevention.		
<u>AB 3080</u>	Mandatory Arbitration Agreements. Prohibits	Veto	
(Gonzalez Fletcher)	employers from requiring employees, as a condition		
	of employment, to sign an agreement to arbitrate		
	claims arising under FEHA or the Labor Code.		
	Prohibits non-disparagement clauses related to sexual		
	harassment, and appears to broadly prohibit		
	settlement agreements that include release of claims.		
<u>AB 3081</u>	Sexual Harassment and Retaliation. Prohibits	Sign	
(Gonzalez Fletcher)	employers from retaliating against employees for		
	being a victim of sexual harassment. Creates a		
	rebuttable presumption that adverse employment		
	action taken within 30 days is unlawful retaliation.		
	Makes client employers and labor contractors jointly		
AD 2100	liable for sexual harassment.	C:	
<u>AB 3109</u>	Contracts: Right to Testify. Makes void any provision	Sign	
(Stone)	in a contractor or settlement agreement that waives a		
	party's right to testify in an administrative, legislative		
	or judicial proceeding concerning alleged criminal		
	conduct or sexual harassment.		

Sexual Harassment Bills (Cont.)	Subject	Prediction	Actual Result?
<u>SB 224</u> (Jackson)	Sexual Harassment: Professional Relationships. Adds "investor, elected official, lobbyists, director and producer" to the list of examples in Civil Code Section 51.9 that imposes liability for sexual harassment in "business, service or professional" relationships.	Sign	
<u>SB 820</u> (Jackson)	Non-Disclosure Agreements. Prohibits provisions in settlement agreements that prevent disclosure of factual information related to act of sexual assault, sexual harassment, or sex discrimination or retaliation. Allows a claimant to request language that shields their identity or facts that could lead to the discovery of their identity. Does not apply to disclosure of the amount paid in settlement of a claim.	Sign	
<u>SB 1300</u> (Jackson)	Unlawful Employment Practices. Prohibits employers, in exchange for a raise or a bonus, or as a condition of employment or continued employment, from requiring an employee to sign a release of claim under FEHA or to sign a nondisparagement agreement. Permits employers to provide "bystander intervention training." Makes legislative findings and declarations, including (1) that a single incident can constitute harassment, and (2) that harassment cases are rarely appropriate for summary judgment.	Veto	
<u>SB 1343</u> (Mitchell)	Training. Requires employers with 5 or more employees to provide 2 hours of sexual harassment prevention training to all supervisory employees, and at least 1 hour of sexual harassment prevention training to all nonsupervisory employees by January 1, 2020. Requires DFEH to develop online training courses that employers can utilize to satisfy these requirements.	Sign	
Lactation Accommodation Bills	Subject	Prediction	Actual Result?
AB 1976 (Limón)	Lactation Accommodation. Provides that a lactation room must be "other than a bathroom." Provides for temporary lactation locations that meet certain conditions, and allows agricultural employers to utilize the air-conditioned cab of a truck or tractor. Allows an employer to request a hardship exemption under certain conditions.	Sign	Result:

SB 937	Lactation Accommodation. Requires that a lactation	Veto	
(Weiner)	room (1) be safe and free of toxic or hazardous		
	materials, (2) contain a surface to place a breast pump		
	and personal items as well as a place to sit, (3) have		
	access to electricity, running water and a refrigerator,		
	(4) not be a bathroom, and (5) be in proximity to an		
	employee's work area. Allows an employer with 50 or		
	more employees to apply for a hardship waiver.		
Human Trafficking Bills	Subject	Prediction	Actual Result?
AB 2034	Training. Requires operators of mass transit intercity	Sign	noountr
(Kalra)	passenger rail systems, light rail systems, and bus	5	
	stations by 2021 to provide employees who may		
	interact with human trafficking victims with 20		
	minutes of training on recognizing the signs of human		
	trafficking and similar matters		
SB 970	Training. Requires a hotel or motel employer, by	Sign	
(Atkins)	2020, to provide 20 minutes of training to employees		
······/	that are likely to come into contact with victims of		
	human trafficking. Thereafter, training shall be		
	provided once every two years.		
OSHA Related Bills	Subject	Prediction	Actual
			Result?
<u>AB 2334</u>	Employer Electronic Reporting. Provides that if	Sign	
(Thurmond)	federal OSHA eliminates the proposed Improve	_	
	Tracking of Workplace Injuries and Illnesses rule,		
	Cal/OSHA shall convene an advisory committee to		
	evaluate how to implement the changes at the state		
	level. This bill also provides than an "occurrence" for		
	purpose of recordkeeping requirements continues		
	until it is corrected, Cal/OSHA discovers the violation,		
	or the duty to comply ceases to exist.		
AB 2799	Cannabis. Requires an applicant for a cannabis	Veto	
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(Jones-Sawyer)	license to provide a statement that it employs, or will		
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Construction/Public Works Bills	Subject	Prediction	Actual Result?
AB 235 (O'Donnell)	Apprenticeship and Pre-apprenticeship. Establishes a two-part process for the approval of apprenticeship programs, maintaining the current process for building trades and firefighter programs and establishing a separate process for newly emerging areas. Establishes pre-apprenticeship eligibility requirements.	Sign	Result:
AB 1565 (Thurmond)	General Contractor Liability. This bill is a clean-up measure to AB 1701 from last year and responds to the Governor's signing message asking for technical clarifications.	Sign	
AB 2031 (O'Donnell)	School Project Bidding Requirements. Removes the January 1, 2019 sunset date on the requirement of general contractors and specified subcontractors to complete and submit prequalification information prior to bidding on school construction projects.	Sign	
AB 2358 (Carrillo)	Apprenticeships: Discrimination. Prohibits discrimination in building and construction trades apprenticeship programs based on enumerated categories with regards to acceptance into or participation in the program.	Sign	
<u>AB 3018</u> (Low)	Skilled and Trained Workforce Requirements. Increases reporting requirements and penalties for noncompliance with existing provisions related to skilled and trained workforce requirements on state public works projects.	Sign	
AB 3231 (Gray)	Certified Payroll Records. Authorizes a joint labor- management committee to bring an action against an employer who fails to provide payroll records as required by state law.	Sign	
<u>SB 1223</u> (Galgiani)	Discrimination and Harassment Prevention Policy . Requires DLSE to convene an advisory committee and to develop recommendations for an industry-specific harassment and discrimination prevention policy and training standards for use by employers in the construction industry.	Veto	

Miscellaneous Bills	Subject	Prediction	Actual Result?
AB 1080 (Gonzalez Fletcher)	Bid Preferences: Employee Health Care Coverage. Provides a 5% bid preference on state public works projects and specified service contracts for bidders who provide employees with "credible health care coverage."	Sign	RCSUIT.
<u>AB 1654</u> (Rubio)	Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act (PAGA). Establishes a collective bargaining agreement exemption for PAGA claims filed by employees in the construction industry.	Sign	
AB 2314 (Ting)	Domestic Workers. Requires DLSE to establish a pilot program, in collaboration with qualified organizations, to provide resources, education, and training regarding labor standards in the domestic work industry for both employees and employers.	Veto	
AB 2317 (Eggman)	Whistleblowers: County Patients' Rights Advocates. Extends whistleblower protections to county patients' rights advocates appointed or under contract to provide services relating to mental health advocacy.	Sign	
<u>AB 2455</u> (Kalra)	Home Care Aide Registry. Requires the Department of Social Services, upon request, to provide an electronic copy of a registered home care aide's name and certain contact information to specified labor organizations, unless the aide has opted-out.	Veto	
AB 2496 (Gonzalez Fletcher)	Janitorial Employees: Employment Status. Creates a rebuttable presumption that a worker in the janitorial industry is an employee.	Sign	
<u>AB 2605</u> (Gipson)	Rest Breaks: Petroleum Facilities. Establishes an exemption from the "relieved of all duty" rest period requirements of the recent <i>Augustus</i> case for employees in safety sensitive positions in petroleum facilities covered by a valid collective bargaining agreement.	Sign	
AB 2732 (Gonzalez Fletcher)	Immigration Documents. Makes it unlawful for an employer to destroy, conceal, remove, confiscate or possess an employee passport or other immigration related document with intent to commit specified crimes. Requires all employers to provide employees with a specified "Worker's Bill of Rights" containing specified information.	Sign	
<u>AB 2751</u> (Stone)	Agriculture Labor Relations Board (ALRB). Requires the ALRB to process to final board order all decisions with monetary remedies within one year of a finding of liability. This bill also requires the immediate implementation of a final board order and contract resulting from mandatory mediation.	Veto	

Miscellaneous Bills (Cont.)	Subject	Prediction	Actual Result?
<u>SB 826</u>	Board of Directors: Women. Requires each publicly	Veto	
(Jackson)	held corporation who principal executive offices are		
	located in California to have a minimum number of		
	women on its board of directors, as specified.		
<u>SB 1123</u>	Paid Family Leave. Permits an individual who misses	Sign	
(Jackson)	work due to their spouse, domestic partner, parent or		
	child being on active duty in the armed forces to		
	receive paid family leave benefits.		
<u>SB 1252</u>	Payroll Records. Provides that when an employee	Sign	
(Bradford)	asserts his or her right to inspect and copy payroll		
	records, the employer is required to make the copies.		
<u>SB 1402</u>	Port Drayage Trucking: Liability. Requires joint and	Sign	
(Lara)	several liability for customers who contract with port		
	drayage motor carriers who have unsatisfied		
	judgments regarding unpaid wages, damages,		
	expenses, penalties and workers' compensation		
	liability.		
<u>SB 1412</u>	Criminal History. Narrows certain exceptions to	Veto	
(Bradford)	existing "ban the box" prohibitions to limit their		
	consideration only to "particular" convictions.		