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Introduction

The Legislature sent 1,172 bills to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in 2006, and he signed 910 of them into law—including measures that will reduce greenhouse-gas emissions, increase penalties for sex offenders, raise the minimum wage, and even punish those who endanger their pets. Most of these laws go into effect on January 1, 2007.

The governor rejected 22.35 percent of the bills—the fifth highest percentage of vetoes by a California governor in a single year since such comparisons began in 1967 (former Governor Gray Davis holds the highest single-year veto percentage of 24.91 percent in 2000).

2006 Legislative Highlights, prepared by the Senate Office of Research, briefly summarizes 220 significant measures approved by the Senate and Assembly and sent to the governor this year. The bills are organized by policy committee; if a bill was referred to multiple committees, you'll find it listed under the committee of primary jurisdiction. For a listing of bills sorted by bill number, turn to the index.

For the complete text of the bills, resolutions, and constitutional amendments featured in the following pages, as well as committee staff analyses, floor analyses, and the governor's veto messages, visit www.leginfo.ca.gov. And for details on the state's new budget expenditures of \$128.4 billion, see "California Spending Plan 2006–07: The Budget Act and Related Legislation," by the Legislative Analyst's Office, at www.lao.ca.gov.

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Agriculture

- **AB 1147 (Leno)** Permits the cultivation of industrial hemp as a field crop and establishes testing procedures to ensure that the hemp is not psychoactive. **Vetoed.**
- **AB 2906 (Agriculture Committee)** Authorizes the Department of Food and Agriculture to issue permits and inspect independent milk tank-truck cleaning and sanitizing facilities. Allows the department to charge a cost-related fee for this service. **Chapter 584, Statutes of 2006.**

Banking, Finance, and Insurance

- **SB 840 (Kuehl)** Creates a single-payer health system to provide health coverage to all California residents. **Vetoed.**
- **SB 1207 (Alarcón)** Provides that any corporation listed on a stock exchange that has eliminated cumulative voting (a type of voting that gives greater power to minority shareholders to elect a director) may amend its bylaws to provide that in an uncontested election, shareholder approval is required to elect a director. Failure to secure such approval triggers an end date for the incumbent director. **Chapter 871, Statutes of 2006.**
- **SB 1223 (Scott)** Requires health insurers to offer specified coverage for hearing aids for children. **Vetoed.**
- **SB 1245 (Figueroa)** Mandates that health insurers that currently provide coverage for an annual cervical-cancer screening also provide coverage for a human papillomavirus (HPV) screening. **Chapter 482, Statutes of 2006.**
- **SB 1699 (Bowen)** Prohibits displaying more than the last five digits of a credit card or debit card account number and the card's expiration date on electronically printed receipts retained by businesses. **Chapter 682, Statutes of 2006.**
- **SB 1810 (Dunn)** Authorizes the insurance commissioner to allow certain individuals to receive some benefits based on the premiums they already have paid for long-term care policies, even if the policy has lapsed. **Chapter 312, Statutes of 2006.**

- **AB 1909 (Vargas)** Clarifies which insurance policy pays first when two or more policies cover the same loss in specified cases. **Chapter 345, Statutes of 2006.**

- **AB 2043 (Committee on Banking and Finance)** Extends to businesses the protections that currently exist for debtors who have been victims of identity theft, such as requiring a debt collector to cease collection activities while an identity theft claim is reviewed. **Chapter 521, Statutes of 2006.**

- **AB 2125 (Vargas)** Makes numerous changes in the law regulating insurance, the most substantive of which relate to the regulation of the State Compensation Insurance Fund. The bill directs the insurance commissioner to notify the Legislature and the governor when the solvency of the State Compensation Insurance Fund is threatened. The governor, in consultation with the Legislature, is then charged with taking corrective action. **Chapter 740, Statutes of 2006.**

- **AB 2667 (Baca)** Authorizes specified state agencies, when licensing or contracting with an entity that provides health benefits, to consider the history of the entity's compliance with state and federal laws and regulations while operating in California or another state. **Chapter 758, Statutes of 2006.**

- **AB 2890 (Ridley-Thomas)** Permits the commissioner of corporations to suspend or bar from employment a person who willfully misleads the public about his or her qualifications relating to the mortgage lending business. **Chapter 201, Statutes of 2006.**

Business, Professions, and Economic Development

- **SB 1472 (Figueroa)** Establishes a Dental Hygiene Bureau responsible for issuing licenses, developing and administering examinations, and determining fees and educational requirements for dental hygienists. The bill also extends the sunset date for the Dental Board by one year. **Vetoed.**
- **SB 1476 (Figueroa)** Requires the Physical Therapy Board to deny the licensing of an applicant required to register as a sex offender, and extends the sunset dates on numerous regulatory boards within the Department of Consumer Affairs, including the Board of Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy Board, and State Board of Pharmacy. The bill also delays, until January 1, 2009, the implementation of a law requiring that prescription drugs have an “electronic pedigree” — a way of tracking prescription drugs from a manufacturer to a pharmacy. **Chapter 658, Statutes of 2006.**
- **SB 1513 (Romero and Figueroa)** Requires the Business, Transportation, and Housing Agency to complete a study of the state’s role in global markets by October 1, 2007, and, based on the study’s results, develop an international trade and investment strategy by February 1, 2008. Prohibits the establishment of foreign trade and investment offices unless certain conditions are met. The agency must submit a business plan to the Legislature indicating how the agency proposes to operate, manage, and monitor each trade office. The bill also specifies reporting requirements once the offices are established. **Chapter 663, Statutes of 2006.**

- **SB 1550 (Figueroa)** Enacts the Professional Fiduciaries Act to establish licensing standards and regulations for individuals acting as conservators, guardians, trustees, personal representatives, and others, as specified. The bill also creates the Professional Fiduciaries Bureau within the Department of Consumer Affairs. This bill is part of the Omnibus Conservatorship and Guardianship Reform Act of 2006, a four-bill package with SB 1116 (Scott), SB 1716 (Bowen), and AB 1363 (Jones). **Chapter 491, Statutes of 2006.**

- **SB 1578 (Lowenthal)** Makes tethering, chaining, or tying a dog to a stationary object, under certain circumstances, a crime. The bill provides exceptions for activities that do not create a danger to either the dog or public health and safety, such as temporarily tethering a dog outside a store. **Chapter 489, Statutes of 2006.**

- **SB 1737 (Figueroa)** Establishes protections regarding consumer rebates and sets standards for mail-in rebates. The bill requires companies offering rebates to allow a consumer a minimum of 30 days to submit a rebate request. Companies also must mail the rebate check to the consumer within a specified time period. **Vetoed.**

- **AB 409 (Yee)** Authorizes the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology to suspend immediately and place on probation an establishment that has failed an inspection due to health-and-safety law violations related to manicure and pedicure equipment. **Chapter 381, Statutes of 2006.**

- **AB 1868 (Bermúdez)** Clarifies the terms governing when and how out-of-state accountants may provide services to California residents and businesses, and establishes a fee to be paid to the Board of Accountancy to cover the cost of granting such practice privileges. **Chapter 458, Statutes of 2006.**

Education

K-12 Education

- **SB 472 (Alquist)** Reauthorizes, until July 1, 2012, the Mathematics and Reading Professional Development Program for teachers. The bill also establishes professional development training for teachers of English language learners. **Chapter 524, Statutes of 2006.**
- **SB 517 (Romero) and SB 267 (Romero)** Exempts pupils with disabilities who meet specified criteria from passing the California High School Exit Exam as a condition of receiving a high school diploma. SB 517 extends the exemption to December 31, 2006, and SB 267 extends it to December 31, 2007. **Chapter 3 and Chapter 629, Statutes of 2006.**
- **SB 638 (Torlakson and Ashburn)** Modifies existing policy and funding formulas for before- and after-school programs to implement Proposition 49 (a 2002 voter-approved initiative that provides state funding for these school programs) and to expedite funding to grant recipients. **Chapter 380, Statutes of 2006.**
- **SB 1133 (Torlakson)** Executes the Proposition 98 settlement agreement between the governor and the California Teachers Association to provide \$1.6 billion for the 2004–2005 school year, and \$1.3 billion for the 2005–2006 school year. The \$2.9 billion in funds will be paid over seven years commencing in fiscal year 2007–2008, and will primarily target low-performing schools. **Chapter 751, Statutes of 2006.**

- **SB 1209 (Scott)** Addresses the state's teacher shortage by expediting the process of employing teachers trained in other states, consolidating testing requirements for all teacher candidates, strengthening teacher preparation and support, and improving the distribution among school districts of new and experienced teachers. The bill also seeks to improve hiring practices and alleviate the shortage of teachers in specific areas. **Chapter 517, Statutes of 2006.**

- **SB 1385 (Vincent)** Authorizes the Los Angeles County Office of Education, when the services of a juvenile camp program are reduced or eliminated, to retain the camp's employees until the reduction in, or elimination of, services goes into effect. This authority applies to staff reductions initiated during the 2006–2007 or 2007–2008 school years. **Chapter 65, Statutes of 2006.**

- **SB 1471 (Kuehl)** Enacts the California Community Sexual Health Education Act. This act requires any program conducted, operated, funded, or administered by the state, or any state agency that provides education to prevent adolescent or unintended pregnancy or sexually transmitted infections, to meet specified requirements ensuring that the information provided is medically accurate, bias-free, and age appropriate. **Vetoed.**

- **SB 1580 (Ducheny)** Requires English language learners who are either literate in their primary language or receive instruction in their primary language to take an achievement test in their primary language, as soon as a test becomes available. Requires English language learners who have attended a school in the United States for three or more consecutive years to take an achievement test in English. The bill also authorizes a school district to administer achievement tests in a pupil's primary language for an additional two years if the district finds that such testing would yield a more accurate and reliable assessment of the student. **Vetoed.**

- **SB 1655 (Scott)** Prohibits the voluntary transfer of a teacher to a school ranked in the lowest deciles on the Academic Performance Index if the principal of the receiving school refuses the transfer. The bill also prohibits a school district from giving priority to a teacher who requests to be transferred over other qualified applicants, after April 15th of the school year prior to the transfer. **Chapter 518, Statutes of 2006.**

- **SB 1769 (Escutia)** Requires the 2008 Reading/Language Arts/English Language Development Curriculum Frameworks and Criteria to include an accelerated English program to improve the acquisition of speaking, reading, writing, and comprehension skills of English language learners. **Vetoed.**

- **AB 127 (Núñez and Perata)** Authorizes, subject to voter approval, the Kindergarten–University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 1D on the November 7, 2006, ballot), and provides \$10.416 billion for education in general obligation bonds, with \$7.329 billion allocated for K-12 facilities and \$3.087 billion for higher education facilities. **Chapter 35, Statutes of 2006.**

- **AB 172 (Chan)** Provides \$50 million to expand existing preschool programs and increase enrollment by targeting funding to communities served by the lowest-performing elementary schools. **Chapter 211, Statutes of 2006.**

- **AB 1228 (Daucher)** Establishes the K-12 High Speed Network to provide high-speed, high-bandwidth Internet connectivity to the K-12 public school system. The program will be governed by the superintendent of public instruction in consultation with an advisory panel. **Chapter 552, Statutes of 2006.**

- **AB 1381 (Núñez)** Enacts the Gloria Romero Educational Reform Act of 2006, which revises the governance and operation of the Los Angeles Unified School District by expanding the superintendent’s authority and responsibilities, limiting the authority and

responsibilities of the district's governing board, and creating a mayors' council with specified roles and duties.

Chapter 299, Statutes of 2006.

- **AB 1802 (Budget Committee)** Makes statutory changes necessary to implement the K-12 and higher education portions of the state budget for fiscal year 2006–2007. Among the many provisions, the bill:
 - ✓ Appropriates approximately \$2.05 billion in one-time Proposition 98 funds for a variety of K-12 purposes, including prior year mandate claims; discretionary block grants to school-site councils and school districts; arts, music, physical-education block grants; and K-12 instructional materials, library materials, and educational technology.
 - ✓ Creates a new formula for distributing Economic Impact Aid funding to improve the achievement of low-income and English language learners.
 - ✓ Authorizes a new block grant for student counseling services for grades 7-12.
 - ✓ Allocates up to \$500 per student for intensive supplemental remedial instruction for 12th grade students who have not yet passed the California High School Exit Exam. Any excess funds provided for this program may be used to assist 11th grade students who have not yet passed the exam.
 - ✓ Reduces community college fees from \$26 to \$20 per unit, starting in the spring 2007 term.

Chapter 79, Statutes 2006.
- **AB 2975 (Hancock)** Redefines “proficient” to meet the federal No Child Left Behind Act’s accountability requirements. Instead of being defined as an academic level that prepares a student for a four-year university, the state’s definition of proficient would mean a level that is needed to pass the California High School Exit Exam. **Vetoed.**

Higher Education

- **SB 160 (Cedillo)** Establishes the California Dream Act, which requires the California State University and the California Community Colleges to develop procedures allowing nonresident students eligible for in-state tuition to participate in all financial aid programs administered by these segments to the extent permitted by federal law. Makes a similar, though nonbinding, request of the University of California. **Vetoed.**
- **SB 361 (Scott)** Replaces the current system of program-based funding for the California Community Colleges with new methodologies for allocating community college general apportionments and determining the community college board of governors' budget request. The bill also establishes a new category of noncredit courses, which are eligible for enhanced funding, and implements the 2006–2007 Budget Act appropriations for equalization and noncredit instruction. **Chapter 631, Statutes of 2006.**
- **SB 1303 (Runner)** Permits a high school student, under certain conditions, to enroll in a community college summer-session course without being counted as a part of the current cap on the number of high school students who can attend community college in the summer. **Chapter 648, Statutes of 2006.**
- **SB 1309 (Scott)** Establishes an array of new initiatives to address California's nursing shortage, such as providing increased funding to boost the enrollment and increase the retention rate of nursing students at community colleges, creating a K-12 program to better prepare students for nursing and other health-oriented careers, and establishing a new state-loan-assumption program for registered nurses who work in 24-hour state facilities. **Chapter 837, Statutes of 2006.**
- **SB 1383 (Ortiz)** Provides that a Cal Grant applicant who did not receive a high school diploma by June 30 may be considered for a Cal

Grant Entitlement award if the applicant meets the requirements—which include passing the California High School Exit Exam—for a high school diploma by December 31 of the same year. The bill also specifies that eligibility for a Cal Grant Entitlement award shall commence in the first college term after a student has earned a high school diploma. **Chapter 652, Statutes of 2006.**

- **SB 1543 (Alarcón and Romero)** Directs the California State University, by July 1, 2008, either to adopt model standards for high-school career technical education courses that meet college admissions requirements or recognize existing career technical education courses that meet model curriculum standards as courses that satisfy the college admissions requirements. Makes a similar, though nonbinding, request of the University of California. **Chapter 669, Statutes of 2006.**
- **SB 1563 (Escutia)** Creates a Community College Early Assessment Pilot Program to provide 11th grade students the information and guidance they need to be more prepared for college-level coursework. The program is modeled after the California State University Early Assessment program. **Vetoed.**
- **AB 2813 (De La Torre)** Raises the age requirement for community college transfer students applying for a Cal Grant Entitlement award from 24 years to 28 years. **Chapter 822, Statutes of 2006.**

Elections, Reapportionment, and Constitutional Amendments

- **SB 1235 (Bowen) and AB 2769 (Benoit)** Requires that in precincts where electronic voting machines are used, absentee ballots must be included in the 1 percent of the ballots counted by hand. Mandates that “randomizing” technology or another method approved by the secretary of state must be used to select the precincts where the hand-counts are conducted. The bill also requires a five-day public notice of the time and place where the hand tally occurs. **Chapter 893 and Chapter 894, Statutes of 2006.**
- **AB 2946 (Leno)** Makes it a misdemeanor to pay or receive payment for gathering signatures that will be used to help qualify initiatives, referendums, or recall measures for a state or local election ballot if payment is based on the quantity of signatures gathered. Makes signatures collected in violation of this provision invalid. Provides that any proponent of the measure who knows of signature-gathering violations and fails to report the violations is subject to civil penalties. **Vetoed.**
- **AB 2948 (Umberg, Dymally, and Laird)** Ratifies an interstate compact that, if joined by enough states, allows the winning ticket in presidential races to be determined by popular vote. **Vetoed.**

Energy, Utilities, and Communications

- **SB 1 (Murray)** Requires sellers of housing developments to offer solar-electric systems on new homes after January 1, 2011. Establishes the goal of placing solar-electric systems on 50 percent of new homes within 13 years. **Chapter 132, Statutes of 2006.**
- **SB 107 (Simitian and Perata)** Mandates that the 20-percent Renewables Portfolio Standard for investor-owned utilities be achieved by 2010 instead of 2017. Requires each municipal utility to prepare an annual report for the California Energy Commission on the mix of eligible renewable resources used in their portfolio and how they are progressing toward the goal of meeting their Renewables Portfolio Standard. **Chapter 464, Statutes of 2006.**
- **SB 1059 (Escutia and Morrow)** Authorizes the California Energy Commission to designate electric-transmission corridor zones in which high-voltage electric-transmission lines may be built in the future. Requires the commission to notify cities, counties, state and federal agencies, and California Native American tribes who have jurisdictions within the proposed transmission corridor zones. **Chapter 638, Statutes of 2006.**
- **SB 1250 (Perata)** Extends the Public Interest Energy Research and the Renewable Research and Development programs from 2007 to 2012. Provides policy directives to the California Energy Commission for implementing these two programs. **Chapter 512, Statutes of 2006.**

Environmental Quality

- **SB 497 (Simitian)** Requires the California State Lands Commission to develop and adopt regulations enacting specified standards that will reduce the spread of invasive species from the ballast water of ships. **Chapter 292, Statutes of 2006.**
- **SB 1368 (Perata)** Requires the California Energy Commission to establish a greenhouse-gas emission performance standard for electric generation. Requires the Public Utilities Commission to prohibit electricity providers and corporations from entering long-term contracts that do not meet the State Energy Conservation and Development Commission's standard. **Chapter 598, Statutes of 2006.**
- **AB 32 (Núñez and Pavley)** Specifies that the California Air Resources Board adopt by 2020 a statewide greenhouse-gas emissions limit that equals the 1990 level. Authorizes the board to monitor and implement regulations to reduce emissions of gases that cause global warming. **Chapter 488, Statutes of 2006.**
- **AB 1337 (Ruskin)** Mandates that the Integrated Waste Management Board develop and adopt regulations by July 1, 2008, establishing "green building" standards that address water, energy, and materials efficiency; site sustainability; and indoor environmental quality of the construction and renovation of state buildings. **Vetoed.**
- **AB 2449 (Levine)** Establishes a six-year pilot program requiring large grocery stores to take back and recycle plastic carryout bags beginning July 1, 2007. **Chapter 845, Statutes of 2006.**

Government Modernization, Efficiency, and Accountability

- **AB 2404 (Klehs)** Requires that a written report submitted to the Legislature or controller by a state or local agency, board, or commission include a signed statement by the head of the reporting body that attests to the report's truth and accuracy. Violators are subject to a civil penalty. **Vetoed.**

Governmental Organization

- **SB 148 (Scott)** Provides the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control with additional grounds to suspend or revoke a retail license to sell alcoholic beverages. Under the bill, the department may suspend or revoke a license when the licensee fails to take reasonable steps to correct objectionable nuisance conditions on the licensed premises or on any public sidewalk next to the premises after receiving notice from specified local public prosecutors to make the corrections. The bill also imposes a continuing obligation on the licensee to correct objectionable conditions that constitute a nuisance. **Chapter 625, Statutes of 2006.**
- **SB 1198 (Florez)** Allows the city council or board of supervisors to determine the appropriate wagering limit in any local jurisdiction. **Chapter 181, Statutes of 2006.**
- **SB 1229 (Florez)** Makes it unlawful for any person to advertise, or facilitate the advertisement of, non-parimutuel wagering on horse races, the bulk of which currently take place at offshore facilities. **Chapter 305, Statutes of 2006.**
- **SB 1253 (Migden)** Designates zinfandel as the historic wine of California. **Vetoed.**
- **SB 1380 (Chesbro)** Prohibits the sale of wine—produced, bottled, or labeled after December 31, 2008—that uses, in a brand name or otherwise, "Sonoma" on any label, packaging material, or advertising, unless at least 75 percent of the grapes used to make the wine is from Sonoma County. **Chapter 879, Statutes of 2006.**

- **SB 1548 (Murray)** Authorizes beer manufacturers and wholesalers to offer beer samples to individuals of legal drinking age at retail-licensed premises. **Chapter 670, Statutes of 2006.**
- **AB 839 (Torrico, J. Horton, and Parra)** Limits a nonprofit organization from conducting more than one gambling-based fundraiser per year and an organization with multiple chapters from holding more than one fundraiser per chapter per calendar year. Requires pre-approval of all fundraisers by the Division of Gambling Control. **Chapter 707, Statutes of 2006.**
- **AB 2116 (Cohn, J. Horton, and Negrete McLeod)** Requires the Public Safety Radio Strategic Planning Committee to recommend to state public-safety departments that need new or updated communications equipment to purchase equipment that enables them to conform to industry and governmental standards for interoperability. The equipment also should be nonproprietary (or have the ability to work with the jurisdiction's older equipment) and must comply with the federal Department of Homeland Security's public-safety communications guidelines. **Chapter 903, Statutes of 2006.**

Health

- **SB 144 (Runner)** Makes substantive changes to the laws governing the health and sanitation standards for retail food facilities. **Chapter 23, Statutes of 2006.**
- **SB 162 (Ortiz and Runner)** Transfers public health programs from the existing state Department of Health Services to a newly created state Department of Public Health. **Chapter 241, Statutes of 2006.**
- **SB 257 (Chesbro)** Authorizes the California Housing Finance Agency to make loans to finance housing for persons with special needs related to mental health, disabilities, and homelessness. **Chapter 748, Statutes of 2006.**
- **SB 437 (Escutia)** Streamlines the enrollment and annual eligibility review processes for Medi-Cal and the Healthy Families program with the goal of enrolling and retaining all eligible children. Among other provisions, the bill allows parents to certify their own incomes without documentation during Healthy Families' annual eligibility review, and requires the Department of Health Services to pilot a process for self-certification of income and assets for families enrolling in Medi-Cal and during Medi-Cal's annual eligibility review process. **Chapter 328, Statutes of 2006.**
- **SB 699 (Soto)** Requires health care providers and laboratories to report cases of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection to local health officers by using patients' names, and requires these officers to report HIV cases by patients' names to the state. Includes

provisions to maintain the confidentiality of public health records.
Chapter 20, Statutes of 2006.

- **SB 739 (Speier)** Requires the implementation of specified policies aimed at improving disease surveillance and infection prevention in general acute-care hospitals. **Chapter 526, Statutes of 2006.**
- **SB 1208 (Ortiz)** Prohibits the shipment of cigarettes to persons in California, except for specified individuals, such as those who are licensed. **Vetoed.**
- **SB 1260 (Ortiz and Runner)** Establishes policies regarding the donation of eggs for medical research and creates state oversight for stem-cell research not funded by Proposition 71.
Chapter 483, Statutes of 2006.
- **SB 1301 (Alquist)** Requires specified reporting and investigations of adverse events occurring in hospitals.
Chapter 647, Statutes of 2006.
- **SB 1312 (Alquist)** Removes the current exemption of state licensing inspections for certain long-term health care facilities. Authorizes the state to assess specified administrative penalties for violations. **Chapter 895, Statutes of 2006.**
- **SB 1379 (Perata)** Establishes the California Environmental Contaminant Biomonitoring Program to identify and monitor over time the presence and concentration of toxic chemicals in the bodies of a sampling of Californians. Requires that a participant's data must be kept confidential, though aggregate data may be shared with participants, communities, and the general public to increase knowledge about chemical exposure. This bill also declares that biomonitoring studies shall provide scientific data on potential links between chemical exposures and health outcomes.
Chapter 599, Statutes of 2006.

- **SB 1414 (Migden)** Requires employers with 10,000 or more employees to spend a specified percentage of their payroll on employee health insurance benefits or make specified payments to the state. **Vetoed.**
- **SB 1430 (Alquist)** Expands the instances whereby the state may declare a health emergency and the local health officer may declare a local health emergency. Allows local health officers to authorize first responders to immediately isolate individuals who may have been exposed to biological, chemical, toxic, or radiological agents that may spread to others. **Chapter 874, Statutes of 2006.**
- **SB 1448 (Kuehl)** Establishes the Health Care Coverage Initiative as required under a federal Medicaid demonstration project relating to hospital financing and health coverage expansion. The bill specifies the process the Department of Health Services must use to allocate to select counties the \$180 million in federal funds that will be available annually for a three-year period. **Chapter 76, Statutes of 2006.**
- **SB 1469 (Cedillo)** Requires, beginning January 1, 2008, county juvenile detention facilities to notify county welfare departments about the release of a ward so that eligibility for Medi-Cal or other appropriate health coverage programs can be determined. **Chapter 657, Statutes of 2006.**
- **SB 1534 (Ortiz and Alarcón)** Affirms the ability of a city, county, or hospital district to, at its discretion, provide aid, including health care, to undocumented persons. **Chapter 801, Statutes of 2006.**
- **SB 1661 (Cox)** Authorizes a deadline extension of up to two years for hospitals that already have received extensions of the January 1, 2008, deadline to meet certain building safety and seismic standards. **Chapter 679, Statutes of 2006.**

- **SB 1755 (Chesbro)** Revises the eligibility criteria and service requirements for Adult Day Health Care programs, and establishes criteria for the development of a new methodology for reimbursing the health care providers. **Chapter 691, Statutes of 2006.**

- **AB 132 (Núñez), SB 1233 (Perata), and AB 813 (Núñez)** Requires the Department of Health Services to provide, on a time-limited basis, prescription drug benefits to beneficiaries eligible for both Medi-Cal and Medicare (dual eligibles) who are unable to obtain these benefits from their Medicare prescription drug plan. AB 132 appropriated \$150 million for this purpose and initially provided authorization for 30 days beginning January 12, 2006. SB 1233 extended the Medi-Cal emergency drug coverage until May 16, 2006, provided that the governor gave notice to the Legislature for each additional 30-day extension period. AB 813 further extends the date until January 31, 2007, and reduces the initial appropriation from \$150 million to \$120 million. **Chapter 2, Chapter 7, and Chapter 24, Statutes of 2006.**

- **AB 469 (Yee)** Adds guidelines for sodium and sugar to the list of guidelines the state must establish for school meals as well as food and beverages served or sold on public school campuses. **Vetoed.**

- **AB 774 (Chan)** Requires hospitals to implement specified policies regarding discounted payments or charity care for low-income uninsured or underinsured individuals. **Chapter 755, Statutes of 2006.**

- **AB 1062 (Saldaña)** Expands informed consent procedures and the rights of participants in medical biomonitoring research, including the right for participants to view their own laboratory results and final research results, to the extent allowed by federal law. The bill requires informing participants of the intended use of any biospecimens acquired for research. **Vetoed.**

- **AB 1433 (Emmerson and Laird)** Requires students enrolled in kindergarten or the first grade to provide proof of having received an oral-health assessment by a licensed dentist or other dental health professional, unless parents want their child excused from complying with the requirement. **Chapter 413, Statutes of 2006.**

- **AB 1745 (Chan)** Requires the Department of Health Services to develop, as a pilot project, a pediatric palliative care (hospice) benefit covered under Medi-Cal. **Chapter 330, Statutes of 2006.**

- **AB 1749 (Horton)** Requires manufacturers and importers of tobacco products to obtain and maintain a license to engage in the sale of tobacco products. Prohibits manufacturers or importers from selling tobacco products to a distributor, wholesaler, retailer, or any other person who is not licensed. **Chapter 501, Statutes of 2006.**

- **AB 1807 (Budget Committee)** Makes statutory changes related to the state budget for fiscal year 2006–2007. Among the many provisions, the bill:
 - ✓ Changes the licensing fee structure paid by hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, and other facilities.
 - ✓ Revises the state law to match recent federal law changes regarding citizenship verification for Medi-Cal applicants and enrollees.
 - ✓ Allows the expansion of the Newborn Screening Program to include testing for cystic fibrosis and biotinidase (an enzyme).
 - ✓ Provides for reimbursement-rate increases in day programs, supported employment programs, work activity programs, and other specified programs under the Department of Developmental Services.
Chapter 74, Statutes of 2006.

- **AB 1840 (Horton)** Directs the Department of Health Services and the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board to collaborate in preparing an annual report that identifies all employers who have 25 or more employees enrolled in the Medi-Cal, Healthy Families, and Access for Infants and Mothers programs. **Vetoed.**
- **AB 2004 (Yee)** Requires the Department of Health Services to suspend the Medi-Cal benefits of a minor who has been incarcerated, but not to terminate the minor's Medi-Cal eligibility. **Vetoed.**
- **AB 2877 (Frommer)** Establishes a state Web site to provide information to California residents and health care providers about options for obtaining prescription drugs at affordable prices. **Chapter 720, Statutes of 2006.**
- **AB 2911 (Núñez)** Establishes a prescription drug discount program in California. **Chapter 619, Statutes of 2006.**
- **AB 2918 (Wolk)** Permits Medi-Cal County Organized Health Systems to provide health care services to individuals not receiving Medi-Cal, Medicare, or other publicly supported medical program benefits, and prohibits the use of Medi-Cal payments or reserves to cover the cost of those services. **Chapter 905, Statutes of 2006.**
- **AB 2968 (Leno)** Authorizes a new community-living support benefit—to the extent that federal and county funds can cover the program's costs—to provide health and social services for certain San Francisco residents who are eligible for Medi-Cal. **Chapter 830, Statutes of 2006.**
- **AB 2990 (Levine)** Requires senior centers to have a written emergency operations plan that includes evacuation procedures and is accessible to the public. **Chapter 620, Statutes of 2006.**

- **AB 3013 (Koretz)** Expands confidentiality provisions by specifying circumstances whereby health care providers, health care plans, or contractors may use or disclose a patient's medical information. **Chapter 833, Statutes of 2006.**

Human Services

Programs and Services

- **SB 1270 (Chesbro)** Requires the Department of Developmental Services and regional centers to provide information about employment options for persons with developmental disabilities. **Chapter 397, Statutes of 2006.**
- **SB 1569 (Kuehl)** Protects victims of crime by extending eligibility for various health and welfare services to noncitizens who are victims of human trafficking, domestic violence, and other serious crimes. **Chapter 672, Statutes of 2006.**
- **SB 1641 (Soto)** Defines a foster-home placement that best meets the needs of a child as one that meets health and safety needs while also providing the most family-like environment and age-appropriate activities. The bill also establishes this standard for the placement of a foster child with a relative, licensed foster family home, or group home. **Chapter 388, Statutes of 2006.**
- **SB 1660 (Romero)** Raises by \$1 per hour, to a maximum of \$12.10 per hour, the amount that the state and counties collectively will contribute toward the wages earned by In-Home Supportive Services workers. The bill repeals the current law making the wage increase to \$12.10 per hour contingent upon budget revenues reaching specified levels. **Vetoed.**
- **SB 1825 (Migden)** Permits CalWORKs recipients to satisfy welfare-to-work activity requirements through a self-initiated education program during the period in which the recipient has

applied for admission to a training or education program but has not yet been accepted. **Vetoed.**

- **AB 1808 (Budget Committee)** Makes statutory changes necessary to implement policy in the fiscal year 2006–2007 budget agreement. Among the many provisions, the bill:
 - ✓ Establishes a \$98 million Child Welfare Improvement Fund to support county efforts to improve child welfare services' outcomes.
 - ✓ Creates the Kin-GAP Plus program to allow payments to relatives for more intensive, specialized care and a supplemental clothing allowance.
 - ✓ Allows state funding of higher education scholarships for former foster youth.
 - ✓ Eliminates a county's share of the cost of the Transitional Housing Placement Program.
 - ✓ Requires counties to develop and submit an updated CalWORKs plan detailing county strategies for increasing work participation while promoting the program's basic goals.
 - ✓ Strengthens provisions requiring counties to pay 50 percent of any federal penalties assessed for failure to meet the new federal work-participation requirements.
 - ✓ Transfers CalWORKs families with parents exempt from work requirements, typically due to disability or age, to a state program not subject to federal work participation provisions.
 - ✓ Provides more flexibility for counties to determine the duration of sanctions for CalWORKs participants who engage in a program activity.

- ✓ Allows the federal 2007 Supplemental Security Income Cost-of-Living Adjustment to be passed along to participants on January 1, 2007, three months earlier than allowed by current law.
- ✓ Creates a new statutory process for setting and verifying subsidized child-care provider rates.
- ✓ Increases the income eligibility for state-subsidized child care programs to 75 percent of the current state median income and specifies that family fees will not exceed 10 percent of a family's monthly income.
- ✓ Allows the Department of Social Services to share licensing application data with other departments.
- ✓ Requires the Department of Social Services to conduct annual unannounced visits to at least 20 percent of all licensed community care facilities.

Chapter 75, Statutes of 2006.

- **AB 1979 (Bass)** Clarifies that volunteer mentors who work with children in foster care settings must comply with the Department of Social Services' requirement that criminal record background investigations must occur prior to giving the volunteers unsupervised contact with children. Prohibits the Department of Social Services and the Department of Justice from charging these volunteer mentors for the cost of criminal background checks. **Chapter 382, Statutes of 2006.**
- **AB 2192 (Bass)** Allows persons convicted of certain felony drug charges to receive CalWORKs and Food Stamp benefits under specified circumstances involving their participation in treatment programs. **Vetoed.**

- **AB 2195 (Bass)** Helps place children who have been removed from their homes into homes of extended family members by establishing emergency assessment and approval procedures for relatives or unrelated extended-family caregivers when a primary foster caregiver becomes unable to care for a child. Requires the assessments to include home visits, criminal record checks, and other investigations. **Chapter 383, Statutes of 2006.**

- **AB 2205 (Evans)** Requires the Department of Social Services to establish a program allowing Medi-Cal recipients eligible for specified services funded by the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant to be deemed eligible for food stamps. Requires the department to fully implement the program by January 1, 2008, for new Food Stamp applicants, and requires counties to make reasonable efforts to review existing Medi-Cal cases to identify individuals who could benefit from the program. **Vetoed.**

- **AB 2216 (Bass)** Establishes the California Child Welfare Council to make recommendations to improve collaborations among the numerous education agencies, the courts, and the multiple social, health, and mental-health services that serve children in the child-welfare and foster-care systems. **Chapter 384, Statutes of 2006.**

- **AB 2486 (Ridley-Thomas)** Clarifies that public authorities and nonprofit groups contracting with a county may conduct criminal background checks through the Department of Justice or an investigative consumer-reporting agency on prospective In-Home Supportive Services registry applicants employed on or after January 1, 2006. The bill also prohibits charging In-Home Supportive Services employees or clients with the cost of background checks. **Vetoed.**

- **AB 2556 (Jones and Lieber)** Declares a legislative goal of reducing child poverty in California by 50 percent by January 1, 2016, and eliminating child poverty entirely by January 1, 2026. Requires the Department of Finance to report annually to the Legislature on

how the governor's proposed budget will impact the state's goal of reducing child poverty. The bill also stipulates that the legislative analyst shall include in the analysis of the governor's budget a review of the Department of Finance's report. **Vetoed.**

- **AB 2985 (Maze)** Requires county welfare departments, when a foster youth turns 16-years-old, to request a consumer credit disclosure to ascertain if the child has been an identity theft victim. The bill also requires that a foster child be referred to a credit counseling organization if any indication of identity theft is found or if other negative items appear on the child's credit report. **Chapter 387, Statutes of 2006.**
- **AB 3048 (Dymally)** Authorizes In-Home Supportive Services workers to be compensated for the time they spend assisting the aged, blind, or those with disabilities to attend health-related appointments, including transportation time and any assistance needed during an appointment. **Vetoed.**

Licensing

- **SB 1759 (Ashburn)** Updates—to reflect new technology—the criminal background fingerprinting process required of employees who work at specified health or community care facilities, such as foster care homes and residential care homes. The bill also establishes within the state Department of Social Services a centralized depository for information on applicants, licensees, and others subject to a criminal background check who, among other things, have been banned from a facility or had a license or permit denied or revoked. Allows limited data sharing on such applicants, licensees, or entities between the Department of Health Services, Department of Social Services, and other departments. **Chapter 902, Statutes of 2006.**

- **AB 1601 (Laird)** Helps improve safeguards for children in child care by changing the background clearance process for license-exempt providers who receive public payments. Requires aunts and uncles providing license-exempt child care to submit to a background check, subject to state funding. **Vetoed.**

- **AB 2184 (Bogh)** Clarifies that current state laws governing local zoning and use permits for residential care facilities for six or fewer persons do not prohibit the enforcement of specified local ordinances; these ordinances relate to health, safety, building, and environmental-impact standards applicable to similar single-family homes within the same local jurisdiction.
Chapter 746, Statutes of 2006.

- **AB 2609 (Evans)** Helps avoid medication errors by increasing the training requirements for new employees of Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly if those employees will assist clients with the self-administration of medication. Also requires Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly to ask pharmacists to provide their clients with clearly labeled medications and instructions on the proper use and storage of the medications. **Chapter 615, Statutes of 2006.**

- **AB 2836 (Karnette)** Enhances the safety of the elderly and persons with disabilities by requiring Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly that house four or more clients and are licensed before January 1, 2010, to have automatic fire-sprinkler systems installed by January 1, 2014. The bill requires Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly licensed after January 1, 2010, to have fire-sprinkler systems installed when an operating license is issued. **Vetoed.**

Judiciary

- **SB 10 (Dunn)** Permits transferring responsibility for county court facilities with a “substantial risk” seismic rating from a county to the state. The bill, which provides that the county must retain liability as specified, sunsets on January 1, 2010. **Chapter 444, Statutes of 2006.**
- **SB 56 (Dunn)** Requires the allocation of 50 additional superior court judgeships to various county courts. The bill also requires, beginning March 1, 2007, annual disclosures of aggregate statewide demographic data—regarding the ethnicity and gender of all judicial applicants, judges, and justices—from the governor, State Bar, and the Administrative Office of the Courts. **Chapter 390, Statutes of 2006.**
- **SB 212 (Lowenthal)** Revises driver-safety provisions in existing law that relate to physicians’ reports on patients with lapse-of-consciousness disorders, such as Alzheimer’s disease. **Vetoed.**
- **SB 678 (Ducheny)** Incorporates provisions of the federal Indian Child Welfare Act—for matters regarding the custody of Indian children—into California’s Family, Probate, and Welfare and Institutions codes. The bill ensures that tribal communities may participate in legal proceedings, such as foster care or adoption, that involve children with Indian ancestry. **Chapter 838, Statutes of 2006.**
- **SB 768 (Simitian)** Enacts the Identity Information Protection Act of 2006, which establishes interim security requirements for remotely readable government-issued identification documents using technologies such as radio frequency identification (RFID).

The bill also requires the California Research Bureau to report to the Legislature on security and privacy issues regarding government-issued remotely readable identification documents. **Vetoed.**

- **SB 832 (Perata)** Extends the sunset date from July 1, 2006, to July 1, 2011, on the existing statute that splits the recovery of a punitive damage award (an award designed to punish a defendant in a civil action who has acted with oppression, fraud, or malice) between a plaintiff and the state's Public Benefit Trust Fund. The bill, which applies only to actions filed after August 16, 2004, provides that 75 percent of a punitive damage award must be paid to the fund and 25 percent to the plaintiff. **Vetoed.**
- **SB 1116 (Scott)** Establishes how a conservator may deal with a conservatee's residence. Among other provisions, the bill enacts notice requirements for a change of address, presumes that a conservatee's personal residence at the time of the conservatorship proceeding is the most appropriate living situation, and requires that the sale of a conservatee's present or former residence adhere to certain standards. This bill is part of the Omnibus Conservatorship and Guardianship Reform Act of 2006, a four-bill package with SB 1550 (Figueroa), SB 1716 (Bowen), and AB 1363 (Jones). **Chapter 490, Statutes of 2006.**
- **SB 1364 (Battin)** Allows those who are getting married or witnessing a marriage to use a business or post-office-box address rather than a residential address when providing such information for a marriage license. **Chapter 60, Statutes of 2006.**
- **SB 1441 (Kuehl)** Makes sexual orientation and perceived sexual orientation protected personal characteristics in the code section that bars discrimination in programs or activities conducted by any state agency or entities such as grantees, contractors, and local agencies that receive state funding. **Chapter 182, Statutes of 2006.**

- **SB 1650 (Kehoe and Dunn)** Prohibits a public entity from using property acquired by eminent domain for a use that differs from what was originally stated, unless the entity adopts a resolution, subject to certain restrictions. If a new resolution fails, the entity must sell the property and give the previous owner the right of first refusal to purchase the property. The bill makes additional changes related to property acquisitions, including provisions for leasebacks. **Chapter 602, Statutes of 2006.**

- **SB 1716 (Bowen)** Prohibits communications between the court and only one party to a conservatorship proceeding (except as permitted by law), amends the timeline by which a court regularly reviews conservatorships, and establishes criteria for court visits to a conservatee in determining whether a conservator is acting in the individual's best interests. This bill is part of the Omnibus Conservatorship and Guardianship Reform Act of 2006, a four-bill package with SB 1116 (Scott), SB 1550 (Figueroa), and AB 1363 (Jones). **Chapter 492, Statutes of 2006.**

- **SB 1758 (Figueroa)** Strengthens the regulation of adoption facilitators to help further protect children who might be adopted, birth parents, and those who want to adopt. Among other things, the reforms increase adoption facilitators' surety bonds to \$25,000, require facilitators to have a specified minimum level of education and experience, restrict Internet advertisements, require registration with the state Department of Social Services, and allow for increased civil penalties. **Chapter 754, Statutes of 2006.**

- **AB 606 (Levine)** Requires the State Department of Education to develop, by January 1, 2008, a model antidiscrimination and antiharassment policy that covers actual or perceived gender-identity and sexual-orientation issues, as well as other legally protected characteristics, such as disability, gender, race, and religion. Directs school districts to adopt and publicize the model policy and update relevant publications and trainings. **Vetoed.**

- **AB 1169 (Torrico)** Reinstates prior law requiring residential landlords to provide tenants with at least 60-days' notice when terminating a month-to-month or other periodic tenancy. These provisions, which expired January 1, 2006, applied only to tenants who had resided in the dwelling for more than one year. The bill sunsets these provisions on January 1, 2010.
Chapter 842, Statutes of 2006.

- **AB 1363 (Jones)** Restructures the courts' review of conservatorships, imposes new duties on court investigators, and requires a conservator to give the court more frequent accountings of a conservatee's finances. The bill also requires the public guardian of a county to apply for an appointment as the guardian or conservator if there is an imminent threat to a proposed conservatee's health, safety, or estate. This bill is part of the Omnibus Conservatorship and Guardianship Reform Act of 2006, a four-bill package with SB 1116 (Scott), SB 1550 (Figueroa), and SB 1716 (Bowen). **Chapter 493, Statutes of 2006.**

- **AB 1873 (Torrico)** Increases the age range from up to three days old to up to 30 days old in which a newborn can be given to a "safe surrender site" — by a parent or another person with lawful custody of the baby — without violating the child-abandonment law. **Vetoed.**

- **AB 2051 (Cohn)** Charges same-sex couples a \$23 fee to register with the secretary of state as domestic partners; the money will be used to help fund education, training, and services for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender victims of domestic violence.
Chapter 856, Statutes of 2006.

- **AB 2251 (Evans)** Prohibits posting on the Internet the home address or telephone number of any reproductive health care service provider, employee, volunteer, or patient. Violation may result in a declaration of wrongdoing, an order to cease the conduct, or money damages. **Chapter 486, Statutes of 2006.**

- **AB 2302 (Committee on Judiciary)** Requires the courts to provide an interpreter for most non-English speaking individuals who are a party to a civil action. In the absence of adequate funding in the state budget or a sufficient number of interpreters, the bill sets out a way to determine which cases are most in need of an interpreter's help. **Vetoed.**

- **AB 2482 (Harman)** Revises existing law permitting appearances by out-of-state attorneys in arbitration proceedings. **Chapter 357, Statutes of 2006.**

- **AB 2712 (Leno)** Clarifies a residential landlord's duties regarding the tenancies of individuals who are required to register as sex offenders by providing that no duty arises for a landlord solely for renting a unit to a registered sex offender. **Vetoed.**

- **AB 2781 (Leno)** Regulates private child support collectors to ensure that parents who are owed financial support are treated fairly. Among other provisions, the bill specifies that contract terms must be clear and include basic cancellation rights. The bill also regulates the fees charged by collectors, and requires that provisions in existing law prohibiting certain debt-collection practices for collectors of other types of consumer debt also apply to private child support collectors. **Chapter 797, Statutes of 2006.**

- **AB 2800 (Laird)** Conforms all housing-related discrimination laws—such as code sections related to real estate brokers, real property deed restrictions, and mobile home parks—with a Fair Employment and Housing Act provision that states it is unlawful to discriminate against or harass any person with respect to housing. The Fair Employment and Housing Act protects the following categories: race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin, ancestry, familial status, source of income, and disability. **Chapter 578, Statutes of 2006.**

- **AB 2875 (Pavley)** Prohibits confidential settlement agreements in civil actions involving felony sex offenses.
Chapter 151, Statutes of 2006.

Labor and Industrial Relations

- **SB 697 (Kuehl)** Authorizes family child-care providers to elect organized representation to negotiate child-care subsidy-reimbursement rates and other issues with specified public and private entities. **Vetoed.**
- **SB 815 (Perata)** Doubles—over a three-year period—the number of weeks a disabled worker can receive workers’ compensation permanent-disability benefits. **Vetoed.**
- **SB 1204 (Perata)** Requires each general acute-care hospital to establish a health-care-worker back-injury prevention plan that shall include a “zero lift policy.” This bill also specifies that a health-care worker who refuses to lift, reposition, or transfer a patient due to concerns about patient or worker safety (or because trained lift-team personnel or equipment are not present) may not be subject to disciplinary action because of the refusal. **Vetoed.**
- **AB 1368 (Karnette)** Provides that doctors shall not determine all causes of a disability when calculating what portion of a disability is work-related for certain employees, including peace officers, firefighters, and other safety personnel. These employees must be eligible under existing law for a rebuttable presumption that their injury or disease has arisen in the course of their employment. **Chapter 836, Statutes of 2006.**
- **AB 1835 (Lieber, Leno, and Koretz)** Increases the minimum wage from \$6.75 to \$7.50 per hour effective January 1, 2007, and to \$8.00 per hour effective January 1, 2008. **Chapter 230, Statutes of 2006.**

- **AB 2068 (Nava and Lieber)** Provides for the continuation of an employee's right to predesignate a personal physician for treatment of an industrial injury, and broadens the definition of "personal physician" for workers' compensation purposes.
Chapter 819, Statutes of 2006.

Local Government

- **SB 53 (Kehoe)** Limits the ways property may be taken through eminent domain for redevelopment purposes. Requires redevelopment agencies to document the presence of new blight before they can extend a redevelopment plan's time period and use eminent domain proceedings. **Chapter 591, Statutes of 2006.**
- **SB 1206 (Kehoe)** Narrows the definition of "blight" and therefore narrows the criteria by which a community redevelopment agency is able to have property condemned through eminent domain to make way for new development. Increases state oversight of agency decisions that declare an area blighted, requires findings that redevelopment will improve physical and economic conditions in the project area, and makes it easier for citizens to challenge redevelopment decisions. **Chapter 595, Statutes of 2006.**
- **SB 1523 (Alarcón)** Requires superstore chains planning outlets at new locations to pay the costs of preparing an economic impact report that will be used by local governments to approve or disapprove of the construction and operation of a proposed store. The impact report must show the extent to which competing enterprises may be forced out of business, the potential effects on wages and benefits at other retail businesses in the same area, and the costs and benefits to local governments. **Vetoed.**

Natural Resources and Water

- **SB 757 (Kehoe)** Establishes a state policy requiring state agencies to take every cost-effective and technologically feasible action to reduce the growth of petroleum demands and increase vehicle energy efficiency and the use of alternative fuels. Requires the Air Resources Board to develop requirements, incentives, and partnerships for publicly administered fleets to purchase and install alternative-fuel vehicles and advanced transportation technologies. The bill also requires the Energy Commission to report on trends in world oil demand growth, including known and proven oil reserves, and refer to the attorney general any information that may reflect market abuse or unfair competition. **Vetoed.**

- **SB 1070 (Kehoe)** Creates an interagency Water Quality Monitoring Council to coordinate the state's water-quality monitoring efforts and develop recommendations for a statewide water-quality monitoring program. Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to develop a 10-year strategy for water quality monitoring. **Chapter 750, Statutes of 2006.**

- **SB 1360 (Kehoe)** Requires the secretary of the Resources Agency to establish a public registry of conservation easements that are owned, purchased, or required by the state as of January 1, 2006. The registry must be available to the public on the Internet by January 1, 2009, and updated every two years with new easement information provided by appropriate state agencies. **Chapter 531, Statutes of 2006.**

- **SB 1535 (Kuehl)** Authorizes the Fish and Game Commission to hire staff, requires the commission to adopt a conflict of interest code, and makes changes to the number and locations of commission meetings and hearings. **Chapter 667, Statutes of 2006.**

- **SB 1640 (Kuehl)** Requires the Department of Water Resources to prepare and deliver to all State Water Project contractors, city and county planning departments, and regional and metropolitan planning departments a report that sets forth the overall delivery capabilities of the project's facilities. The bill bars those who fail to file required statements of annual water diversion or use from receiving state funds from any program administered by the State Water Resources Control Board, Department of Water Resources, or California Bay-Delta Authority. **Vetoed.**

- **SB 1796 (Florez)** Changes the Reclamation Board's name to the Central Valley Flood Protection Board, and adds two new board members: one to be appointed by the Senate Rules Committee and one appointed by the speaker of the assembly. The bill also specifies qualifications for board members appointed by the governor; the appointments must include an engineer, a hydrologist or geologist, an attorney with water experience, a flood-control expert, and three public members. Board members will receive a \$36,000 annual salary and must work a minimum of 60 hours per month. **Vetoed.**

- **AB 1881 (Laird)** Reauthorizes the Department of Water Resources to update the model water-efficient-landscape ordinance for adoption by local governments, and requires the Energy Commission to adopt performance standards for landscape irrigation equipment. The bill bans the sale of noncompliant irrigation equipment after January 1, 2012. **Chapter 559, Statutes of 2006.**

Public Employment and Retirement

- **SB 750 (Soto)** Approves provisions of an addendum to the expired 2002–2003 memoranda of understanding agreed to by the state and State Bargaining Unit 3 (Professional Educators and Librarians). This addendum provides funds for attracting and retaining teachers for wards in the California Youth Authority. **Chapter 231, Statutes of 2006.**
- **SB 1729 (Soto)** Grants the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) Board of Administration the authority to allow public entities to contract with CalPERS to pre-fund retiree health care benefits and other post-employment benefits. **Vetoed.**
- **AB 2132 (Levine)** Allows California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) retirees who reinstate from retirement, and subsequently retire a second time, to enroll as annuitants of the first employer from whom they retired. **Vetoed.**
- **AB 2242 (Committee on Public Employees, Retirement, and Social Security)** Establishes, under the Department of Personnel Administration, a vision care program for state annuitants and their dependents. **Chapter 611, Statutes of 2006.**
- **AB 2683 (Negrete McLeod)** Requires the state to pay rank-and-file members of State Bargaining Unit 8 (California Department of Forestry Firefighters) the estimated average total compensation that is paid in other California jurisdictions with 75 or more full-time firefighters. **Vetoed.**

- **AB 2863 (Karnette)** Authorizes the board of supervisors or the governing body of a district or other public entity, in counties that operate under the 1937 Act County retirement systems, to establish a trust fund for the sole purpose of funding any post-employment benefits provided under a group health, life, or other welfare-benefits plan established or maintained by the county. **Chapter 846, Statutes of 2006.**

State Employee Labor Relations

- **SB 357 (Perata)** Adopts the memoranda of understanding agreed to by the state and State Bargaining Unit 12 (Craft and Maintenance) and State Bargaining Unit 13 (Stationary Engineers). This agreement provides employees with a one-time bonus of \$1,000 and a 3.5 percent salary increase effective July 1, 2006, and a 2 to 4 percent cost-of-living adjustment effective July 1, 2007. It also specifies that employees hired on or after January 1, 2007, will receive retirement benefits based on their highest consecutive three-year average salary. **Chapter 210, Statutes of 2006.**
- **AB 146 (Núñez)** Approves the memoranda of understanding agreed to by the state and State Bargaining Unit 2 (California Attorneys, Administrative Law Judges, and Hearing Officers). This agreement provides a 2.5 percent cost-of-living adjustment effective July 1, 2005, and a 2 to 4 percent cost-of-living adjustment effective July 1, 2006. It also specifies that employees hired on or after July 1, 2006, will receive retirement benefits based on their highest consecutive three-year average salary. **Chapter 28, Statutes of 2006.**
- **AB 386 (Lieber)** Ratifies the memoranda of understanding agreed to by the state and State Bargaining Unit 16 (Physicians, Dentists, and Podiatrists) and State Bargaining Unit 19 (Health and Social Services/Professional). This agreement provides employees with a 3.5 percent general salary increase effective July 1, 2006, and a 2 to 4 percent cost-of-living adjustment effective July 1, 2007. It also specifies that employees hired on or after January 1, 2007, will receive

retirement benefits based on their highest consecutive three-year average salary. **Chapter 237, Statutes of 2006.**

- **AB 1165 (Bogh)** Adopts the memoranda of understanding between the state and State Bargaining Unit 8 (California Department of Forestry Firefighters). This agreement provides employees in 40-hour workweek classifications with a 3.5 percent general salary increase effective July 1, 2006. **Chapter 229, Statutes of 2006.**
- **AB 1369 (Núñez)** Ratifies the memoranda of understanding between the state and State Bargaining Unit 1 (Professional, Administrative, Financial, and Staff Services); State Bargaining Unit 3 (Professional Educators and Librarians); State Bargaining Unit 4 (Office and Allied); State Bargaining Unit 11 (Engineering and Scientific Technicians); State Bargaining Unit 14 (Printing and Allied Trades); State Bargaining Unit 15 (Allied Services); State Bargaining Unit 17 (Registered Nurses); State Bargaining Unit 20 (Medical and Social Services); and State Bargaining Unit 21 (Educational Consultants and Library). This agreement provides a one-time bonus of \$1,000 to all employees in all of the bargaining units represented by SEIU Local 1000, a 3.5 percent general salary increase effective July 1, 2006, and a 2 to 4 percent cost-of-living adjustment effective July 1, 2007. It also specifies that employees hired on or after January 1, 2007, will receive retirement benefits based on their highest consecutive three-year average salary. **Chapter 209, Statutes of 2006.**
- **AB 1458 (De La Torre)** Adopts the memoranda of understanding agreed to by the state and State Bargaining Unit 10 (Professional Scientific) and State Bargaining Unit 18 (Psychiatric Technician). This agreement provides equity adjustments to specified classifications in State Bargaining Unit 10 and a one-time bonus of \$1,000 for classifications ineligible for equity adjustments. It also authorizes two cost-of living adjustments for State Bargaining Unit 10 (3.5 percent effective July 1, 2006, and 2 to 4 percent effective July 1, 2007) and State Bargaining Unit 18 (2.5 percent effective July 1, 2006, and 2.5 percent effective July 1, 2007). The agreement specifies that all

Unit 10 and Unit 18 employees hired on or after January 1, 2007, will receive retirement benefits based on their highest consecutive three-year average salary. **Chapter 238, Statutes of 2006.**

- **AB 2930 (Laird)** Ratifies the memoranda of understanding agreed to by the state and State Bargaining Unit 7 (Protective Services and Public Safety). This agreement provides a 3.5 percent salary increase effective July 1, 2006, and a 2 to 4 percent cost-of living adjustment effective July 1, 2007. It also specifies that employees in non-peace-officer classifications hired on or after January 1, 2007, will receive retirement benefits based on their highest consecutive three-year average salary. **Chapter 239, Statutes of 2006.**
- **AB 2936 (Ridley-Thomas)** Approves the memoranda of understanding agreed to by the state and State Bargaining Unit 5 (Highway Patrol). This agreement grants the Department of Personnel Administration special authority to establish salaries for certain statutorily exempt employees; appropriates funding to pay for salary increases for excluded employees (managers and supervisors), including excluded state employees of the Judicial Branch; and provides increased mileage-reimbursement rates for various employee groups. The agreement continues to provide the annual July 1 salary adjustment required by state law to keep highway patrol officers' compensation on a par with the compensation received by Los Angeles County sheriffs and officers in the Los Angeles, Oakland, San Diego, and San Francisco police departments. **Chapter 240, Statutes of 2006.**

Public Safety

- **SB 171 (Alquist)** Seeks to reduce the possibility of an innocent person being convicted by requiring that the entire process of interrogating suspects accused of a violent felony or homicide be electronically recorded. The bill also encourages law enforcement to videotape the questioning of homicide suspects. **Vetoed.**
- **SB 202 (Simitian, Figueroa, and Maldonado)** Prohibits the purchase or sale of a telephone subscriber's private calling record without the subscriber's written consent. Outlaws obtaining those records through fraud or deceit. The bill also states that it is the Legislature's intent to ensure that telephone companies keep telephone calling-pattern records and calling lists in strict confidence and that subscriber privacy is protected. **Chapter 626, Statutes of 2006.**
- **SB 532 (Torlakson)** Provides a misdemeanor penalty of up to one year in jail for those convicted of discharging a "BB device," such as a BB or pellet gun, in a grossly negligent manner that could injure or kill a person. **Chapter 180, Statutes of 2006.**
- **SB 1128 (Alquist)** Toughens penalties for an array of sexual offenses, including requiring a prison term of 25 years to life for those convicted of engaging in sex with a child aged 10 years or younger and increasing sentences for child pornography convictions. The bill also establishes procedures for assessing the likelihood of recidivism among sex offenders. **Chapter 337, Statutes of 2006.**

- **SB 1137 (Ducheny)** Gives the court additional discretion and oversight for dealing with low-level drug offenders diverted to treatment in lieu of incarceration under Proposition 36. Among other provisions, the bill requires drug testing as a condition of probation, extends treatment if necessary from 12 months to up to 24 months, and allows a judge to order detoxification treatment for up to 10 days at a jail if no alternative is available. **Chapter 63, Statutes of 2006.**

- **SB 1178 (Speier)** Requires every sex offender on probation or parole who has been assessed as having a high risk of re-offending to be electronically monitored with the most up-to-date equipment. Starting in 2009 the responsible local and state agencies also are required to report to the Legislature on the effectiveness of the monitoring. **Chapter 336, Statutes of 2006.**

- **SB 1299 (Speier and Denham)** Makes it a crime to possess precursors used in the manufacture of methamphetamine or phencyclidine (PCP) with the intent of selling or transferring the material to another person, knowing that it will be used to manufacture those illegal drugs. Penalties upon conviction range from 16 months to three years in state prison. **Chapter 646, Statutes of 2006.**

- **SB 1373 (Romero)** Requires the Division of Juvenile Justice to make a good faith effort to reduce both the average length of stay for youth prisoners and the time added to a juvenile's detention for misconduct inside an institution. The bill also requires state juvenile authorities to monitor these "time adds" and periodically issue reports to the Legislature. **Vetoed.**

- **SB 1453 (Speier)** Requires that, whenever possible, certain inmates who finish an in-prison drug treatment program be enrolled in a 150-day residential aftercare-treatment program upon release from prison. Successful completion of the treatment regimen would result in a discharge from parole. **Chapter 875, Statutes of 2006.**

- **SB 1454 (Torlakson)** Provides that any person who engages in hazing that leads to death or serious injury shall be subject to up to one year in jail or a state prison term. **Chapter 601, Statutes of 2006.**
- **SB 1521 (Romero)** Allows the news media to conduct prearranged interviews with specific state-prison inmates; the inmates may not be compensated for the interviews. **Vetoed.**
- **SB 1544 (Migden)** Addresses wrongful convictions as a result of the misidentification of suspects. The bill directs the Department of Justice and the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training to craft guidelines for policies and procedures on how to collect and handle eyewitness evidence in criminal investigations. **Vetoed.**
- **SB 1806 (Figueroa)** Prevents a person from leaving an animal in an unattended motor vehicle when the animal could be endangered by heat, cold, or other conditions that reasonably could be expected to cause suffering. **Chapter 431, Statutes of 2006.**
- **AB 1677 (Koretz)** Directs the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to allow any public health agency or nonprofit group to distribute condoms to state prison inmates as a way to reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS in prison. **Vetoed.**
- **AB 1801 (Laird)** Appropriates funding in the State Budget Act of 2006 to continue to support Proposition 36 programs, which provide for treatment in lieu of incarceration for low-level drug offenders. Funding of \$120 million a year, mandated by the initiative's terms, expired at the end of fiscal year 2005–2006, necessitating legislative approval to continue funding the programs at comparable levels. **Chapter 47, Statutes of 2006.**

- **AB 1996 (Bogh)** Provides that the existing law, which requires a judge to determine whether a defendant may introduce evidence of a victim's past sexual behavior, must also be applied to the witnesses testifying against the defendant. **Chapter 225, Statutes of 2006.**
- **AB 1998 (Chan)** Instructs the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to start a three-year pilot program in Alameda County to coordinate education, mental health, employment, and other services for nonviolent prisoners in the year preceding their parole. The program's implementation is contingent upon acquiring funds for a study on its cost effectiveness and impact on recidivism. **Chapter 732, Statutes of 2006.**
- **AB 2049 (Spitzer)** Permits the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to order a parolee who is a registered sex offender not to contact the victim of the crime or the victim's family members, as a condition of parole. Stipulates that if a victim or a victim's immediate family member makes a request for such an order, it shall be granted. **Chapter 735, Statutes of 2006.**
- **AB 2695 (Goldberg)** Continues until January 1, 2010, a law requiring individuals convicted of domestic violence to pay a \$400 fee to help support local domestic-violence shelters and several state-run domestic-violence programs. The bill also makes permanent those laws that waive fees for domestic violence-related restraining orders. **Chapter 476, Statutes of 2006.**

Revenue and Taxation

- **SB 1827 (Migden)** Requires registered domestic partners to file either a joint or separate state income-tax return applying the same federal standard that is applicable to spouses. **Chapter 802, Statutes of 2006.**
- **AB 675 (Klehs)** States that a publicly traded corporation with assets of at least \$10 million must file with its tax return an information return that reconciles the difference between its book income and taxable income. **Vetoed.**
- **AB 1282 (Mullin and Ruskin)** Extends two tax credits, the Employer Child Care Program Credit and the Employer Child Care Contribution Credit, until January 1, 2012, and requires the Franchise Tax Board to report to the Legislature on the effectiveness of the credits. **Chapter 712, Statutes of 2006.**
- **AB 1614 (Ruskin)** Changes the minimum tax that limited liability companies pay from total income (interpreted by the Franchise Tax Board to be inclusive of all income regardless of source) to income derived from or attributable to California. **Vetoed.**
- **AB 2831 (Ridley-Thomas)** Extends the 20-percent tax credit for investments in community-development financial institutions to January 1, 2012, and requires the Legislative Analyst's Office to conduct an analysis of the tax credit. **Chapter 580, Statutes of 2006.**

Transportation and Housing

Transportation

- **SB 927 (Lowenthal)** Imposes a user fee of \$30 on each container discharged at the Long Beach and Los Angeles ports to help fund rail-system improvements, pollution mitigation measures, and port security enhancements. **Vetoed.**
- **SB 1162 (Cedillo)** Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles, after receiving full funding from the federal Real ID Act, to issue a driver's license to an individual even though he or she may not have proof of legal status in the United States. Specifies that the license permits the licensee to drive a motor vehicle but is not acceptable for federal identification purposes. **Vetoed.**
- **SB 1266 (Perata)** Enacts, subject to voter approval, the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006, authorizing the sale of \$19.925 billion in general obligation bonds for a variety of projects, including highways, rails and buses, trade corridors, local transportation, and ports.
Chapter 25, Statutes of 2006.
- **SB 1505 (Lowenthal)** Requires the Air Resources Board to adopt regulations ensuring that the production and use of hydrogen fuels for transportation purposes contributes to the reduction of greenhouse gases, criteria air pollutants, and toxic air contaminants, as described in the California Hydrogen Highway Blueprint.
Chapter 877, Statutes of 2006.

- **SB 1542 (Migden)** Requires, as of January 1, 2008, manufacturers of motor vehicles bought or leased within California to provide the owner (or a family member of the owner), via a registered locksmith, the information required to produce a replacement key.
Chapter 433, Statutes of 2006.

- **SB 1613 (Simitian)** Prohibits, after July 1, 2008, a motor-vehicle driver from using a cell phone, unless the phone can be used hands-free for both listening and talking. Imposes a \$20 fine for the first offense and \$50 for each subsequent offense.
Chapter 290, Statutes of 2006.

- **SCA 7 (Torlakson)** Limits the ability to suspend Proposition 42, Article XIX B of the Constitution, which provides that motor-vehicle-fuel taxes may be used only for specified transportation purposes. Allows no more than two suspensions in a 10-year period and requires repayment within three years.
Resolution Chapter 49, Statutes of 2006.

- **AB 1012 (Nation)** Requires the California Air Resources Board to develop and adopt regulations by June 30, 2008, mandating that one-half of all new passenger vehicles and light-duty trucks have the capability to run on alternative fuels. The regulations must go into effect no later than January 1, 2020. **Vetoed.**

- **AB 1020 (Hancock)** Requires the California Transportation Commission to establish guidelines for travel-demand models used in regional transportation plans to reflect, among other things, transit demand, land development, land use, employment centers, and residential densities. **Vetoed.**

- **AB 1699 (Frommer)** Mandates that the California Department of Transportation contracts with the University of California's Institute of Transportation Studies to conduct a passenger-rail safety study on locomotives that both push and pull railcars, as opposed to those locomotives that only pull railcars. **Vetoed.**

- **AB 2108 (Evans)** Requires children under the age of eight-years-old to be secured in a child safety seat when riding in a car unless the child is at least 4 feet 9 inches tall. **Vetoed.**

Housing

- **SB 1322 (Cedillo)** Requires cities and counties to include in the housing element of their general plan an analysis of the need for emergency shelters; if shelters are needed, cities and counties are required to identify adequate sites for homeless shelters and to allow shelters on that land as a matter of right, not discretion. **Vetoed.**
- **SB 1689 (Perata)** Enacts, subject to voter approval, the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006 (Proposition 1C on the November 7, 2006, ballot). This bill allows the state to sell \$2.85 billion in general obligation bonds to finance shelters, housing affordable to low- and moderate-income persons, parks, brownfield cleanup, transit, and other infrastructure related to housing construction. **Chapter 27, Statutes of 2006.**
- **AB 2496 (Laird)** Requires, by January 1, 2011, that new toilets and urinals use less water to operate, generally reducing toilets from using an average of 1.6 gallons of water per flush to 1.3 gallons, and urinals from using about 1 gallon of water per flush to ½ gallon. **Vetoed.**

Veterans' Affairs

- **AB 2433 (Negrete McLeod)** Creates National Guard Family Resource Centers and appropriates \$99,000 from the General Fund to the Military Department to provide upgraded armory facilities at seven battalion headquarters for supporting them. **Chapter 613, Statutes of 2006.**
- **AB 2750 (Nava)** Creates the California Veteran and National Guard Benefit Commission to study issues facing military personnel and their families. Directs the commission to make recommendations to the governor and the Legislature. **Vetoed.**
- **AB 2844 (Nation)** Prohibits counties from denying mental-health services to veterans based solely on their status as a veteran. The bill also requires counties to refer veterans to the county veterans' service officer to help them determine their eligibility for federal mental-health services. **Chapter 618, Statutes of 2006.**

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