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# State Legislative Update

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## [AB 1](#)

### [\(Garcia, Cristina D\)](#) **Hazardous waste.**

**Status:** 4/7/2021-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (April 7). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Summary:** Would create the Board of Environmental Safety in the California Environmental Protection Agency. The bill would provide requirements for the membership of the board and would require the board to conduct no less than 6 public meetings per year. The bill would provide for the duties of the board, which would include, among others, reviewing specified policies, processes, and programs within the hazardous waste control laws; proposing statutory, regulatory, and policy changes; and hearing and deciding appeals of hazardous waste facility permit decisions and certain financial assurance decisions.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Concerns	John (1)	Solid Waste

## [AB 9](#)

### [\(Wood D\)](#) **Fire safety: wildfires: fire adapted communities.**

**Last Amend:** 4/19/2021

**Status:** 4/20/2021-Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV.

**Summary:** Would establish in the Department of Conservation the Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program to support regional leadership to build local and regional capacity and develop, prioritize, and implement strategies and projects that create fire adapted communities and landscapes by improving watershed health, forest health, community wildfire preparedness, and fire resilience. The bill would require, among other things, the department to, upon an appropriation by the Legislature, provide block grants to regional entities, as defined, to develop regional strategies that develop governance structures, identify wildfire risks, foster collaboration, and prioritize and implement projects within the region to achieve the goals of the program.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Support	John (2), Staci (1), Tracy (2)	Fire, Forestry

## [AB 14](#)

### [\(Aguiar-Curry D\)](#) **Communications: broadband services: California Advanced Services Fund.**

**Status:** 4/15/2021-Coauthors revised. From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on L. GOV. (Ayes 9. Noes 1.) (April 14). Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV.

**Summary:** Current law establishes the State Department of Education in state government, and vests the department with specified powers and duties relating to the state's public school system. This bill would authorize local educational agencies to report to the department their pupils' estimated needs for computing devices and internet connectivity adequate for at-home learning. The bill would require the department, in consultation with the Public Utilities Commission, to compile that information and to annually post that compiled information on the department's internet website.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Pending	Tracy (1)	Telecommunications

## [AB 32](#)

### [\(Aguiar-Curry D\)](#) **Telehealth.**

**Last Amend:** 4/22/2021

**Status:** 4/22/2021-From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on HEALTH. Read second time and amended.

**Summary:** Current law requires a health care service plan contract or health insurance policy issued, amended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2021, to specify that coverage is provided for health care services appropriately delivered through telehealth on the same basis and to the same extent as in-person diagnosis, consultation, or treatment. Current law exempts Medi-Cal managed care plans that contract with the State Department of Health Care Services under the Medi-Cal program from these provisions, and generally exempts county organized health systems that provide services under the Medi-Cal program from Knox-Keene. This bill would delete the above-described references to contracts issued, amended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2021, would require these provisions to apply to the plan or insurer's contracted entity, as specified, and would delete the exemption for Medi-Cal managed care plans. The bill would subject county organized health systems, and their subcontractors, that provide services under the Medi-Cal program to the above-described Knox-Keene requirements relative to telehealth.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Support	Sarah (1), Tracy (2)	Health Care, Health Insurance, Health Technology, Medi-Cal

[AB 37](#) **(Berman D) Elections: vote by mail ballots.**

**Last Amend:** 4/7/2021

**Status:** 4/15/2021-Coauthors revised. From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 6. Noes 1.) (April 15). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Summary:** Current law requires county elections officials to mail a ballot to every registered voter for all elections proclaimed or conducted prior to January 1, 2022. Current law requires county elections officials to use a specified Secretary of State vote by mail tracking system or a system that meets the same specifications. This bill would extend the requirements to mail a ballot to every registered voter to all elections and apply them to all local elections officials. This bill would require a vote by mail tracking system to be accessible to voters with disabilities. The bill would also make various conforming and technical changes.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Pending	Sarah (1)	Elections

[AB 267](#) **(Valladares R) California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: prescribed fire, thinning, and fuel reduction projects.**

**Last Amend:** 3/16/2021

**Status:** 4/15/2021-Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

**Summary:** Current law, until January 1, 2023, exempts from the requirements of CEQA prescribed fire, thinning, or fuel reduction projects undertaken on federal lands to reduce the risk of high-severity wildfire that have been reviewed under the federal National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as provided. Current law requires the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, beginning December 31, 2019, and annually thereafter until January 1, 2023, to report to the relevant policy committees of the Legislature the number of times the exemption was used. This bill would extend the exemption from CEQA and the requirement on the department to report to the relevant policy committees of the Legislature to January 1, 2026.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Support	John (2), Staci (1), Tracy (2)	Fire, Forestry

[AB 297](#) **(Gallagher R) Fire prevention.**

**Last Amend:** 4/21/2021

**Status:** 4/22/2021-Re-referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

**Summary:** Would continuously appropriate \$480,000,000 and \$20,000,000 to the Department of Forestry and Fire Prevention and the California Conservation Corps, respectively, for fire prevention activities, as provided.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Support	John (2), Staci (1), Tracy (2)	CEQA, Energy, Fire, Forestry

[AB 318](#) **(Levine D) Hazardous waste: classification: green waste.**

**Last Amend:** 4/20/2021

**Status:** 4/21/2021-Re-referred to Com. on E.S. & T.M. Coauthors revised. From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 9. Noes 0.) (April 21). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Summary:** Would require, on or before January 1, 2023, the Department of Toxic Substances Control, in consultation with the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery and the Department of Food and Agriculture, to provide guidance to certified unified program agencies on how to characterize green waste, as defined, under the hazardous waste control laws and regulations.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Pending	John (1)	Solid Waste

[AB 322](#)**(Salas D) Energy: Electric Program Investment Charge program: biomass.****Last Amend:** 4/12/2021**Status:** 4/13/2021-Re-referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

**Summary:** Current law creates in the State Treasury the Electric Program Investment Charge Fund to be administered by the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission and requires the PUC to forward to the Energy Commission, at least quarterly, moneys for those EPIC programs the PUC has determined should be administered by the Energy Commission for deposit in the fund. Current law requires the Energy Commission, in administering moneys in the fund for research, development, and demonstration programs, to develop and implement the EPIC program for the purpose of awarding funds to projects that may lead to technological advancement and breakthroughs to overcome barriers that prevent the achievement of the state's statutory energy goals and that may result in a portfolio of projects that are strategically focused and sufficiently narrow to make advancement on the most significant technological challenges. Current law, until January 1, 2023, requires the Energy Commission to expend certain percentages of the moneys appropriated from the fund for technology demonstration and deployment at sites that benefit certain communities. This bill would require the Energy Commission to consider, in the investment planning process for the EPIC program, bioenergy projects for biomass conversion, as specified.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Support	John (1)	Energy

[AB 332](#)**(Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials) Hazardous waste: treated wood waste: management standards.****Last Amend:** 3/26/2021**Status:** 4/22/2021-From Consent Calendar. Ordered to third reading.

**Summary:** Would require a person managing treated wood waste to comply with the hazardous waste control laws or the management standards established in the bill, including standards for the reuse, storage, treatment, transportation, tracking, identification, and disposal of treated wood waste, as provided. The bill would limit those standards to treated wood waste that is hazardous only because of a preservative present in or on the wood, and that is not subject to the existing exemption for certain wood waste or to regulation as a hazardous waste under federal law.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Support	John (1)	Solid Waste

[AB 339](#)**(Lee D) Local government: open and public meetings.****Last Amend:** 4/15/2021**Status:** 4/19/2021-Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV.

**Summary:** The Ralph M. Brown Act, requires, with specified exceptions, that all meetings of a legislative body of a local agency, as those terms are defined, be open and public and that all persons be permitted to attend and participate. Under existing law, a member of the legislative body who attends a meeting where action is taken in violation of this provision, with the intent to deprive the public of information that the member knows the public is entitled to, is guilty of a crime. This bill would require all meetings to include an opportunity for members of the public to attend via a telephonic option and an internet-based service option. The bill would require all meetings to include an in-person public comment opportunity, except in specified circumstances during a declared state or local emergency. The bill would require all meetings to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on proposed legislation in person and remotely via a telephonic and an internet-based service option, as provided, and would specify requirements for public comment registration.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Oppose	Staci (1), Tracy (2)	Brown Act

[AB 350](#)**(Villapudua D) Agriculture: Cannella Environmental Farming Act of 1995: technical assistance grant program: groundwater conservation planning.****Last Amend:** 3/22/2021**Status:** 4/15/2021-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on W.,P., & W. (Ayes 11. Noes 0.) (April 15). Re-referred to Com. on W.,P., & W.

**Summary:** Would require, upon an appropriation of funds, the Department of Food and Agriculture to establish and administer a 3-year grant program to fund technical assistance to support landowners located in critically overdrafted basins, as defined, in the San Joaquin Valley in reaching water use reduction goals established pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. The bill would require the department, in its development of the grant program, to establish various criteria, guidelines, restrictions, processes and regulations for the qualification and administration of grants to technical assistance providers,

as specified. The bill would require the grant program to fund one technical assistance provider in each of the 8 counties in the San Joaquin Valley. The bill would require the department to ensure that at least 25% of the grant program funds are used to provide technical assistance to socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers, as defined.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Pending	Sidd (1)	Agriculture

**[AB 361](#) ([Rivas, Robert](#) D) Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences.**

**Last Amend:** 4/6/2021

**Status:** 4/7/2021-Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV.

**Summary:** Would authorize a local agency to use teleconferencing without complying with the teleconferencing requirements imposed by the Ralph M. Brown Act when a legislative body of a local agency holds a meeting for the purpose of declaring or ratifying a local emergency, during a declared state of emergency or local emergency, as those terms are defined, when state or local health officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, and during a declared local emergency provided the legislative body makes certain determinations by majority vote. The bill would require legislative bodies that hold teleconferenced meetings under these abbreviated teleconferencing procedures to give notice of the meeting and post agendas, as described, to allow members of the public to access the meeting and address the legislative body, to give notice of the means by which members of the public may access the meeting and offer public comment.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Support	Staci (1), Tracy (2)	Brown Act

**[AB 418](#) ([Valladares](#) R) Emergency services: grant program.**

**Last Amend:** 4/19/2021

**Status:** 4/22/2021-Re-referred to Com. on APPR. pursuant to Assembly Rule 96.

**Summary:** Would establish the Community Power Resiliency Program (program), to be administered by the Office of Emergency Services, to support local governments' efforts to improve resiliency in response to power outage events, as provided. The bill would authorize the office to allocate specified sums, pursuant to an appropriation by the Legislature, to local governments, special districts, and tribes for various purposes relating to power resiliency, and would require certain entities, in order to be eligible for funding, to either describe the portion of their emergency plan that includes power outages or confirm that power outages will be included when the entity revises any portion of their emergency plan.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Support	John (2), Tracy (1)	Emergency Services

**[AB 428](#) ([Mayes](#) I) Local government: board of supervisors.**

**Last Amend:** 3/18/2021

**Status:** 4/15/2021-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on ELECTIONS. (Ayes 7. Noes 1.) (April 14). Re-referred to Com. on ELECTIONS.

**Summary:** Current law requires each county to have a board of supervisors and provides for the organization and powers of the board of supervisors. Current law allows the board of supervisors of any general law or charter county to adopt or the residents of the county to propose, by initiative, limit or repeal a limit on the number of terms a member of the board of supervisors may serve on the board of supervisors. Current law also requires the board of supervisors to prescribe the compensation for all county officers. This bill would require that, when term limits are imposed, the limit must be no fewer than 2 terms. This bill would specify that the board of supervisors is included in the definition of county officers for whom the board of supervisors is required to prescribe compensation.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Watch	Sarah (2), Staci (1)	Elections

**[AB 431](#) ([Patterson](#) R) Forestry: timber harvesting plans: defensible space: exemptions.**

**Status:** 4/22/2021-Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Senate.

**Summary:** The Z'berg-Nejedly Forest Practice Act of 1973 prohibits a person from conducting timber operations, as defined, unless a timber harvesting plan prepared by a registered professional forester has

been submitted to, and approved by, the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. The act authorizes the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to exempt from some or all of those provisions of the act a person engaging in specified forest management activities, as prescribed, including, only until January 1, 2022, the cutting or removal of trees on the person's property in compliance with specified defensible space requirements, as provided. This bill would extend to January 1, 2026, the board's authorization to exempt a person engaging in the cutting or removal of trees on the person's property in compliance with the specified defensible space requirements as provided.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Support	Staci (1)	Fire, Forestry

**AB 448**

**(Mayes I) Fire safety: electrical transmission or distribution lines: clearances: notice and opportunity to be heard.**

**Last Amend:** 4/26/2021

**Status:** 4/22/2021-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on NAT. RES. (Ayes 15. Noes 0.) (April 21). Re-referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

**Summary:** Would revise and recast those provisions related to electrical lines and abatement activities for a person who owns, controls, operates, or maintains an electrical transmission or distributionline, specifying that abatement activities covered by this law include felling, cutting, or trimming trees. This bill would explicitly require all these line clearance and tree pruning and abatement activities to comply with the commission's vegetation management rules. By expanding the scope of a crime, the bill would create a state-mandated local program. The bill would repeal an explicit statement that this electrical line access authorization provides no relief from liability for the removal of vegetation, unless that removal is covered by an applicable easement. The bill would require the identification of hazardous, dead, rotten, diseased, leaning, or structurally defective live trees that are to be felled, cut, or trimmed to be accomplished by using a tree evaluation tool or method, as provided.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Watch	John (2)	Fire

**AB 500**

**(Ward D) Local planning: permitting: coastal development.**

**Last Amend:** 4/19/2021

**Status:** 4/22/2021-Assembly Rule 56 suspended. (pending re-refer to Com. on H. & C.D.)

**Summary:** Current law specifies various development standards with respect to development within the coastal zone and requires that lower cost visitor and recreational facilities be protected, encouraged, and, where feasible, provided. This bill would additionally require that housing opportunities for persons of low and moderate income be protected, encouraged, and provided under those provisions. The bill would also require that new development in nonhazardous areas preserve and enhance the supply of higher density residential, multifamily residential, and mixed-use development in areas with adequate public transit.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Pending	Tracy (1)	Land Use / Planning

**AB 537**

**(Quirk D) Communications: wireless telecommunications and broadband facilities.**

**Last Amend:** 3/30/2021

**Status:** 4/15/2021-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on C. & C. (Ayes 8. Noes 0.) (April 14). Re-referred to Com. on C. & C.

**Summary:** Current law requires a collocation or siting application for a wireless telecommunications facility be deemed approved if a city or county fails to approve or disapprove the application within the time periods specified in applicable FCC decisions, all required public notices have been provided regarding the application, and the applicant has provided a notice to the city or county that the time period has lapsed. Under existing law, eligible facilities requests, defined to include any request for modification of an existing wireless tower or base station that involves collocation of new transmission equipment, removal of transmission equipment, or replacement of transmission equipment, are exempt from these requirements. This bill would remove the exemption for eligible facilities requests defined above. The bill would require that the time periods described above be determined pursuant to specified FCC rules.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Oppose Unless Amended	Tracy (1)	Telecommunications

[AB 640](#)

**(Cooley D) Extended foster care: eligibility redetermination.**

**Last Amend:** 4/12/2021

**Status:** 4/22/2021-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 8. Noes 0.) (April 21). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Summary:** Would require the State Department of Social Services, by July 1, 2022, or upon receipt of any necessary federal approval, to develop and disseminate guidance to county child welfare, probation, and tribal placing agencies on recommended procedures to follow in order to transition a youth to the extended foster care program in a manner that enables the county to redetermine the youth’s eligibility for federal financial participation. The bill would require the Director of Social Services to seek any federal approvals necessary to implement these provisions by July 1, 2022.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Support	Sarah (1)	Foster Care

[AB 648](#)

**(Fong R) Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: healthy forest and fire prevention: appropriation.**

**Status:** 2/25/2021-Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

**Summary:** Would continuously appropriate, beginning in the 2021–22 fiscal year and ending in the 2028–29 fiscal year, \$200,000,000 of the annual proceeds from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for (1) healthy forest and fire prevention programs and projects that improve forest health and reduce greenhouse gas emissions caused by uncontrolled wildfires and (2) prescribed fire and other fuel reduction projects through proven forestry practices consistent with the recommendations of the California Forest Carbon Plan, including the operation of year-round prescribed fire crews and implementation of a research and monitoring program for climate change adaptation.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Support	John (2), Staci (1)	Fire, Forestry

[AB 753](#)

**(Grayson D) Barry Keene Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Trust Fund Act of 1989: brownfields remediation and redevelopment.**

**Last Amend:** 4/15/2021

**Status:** 4/21/2021-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on H. & C.D. (Ayes 7. Noes 1.) (April 21). Re-referred to Com. on H. & C.D.

**Summary:** The Barry Keene Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Trust Fund Act of 1989, requires an owner of an underground storage tank, as defined, for which a permit is required by law to pay storage fees for each gallon of petroleum placed in the tank. The act establishes the Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund and requires the storage fees, among other moneys, to be deposited into the fund. The act authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board to expend the moneys in the fund, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to pay for corrective action in response to an unauthorized release from an underground storage tank and for the cleanup and oversight of unauthorized releases at abandoned tank sites, among other specified purposes. The act requires that certain information be submitted to the state board, and other specified agencies, under penalty of perjury. The act provides for the repeal of certain of its provisions on January 1, 2026, but also provides that certain associated rights, obligations, and authorities that apply before the January 1, 2026, repeal date do not terminate upon repeal of the other provisions of the act. This bill would postpone the repeal of those provisions to January 1, 2031.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Watch	John (1)	Solid Waste

[AB 754](#)

**(Mathis R) Sustainable groundwater management: groundwater sustainability plan.**

**Last Amend:** 4/15/2021

**Status:** 4/19/2021-Re-referred to Com. on W.,P., & W.

**Summary:** The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board to designate a high- or medium-priority basin as a probationary basin if the basin is not entirely covered by an adopted groundwater sustainability plan or plans or a department-approved alternative by the applicable deadline. The act authorizes the board to adopt an interim plan for a probationary basin, as specified. This bill would authorize the department to extend the deadline for a high- or medium-priority basin not subject to critical conditions of overdraft to be managed under a groundwater sustainability plan or coordinated plans by up to 180 days after January 31, 2022, upon request of a local agency or groundwater sustainability agency in the basin for an extension of a specified period of time. The bill would require a request to be submitted by January 3, 2022, and to be responded to by the department by January 10, 2022.

Position Support	Lobbyist Sidd (1)	Subject Water
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[AB 759](#) **(McCarty D) Elections: county officers.**

**Last Amend:** 4/21/2021

**Status:** 4/22/2021-Re-referred to Com. on ELECTIONS.

**Summary:** The California Constitution requires the Legislature to provide for an elected county sheriff, elected district attorney, and elected assessor in each county. Current law also provides that the county treasurer, clerk, auditor, tax collector, recorder, public administrator, and coroner are elective offices unless a county makes them appointive offices, as specified. Current law generally requires the election to select county officers to be held with the statewide primary election at which candidates for Governor are nominated, but if no candidate for a county office receives a majority of the votes cast for that office at the primary election, the 2 candidates who received the most votes advance to the statewide general election at which the Governor is elected. This bill would instead require the election to select county officers to be held with the presidential primary and would require, if no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast for the office at the presidential primary, the 2 candidates who received the most votes to advance to the presidential general election. The bill would make these provisions operative on January 1, 2023.

Position Watch	Lobbyist Sarah (2), Staci (1)	Subject Elections
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[AB 792](#) **(Flora R) Forestry: prescribed burning agreements.**

**Status:** 2/25/2021-Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

**Summary:** Current law authorizes the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection to enter into an agreement for prescribed burning or other hazardous fuel reduction for specified purposes, such as vegetation management and forest improvement. Current law requires an agreement that is entered into pursuant to that authorization to, among other requirements, provide that the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection be fully responsible for prescribed burns initiated at the department's request, with the consent of the landowner, for training or other purposes on lands owned by a nonprofit organization or other public agencies. This bill would delete the qualification that those prescribed burns initiated at the department's request be on lands owned by a nonprofit organization or other public agencies.

Position Support	Lobbyist John (2), Staci (1)	Subject Fire, Forestry
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[AB 843](#) **(Aguiar-Curry D) California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program: renewable feed-in tariff: Bioenergy Market Adjusting Tariff program: community choice aggregators.**

**Last Amend:** 4/12/2021

**Status:** 4/21/2021-In committee: Hearing postponed by committee.

**Summary:** The California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program requires every electrical corporation to file with the Public Utilities Commission a standard tariff for electricity generated by an electric generation facility, as defined, that qualifies for the tariff, is owned and operated by a retail customer of the electrical corporation, and is located within the service territory of, and developed to sell electricity to, the electrical corporation. The commission refers to this requirement as the renewable feed-in tariff. This bill would provide that the renewable feed-in tariff would apply to a qualifying electric generation facility that is developed to sell electricity to the electrical corporation or, for a bioenergy electric generation facility, to an electrical corporation or a community choice aggregator within the electrical corporation's service territory.

Position Support	Lobbyist John (1)	Subject Energy
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[AB 910](#) **(Bigelow R) Forestry: Small Timberland Owner Exemption.**

**Status:** 2/25/2021-Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

**Summary:** Would increase the acreage owned by a small forestland owner within the northern forest district and southern forest district to which the Small Timberland Owner Exemption is applicable to 300 acres or less. The bill would repeal the limitation on authority of the department to grant no more than 3 Small Timberland Owner Exemptions to each landowner. The bill would authorize the construction or reconstruction of temporary roads on slopes of 30 percent or less that meet certain requirements under the Small Timberland Owner Exemption.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Support	John (2), Staci (1)	Forestry

[AB 912](#) **(Bigelow R) Z'berg-Nejedly Forest Practice Act of 1973: working forest management plans.**

**Status:** 2/25/2021-Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

**Summary:** Would revise the definition of “working forest landowner” to mean an owner of timberland with less than 15,000 acres who has an approved working forest management plan and is not primarily engaged in the manufacture of forest products. The bill would revise the definition of “working forest management plan” to allow multiple working forest landowners to submit a working forest management plan, but provide that the plan may cover no more than 15,000 acres of timberland. The bill would also make nonsubstantive changes to other definitions applicable to working forest management plans.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Support	John (2), Staci (1)	Forestry

[AB 1067](#) **(Ting D) Beverage containers.**

**Last Amend:** 4/20/2021

**Status:** 4/21/2021-Re-referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

**Summary:** The California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act, which is administered by the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, is established to promote beverage container recycling and provides for the payment, collection, and distribution of certain payments and fees based on minimum refund values established for beverage containers. The act establishes a beverage container recycling goal of 80%. This bill would revise that beverage container recycling goal to establish beverage container recycling rate goals of 80% by 2025, 85% by 2030, and 90% by 2035. The bill would also make a conforming change.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Watch	John (1)	Solid Waste

[AB 1078](#) **(Patterson R) Energy: building standards: photovoltaic requirements.**

**Status:** 3/4/2021-Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

**Summary:** Current law, until January 1, 2023, specifies that residential construction intended to repair, restore, or replace a residential building damaged or destroyed as a result of a disaster in an area in which a state of emergency has been proclaimed by the Governor, before January 1, 2020, is required to comply with the photovoltaic requirements, if any, that were in effect at the time the damaged or destroyed residential building was originally constructed and is not required to comply with any additional or conflicting photovoltaic requirements in effect at the time of repair, restoration, or replacement. Current law provides that this provision applies if certain requirements are met with respect to the owner's income and insurance coverage and the location and square footage of the construction. This bill would extend the operation of the above-described exemption from the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission's requirements for the installation of photovoltaic systems until January 1, 2024, and would make the exemption inapplicable to emergencies declared by the Governor on and after January 1, 2021, thereby extending the exemption to residential buildings damaged or destroyed as a result of a disaster declared during the 2020 calendar year.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Support	John (1), Tracy (2)	Energy

[AB 1154](#) **(Patterson R) California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: egress route projects: fire safety.**

**Status:** 3/4/2021-Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

**Summary:** Would, until January 1, 2029, exempt from CEQA egress route projects undertaken by a public agency that are specifically recommended by the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection that improve the fire safety of an existing subdivision if certain conditions are met. The bill would require the lead agency to hold a noticed public meeting to hear and respond to public comments before determining that a project is exempt. The bill would require the lead agency, if it determines that a project is not subject to CEQA and approves or carries out that project, to file a notice of exemption with the Office of Planning and Research and with the clerk of the county in which the project will be located.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Support	John (1), Staci (2), Tracy (2)	CEQA, Fire

[AB 1179](#) **(Carrillo D) Employer provided benefit: backup childcare.**

**Status:** 4/22/2021-VOTE: Do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on [Appropriations] (PASS)

**Summary:** Would require an employer to provide an employee, on or after January 1, 2022, who works in California for the same employer for 30 or more days within a year from the commencement of employment, with up to 60 hours of paid backup childcare benefits, to be accrued and used as provided. The bill would define "backup childcare" as childcare provided by a qualified backup childcare provider to the employee's child when the employee's regular childcare provider cannot be utilized, and "paid backup childcare" as an employee benefit consisting of the employer paying for a qualified backup childcare provider to provide backup childcare for an employee's child that is compensated at the state minimum wage or the federal minimum wage, whichever is higher.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Oppose	Sarah (1)	Labor

[AB 1195](#) **(Garcia, Cristina D) Drinking water.**

**Last Amend:** 4/6/2021

**Status:** 4/21/2021-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on L. GOV. (Ayes 6. Noes 0.) (April 21). Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV.

**Summary:** Current law establishes the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund in the State Treasury to help water systems provide an adequate and affordable supply of safe drinking water in both the near and long terms. Current law authorizes the state board to provide for the deposit into the fund of certain moneys and continuously appropriates the moneys in the fund to the state board for grants, loans, contracts, or services to assist eligible recipients. This bill would prohibit, once an operator of a public water system exercises water rights for the benefit of the public water system, those surface water rights or groundwater rights from being severed or otherwise separated from the public water system.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Concerns	John (2), Sidd (1)	Water

[AB 1311](#) **(Wood D) Recycling: beverage containers.**

**Last Amend:** 4/7/2021

**Status:** 4/14/2021-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 11. Noes 0.) (April 14). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Summary:** The The California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act provides that a recycling center that is a reverse vending machine that accepts all types of empty beverage containers except those that are 3 or more liters in volume and those that are pouches is open for business if it provides an attendant to accept all types of empty beverage containers for no less than 10 hours per week, as provided, and is operable and properly functioning for no less than 70 hours per week. The act requires the department to pay handling fees to those recycling centers, and requires those recycling centers to pay refund values, on the basis of the number of beverage containers redeemed through the reverse vending machines, and not on the basis of weight. This bill would apply the above-specified provisions applicable to reverse vending machines to bag drop recycling centers, defined to mean a recycling location operated by a recycling center at which consumers can drop off bagged empty beverage containers for redemption. The bill would require a bag drop recycling center to pay the refund value for beverage containers within a reasonable period of time, not to exceed 3 business days.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Support	John (1)	Solid Waste

[AB 1344](#) **(Arambula D) State Department of Public Health: needle and syringe exchange services.**

**Last Amend:** 4/8/2021

**Status:** 4/12/2021-Re-referred to Com. on HEALTH. Re-referred to Com. on NAT. RES. pursuant to Assembly Rule 96.

**Summary:** Current law authorizes the State Department of Public Health to authorize certain entities to apply to the department to provide hypodermic needle and syringe exchange services in any location where the department determines that the conditions exist for the rapid spread of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), viral hepatitis, or any other potentially deadly or disabling infections that are spread through the sharing of

used hypodermic needles and syringes, and requires the department to provide for a period of public comment during that application process, as specified. This bill would expressly exempt the above-described needle and syringe exchange services application submissions, authorizations, and operations from review under the California Environmental Quality Act. This bill would expressly exempt the above-described needle and syringe exchange services application submissions, authorizations, and operations from review under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Neutral	John (2), Sarah (1)	CEQA, Public Health

**AB 1403** **(Levine D) Emergency services.**

**Last Amend:** 4/8/2021

**Status:** 4/12/2021-Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Summary:** The California Emergency Services Act, authorizes the Governor to proclaim a state of emergency, and local officials and local governments to proclaim a local emergency, when specified conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property exist, and authorizes the Governor or the appropriate local government to exercise certain powers in response to that emergency. Existing law defines the terms "state of emergency" and "local emergency" to mean a duly proclaimed existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by, among other things, fire, storm, or riot. This bill would additionally include a "deenergization event," defined as a planned power outage, as specified, within those conditions constituting a state of emergency and a local emergency.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Support	John (1)	Emergency Management

**AB 1431** **(Frazier D) Forestry: forest carbon plan: state goals.**

**Status:** 3/11/2021-Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

**Summary:** Would establish state goals for fuel treatment and vegetation management, as specified. The bill would require the Natural Resources Agency and the California Environmental Protection Agency, on or before January 1, 2023, to submit a report to the appropriate policy and budget committees of the Legislature on the positions and resources needed to achieve those state goals. The bill would require the Natural Resources Agency and the California Environmental Protection Agency, on or before January 1, 2023, and annually thereafter, to submit to those legislative committees a report on the progress made to achieve those state goals.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Support	John (2), Staci (1)	Fire, Forestry

**AB 1434** **(Friedman D) Urban water use objectives: indoor residential water use.**

**Last Amend:** 4/19/2021

**Status:** 4/20/2021-Re-referred to Com. on W.,P., & W.

**Summary:** Would establish, beginning January 1, 2023, until January 1, 2025, the standard for indoor residential water use as 48 gallons per capita daily. The bill would establish, beginning January 1, 2025, the standard as 44 gallons per capita daily and, beginning January 1, 2030, 40 gallons per capita daily.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Concerns	Sidd (1)	Water

**SB 4** **(Gonzalez D) Communications: California Advanced Services Fund: deaf and disabled telecommunications program: surcharges.**

**Last Amend:** 4/19/2021

**Status:** 4/21/2021-Set for hearing May 3.

**Summary:** Would require the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development to coordinate with other relevant state and local agencies and national organizations to explore ways to facilitate streamlining of local land use approvals and construction permit processes for projects related to broadband infrastructure deployment and connectivity.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Support	Tracy (1)	Telecommunications

**SB 6** (Caballero D) Local planning: housing: commercial zones.

**Last Amend:** 4/12/2021

**Status:** 4/12/2021-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on HOUSING.

**Summary:** The Planning and Zoning Law requires each county and city to adopt a comprehensive, long-term general plan for its physical development, and the development of certain lands outside its boundaries, that includes, among other mandatory elements, a housing element. This bill, the Neighborhood Homes Act, would deem a housing development project, as defined, an allowable use on a neighborhood lot, which is defined as a parcel within an office or retail commercial zone that is not adjacent to an industrial use. The bill would require the density for a housing development under these provisions to meet or exceed the density deemed appropriate to accommodate housing for lower income households according to the type of local jurisdiction, including a density of at least 20 units per acre for a suburban jurisdiction.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Pending	Tracy (1)	Housing

**SB 9** (Atkins D) Housing development: approvals.

**Last Amend:** 4/5/2021

**Status:** 4/22/2021-VOTE: Do pass as amended, but first amend, and re-refer to the Committee on [Appropriations] (PASS)

**Summary:** The Planning and Zoning Law provides for the creation of accessory dwelling units by local ordinance, or, if a local agency has not adopted an ordinance, by ministerial approval, in accordance with specified standards and conditions. This bill, among other things, would require a proposed housing development containing no more than 2 residential units within a single-family residential zone to be considered ministerially, without discretionary review or hearing, if the proposed housing development meets certain requirements, including, but not limited to, that the proposed housing development would not require demolition or alteration of housing that is subject to a recorded covenant, ordinance, or law that restricts rents to levels affordable to persons and families of moderate, low, or very low income, that the proposed housing development does not allow for the demolition of more than 25% of the existing exterior structural walls, except as provided, and that the development is not located within a historic district, is not included on the State Historic Resources Inventory, or is not within a site that is legally designated or listed as a city or county landmark or historic property or district.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Pending	Tracy (1)	Housing

**SB 11** (Rubio D) The California FAIR Plan Association: basic property insurance: exclusions.

**Last Amend:** 4/12/2021

**Status:** 4/22/2021-Read third time. Passed. (Ayes 38. Noes 0.) Ordered to the Assembly. In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

**Summary:** The California FAIR Plan Association is a joint reinsurance association in which all insurers licensed to write basic property insurance participate in administering a program for the equitable apportionment of basic property insurance for persons who are unable to obtain that coverage through normal channels. Current law defines "basic property insurance" for these purposes, and excludes from that definition insurance on automobile or farm risks. Current law authorizes the governing committee of the association to establish separate classifications of written premiums for the purpose of equitable distribution of basic property insurance, but prohibits those classifications from including premiums from automobile or farm risks. For purposes of the above-described provisions, this bill would exclude from "farm risks" a farm's equipment or permanent structures, other than a private garage, used primarily for the production of commercial agricultural commodities or livestock.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Support	Staci (1)	Fire, Insurance

**SB 12** (McGuire D) Local government: planning and zoning: wildfires.

**Status:** 4/6/2021-Set for hearing April 29.

**Summary:** Current law requires that the Office of Planning and Research, among other things, coordinate with appropriate entities, including state, regional, or local agencies, to establish a clearinghouse for climate adaptation information for use by state, regional, and local entities, as provided. This bill would require the

safety element, upon the next revision of the housing element or the hazard mitigation plan, on or after July 1, 2024, whichever occurs first, to be reviewed and updated as necessary to include a comprehensive retrofit strategy to reduce the risk of property loss and damage during wildfires, as specified, and would require the planning agency to submit the adopted strategy to the Office of Planning and Research for inclusion into the above-described clearinghouse.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Pending	Tracy (1)	Housing

**SB 38** **(Wieckowski D) Beverage containers.**

**Last Amend:** 3/17/2021

**Status:** 4/5/2021-April 5 hearing: Placed on APPR suspense file.

**Summary:** Would require distributors of beverage containers in the state to form a beverage container stewardship organization. The organization would be required to develop and submit to the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery a plan, annual report, and budget for the recovery and recycling of empty beverage containers in the state similar to that described in the Used Mattress Recovery and Recycling Act. The bill would require the organization to establish a stewardship fee, to be paid by distributor members of the organization, to assist in covering the costs of implementing the beverage container stewardship program. The bill would require the organization to reimburse the department for the department's costs of enforcing the program. The bill would require the department to deposit all moneys submitted for reimbursement into the Beverage Container Stewardship Fund, which the bill would create in the State Treasury.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Oppose Unless Amended	John (1)	Solid Waste

**SB 52** **(Dodd D) State of emergency: local emergency: planned power outage.**

**Last Amend:** 4/12/2021

**Status:** 4/13/2021-Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

**Summary:** Would define a 'deenergization event' as a planned power outage, as specified, and would make a deenergization event one of those conditions constituting a local emergency, with prescribed limitations.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Support	John (1)	Emergency Management, Energy

**SB 55** **(Stern D) Very high fire hazard severity zone: state responsibility area: development prohibition: supplemental height and density bonuses.**

**Last Amend:** 4/5/2021

**Status:** 4/15/2021-April 15 set for first hearing. Testimony taken. Further hearing to be set.

**Summary:** Would, in furtherance of specified state housing production, sustainability communities strategies, greenhouse gas reduction, and wildfire mitigation goals, prohibit the creation or approval of a new development, as defined, in a very high fire hazard severity zone or a state responsibility area unless there is substantial evidence that the local agency has adopted a comprehensive, necessary, and appropriate wildfire prevention and community hardening strategy to mitigate significant risks of loss, injury, or death, as specified. By imposing new duties on local governments with respect to the approval of new developments in very high fire hazard severity zones and state responsibility areas, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Oppose	Tracy (1)	Housing

**SB 59** **(Caballero D) Cannabis provisional licenses: local equity applicants.**

**Last Amend:** 4/12/2021

**Status:** 4/12/2021-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on E.Q.

**Summary:** MAUCRSA, until January 1, 2022, authorizes a licensing authority, in its sole discretion, to issue a provisional license if the applicant has submitted a completed license application to the licensing authority, including evidence that compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) or local cannabis ordinances is underway, if applicable, as specified. This bill would prohibit a licensing authority from issuing a new provisional license to an applicant on or after July 1, 2022, unless the applicant is a qualified equity

applicant, as defined by the California Cannabis Equity Act, and would authorize a licensing authority to reinstate a provisional license issued prior to July 1, 2022, to an applicant for the same activity previously licensed at the location. The bill would extend the repeal date of these provisional license provisions to July 1, 2028.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Pending	Sarah (1)	Cannabis

**[SB 99](#) (Dodd D) Community Energy Resilience Act of 2021.**

**Last Amend:** 4/12/2021

**Status:** 4/21/2021-Set for hearing May 3.

**Summary:** This bill, the Community Energy Resilience Act of 2021, would require the commission to develop and implement a grant program for local governments to develop community energy resilience plans and expedite permit review of distributed energy resources. The bill would authorize a community choice aggregator or other regional energy collaborative to apply for funding and prepare a community energy resilience plan on behalf of one or more of the local governments it serves upon request of that local government. The bill would set forth guiding principles for plan development, including equitable access to reliable energy, as provided. The bill would require plans to be consistent with the city, county, or city and county general plan and other local government planning documents.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Support	John (1)	Energy

**[SB 208](#) (Dahle R) Sierra Nevada Conservancy: Sierra Nevada Region: subregion: definitions: annual report.**

**Last Amend:** 4/6/2021

**Status:** 4/6/2021-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Summary:** Current law requires the Sierra Nevada Conservancy to make an annual report to the Legislature and to the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency regarding expenditures, land management costs, and administrative costs. This bill would modify areas listed under the definitions of the "Sierra Nevada Region" and its "subregions," as specified, for these purposes. The bill would require the conservancy to include, in its report regarding expenditures, land management costs, and administrative costs for the year 2022, recommendations to the Legislature for legislation to change the name of the conservancy and the governing board of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy, and to change the structure of the regions, subregions, and board, to align the conservancy with its recent expansion in the Counties of Shasta, Siskiyou, and Trinity.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Support	Staci (1)	Forestry, Water

**[SB 219](#) (McGuire D) Property taxation: delinquent penalties and costs: cancellation: public health orders.**

**Status:** 3/25/2021-Read third time. Urgency clause adopted. Passed. (Ayes 38. Noes 0.) Ordered to the Assembly. In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

**Summary:** Current property tax law requires the county tax collector to collect all property taxes and provides for the payment of taxes on the secured roll in 2 installments, which are due and payable on November 1 and February 1, respectively. This bill would authorize the auditor or the tax collector to cancel any penalty, costs, or other charges resulting from tax delinquency upon a finding that failure to make a timely payment is due to a documented hardship, as determined by the tax collector, arising from a shelter-in-place order, as defined, if the principal payment for the proper amount of tax due is paid no later than June 30 of the fiscal year in which the payment first became delinquent. By increasing the duties of local agencies, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Support	Staci (1)	Property Tax

**[SB 223](#) (Dodd D) Discontinuation of residential water service.**

**Last Amend:** 4/20/2021

**Status:** 4/21/2021-Set for hearing April 29.

**Summary:** Current law prohibits an urban and community water system, defined as a public water system that supplies water to more than 200 service connections, from discontinuing residential water service for nonpayment until a payment by a customer has been delinquent for at least 60 days. Current law requires an urban and community water system to have a written policy on discontinuation of residential service for nonpayment, including, among other things, specified options for addressing the nonpayment. Current law

requires an urban and community water system to provide notice of that policy to customers, as provided. This bill would apply those provisions, on and after July 1, 2022, to a very small community water system, defined as a public water system that supplies water to 200 or fewer service connections used by year long residents.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Concerns	Sidd (1)	Water Utilities

**SB 261** **(Allen D) Regional transportation plans: sustainable communities strategies.**

**Status:** 4/19/2021-April 27 hearing postponed by committee.

**Summary:** current law requires certain transportation planning agencies to prepare and adopt a regional transportation plan directed at achieving a coordinated and balanced regional transportation system. Certain of these agencies are designated under federal law as metropolitan planning organizations. Existing law requires that each regional transportation plan include a sustainable communities strategy developed to achieve greenhouse gas emission reduction targets for the automobile and light truck sector for 2020 and 2035 established by the State Air Resources Board. This bill would require that the sustainable communities strategy be developed to additionally achieve greenhouse gas emission reduction targets for the automobile and light truck sector for 2045 and 2050 and vehicle miles traveled reduction targets for 2035, 2045, and 2050 established by the board. The bill would make various conforming changes to integrate those additional targets into regional transportation plans.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Oppose	John (1)	Air Quality

**SB 264** **(Min D) Firearms: state property.**

**Last Amend:** 4/19/2021

**Status:** 4/21/2021-Set for hearing May 3.

**Summary:** Would prohibit a state officer or employee, or operator, lessee, or licensee of any state-owned property, from contracting for, authorizing, or allowing the sale of any firearm, firearm precursor part, or ammunition on state property, as specified. The bill would exempt from its provisions a gun buyback event held by a law enforcement agency, the sale of a firearm by a public administrator, public guardian, or public conservator within the course of their duties, and a sale that occurs pursuant to a contract that was entered into before January 1, 2022.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Oppose	Staci (1)	Fairs

**SB 286** **(Min D) Elections: county officers: consolidation with statewide elections.**

**Status:** 4/8/2021-April 12 set for first hearing canceled at the request of author.

**Summary:** Current law requires a candidate for a nonpartisan office who at a primary election receives votes on a majority of all the ballots cast for candidates for that office to be elected to that office. This bill would exempt from that requirement candidates for county nonpartisan offices, including a county office in a charter county, but not including a charter city and county, and would require the candidates who received the highest and second highest number of votes cast for nomination to that office to be placed on the ballot at the ensuing general election. By imposing new duties on counties, including county elections officials, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Oppose	Staci (1)	Elections

**SB 289** **(Newman D) Recycling: batteries and battery-embedded products.**

**Last Amend:** 4/13/2021

**Status:** 4/14/2021-Set for hearing April 27.

**Summary:** Would make the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Act of 2006 and the Cell Phone Recycling Act of 2004 inoperative as of June 30, 2025, and would repeal those acts as of January 1, 2026. The bill would enact the Battery and Battery-Embedded Product Recycling and Fire Risk Reduction Act of 2021, which would require producers, as defined, either individually or through the creation of one or more stewardship organizations, to establish a stewardship program for batteries and battery-embedded products.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Support	John (1)	Solid Waste

[SB 335](#)**(Cortese D) Workers' compensation: liability.****Last Amend:** 3/10/2021**Status:** 4/16/2021-Set for hearing April 26.

**Summary:** Current law prohibits a claim for workers' compensation from being maintained unless within 30 days after the occurrence of the injury, the injured person, or in case of the death, a dependent, or someone on the injured person's or dependent's behalf, serves notice of the injury upon the employer. Current law also requires an injured employee, or in the case of death, a dependent, or an agent of the employee or dependent, to file a claim form with the employer. Under current law, except for specified injuries, if liability is not rejected within 90 days after the date the claim form is filed with the employer, the injury is presumed compensable and the presumption is rebuttable only by evidence discovered subsequent to the 90-day period. This bill would reduce those 90-day time periods to 45 days and, for certain injuries or illnesses, including hernia, heart trouble, pneumonia, or tuberculosis, among others, sustained in the course of employment of a specified member of law enforcement or a specified first responder, would reduce those time periods to 30 days.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Oppose	Sarah (1)	Workers Comp

[SB 341](#)**(McGuire D) Telecommunications service: outages.****Last Amend:** 3/23/2021**Status:** 4/21/2021-Set for hearing May 3.

**Summary:** Would require each provider of telecommunications service to maintain on its internet website a public outage map showing that provider's outages, and would require the office, in consultation with the Public Utilities Commission, on or before July 1, 2022, to adopt by regulation requirements for those maps, as specified. The bill would require the office to provide the commission with all of the information provided to it as part of a telecommunications service provider's community isolation outage notification and to aggregate that data and post that aggregated data on its internet website.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Support	John (1), Tracy (2)	Telecommunications

[SB 378](#)**(Gonzalez D) Local government: broadband infrastructure development project permit processing: microtrenching permit processing ordinance.****Last Amend:** 4/12/2021**Status:** 4/16/2021-Set for hearing April 26.

**Summary:** Would require a local agency to allow, except as provided, microtrenching for the installation of underground fiber if the installation in the microtrench is limited to fiber. The bill would also require, to the extent necessary, a local agency with jurisdiction to approve excavations to adopt or amend existing ordinances, codes, or construction rules to allow for microtrenching. By imposing new duties on local agencies with regard to the installation of fiber, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Pending	Tracy (1)	Telecommunications

[SB 398](#)**(Skinner D) Cannabis licenses: cannabis licensing agreements: labor peace agreement license requirement: medical marijuana identification cards.****Last Amend:** 4/12/2021**Status:** 4/21/2021-Set for hearing May 3.

**Summary:** Would authorize a local jurisdiction to enter into a cannabis licensing agreement with the Bureau of Cannabis Control to require the bureau to administer local commercial cannabis licensing, permitting, or other regulatory activities on behalf of the local jurisdiction. The bill would require the agreement to meet specified conditions, including that the agreement expires no less than 5 years from its operative date, and would require the local jurisdiction designate applicable zoning areas for commercial cannabis activity.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Pending	Sarah (1)	Cannabis

[SB 456](#)**(Laird D) Fire prevention: forest health: action plan: reports.****Last Amend:** 4/19/2021**Status:** 4/19/2021-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on N.R. & W.

**Summary:** Current law establishes in the Natural Resources Agency the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, and requires the department to be responsible for, among other things, fire protection and prevention, as provided. The former Governor, Edmund G. Brown Jr., issued an executive order relating to, among other subjects, the streamlining of permitting for landowner-initiated projects for the improvement of forest health and the reduction of forest fire fuels on their properties. Pursuant to this executive order, a Forest Management Task Force involving specified state agencies was convened and an action plan was created. This bill would require the task force, including the agency and the department, on January 1, 2022, to develop a comprehensive implementation strategy to achieve the goals and key actions identified in the action plan, as provided.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Support	John (2), Staci (1)	Climate Change, Fire, Forestry

**SB 462 (Borgeas R) Disaster relief: Creek Fire: allocation to local agencies.**

**Status:** 3/22/2021-March 22 hearing: Placed on APPR suspense file.

**Summary:** The California Disaster Assistance Act requires the Director of Emergency Services to provide financial assistance to local agencies for their personnel costs, equipment costs, and the cost of supplies and materials used during disaster response activities, incurred as a result of a state of emergency proclaimed by the Governor, subject to specified criteria. Under the act, the state share for eligible project costs is generally 75% of total eligible costs, and for specified incidents, the state share is up to 100% of total eligible costs. The act continuously appropriates moneys in the Disaster Assistance Fund and its subsidiary account, the Earthquake Emergency Investigations Account, without regard to fiscal year, for purposes of the act. This bill would allow for a state share of up to 100% of total eligible costs related to the Creek Fire that started on September 4, 2020, in the Counties of Fresno and Madera.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Support	Staci (1)	Fire

**SB 493 (Bradford D) Local government financing: juvenile justice.**

**Last Amend:** 3/23/2021

**Status:** 4/21/2021-Set for hearing May 3.

**Summary:** Would revise and recast required components of the multiagency juvenile justice plan to, among other things, additionally require a plan to include an assessment of existing community-based youth development services, identification and prioritization of areas of the community that face significant public safety risk from crime, documentation of the effectiveness of the programs funded under these provisions, and a description of the target population funded under these provisions. The bill would require programs and strategies funded under these provisions to, among other things, be modeled on trauma-informed and youth development approaches and in collaboration with community-based organizations.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Oppose	Sarah (1)	Juveniles

**SB 552 (Hertzberg D) Drought planning: small water suppliers: nontransient noncommunity water systems.**

**Status:** 4/22/2021-VOTE: Do pass as amended, but first amend, and re-refer to the Committee on [Appropriations] (PASS)

**Summary:** Would require small water suppliers, as defined, and nontransient noncommunity water systems that are schools, no later than December 31, 2022, to develop and submit to the Division of Drinking Water for the State Water Resources Control Board an Emergency Response Plan that includes specified drought-planning elements. The bill would require these water systems to report specified water supply condition information to the state board through the state board's Electronic Annual Reporting System, and to include water system risk and water shortage information in the water systems' Consumer Confidence Reports, as provided.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Pending	Sidd (1)	Drought Relief, Water Utilities

**SB 555 (McGuire D) Local agencies: transient occupancy taxes: short-term rental facilitator: collection.**

**Last Amend:** 4/12/2021

**Status:** 4/21/2021-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 11. Noes 0.) (April 20). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Summary:** Would authorize a local agency, defined to mean a city, county, or city and county, including a charter city, county, or city and county, to enact an ordinance exclusively delegating its authority to collect any transient occupancy tax imposed by that local agency on short-term rentals to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration and to enter into a contract with the department for purposes of registration, rate posting, collection, and transmission of revenues necessary to collect and administer any transient occupancy tax imposed on a short-term rental as specified in this bill.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Support	Staci (1)	County Operations - Misc.

**SB 556 (Dodd D) Street light poles, traffic signal poles: small wireless facilities attachments.**

**Last Amend:** 4/12/2021

**Status:** 4/22/2021-VOTE: Do pass as amended, but first amend, and re-refer to the Committee on [Appropriations] (PASS)

**Summary:** Would prohibit a local government or local publicly owned electric utility from unreasonably denying the leasing or licensing of its street light poles or traffic signal poles to communications service providers for the purpose of placing small wireless facilities on those poles. The bill would require that street light poles and traffic signal poles be made available for the placement of small wireless facilities under fair, reasonable, and nondiscriminatory fees, subject to specified requirements, consistent with a specified decision of the Federal Communications Commission.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Pending	Tracy (1)	Telecommunications

**SB 586 (Bradford D) Criminal fees.**

**Status:** 4/21/2021-Set for hearing May 3.

**Summary:** Current law imposes various fees contingent upon a criminal arrest, prosecution, or conviction for the cost of administering the criminal justice system, including lab fees, programs for persons convicted of sex offenses, drug testing, incarceration and house arrest, and record expungement, among others. This bill would repeal the authority to collect most of these fees, among others. The bill would make the unpaid balance of most court-imposed costs unenforceable and uncollectible and would require any portion of a judgment imposing those costs to be vacated. The bill would relieve a person who is sentenced to state prison or confined in a county jail from being required to pay any trial court filing fees or costs related to the person's underlying criminal conviction.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Concerns	Sarah (1)	Courts, Public Safety - Misc.

**SB 592 (Dahle R) Fish and wildlife: working group: catastrophic wildfires: reports.**

**Last Amend:** 4/20/2021

**Status:** 4/20/2021-Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Summary:** Would require the Director of Fish and Wildlife to establish a working group, composed of the director or the director's representative, the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection or their representative, and a county government representative from each county impacted by any catastrophic wildfire being studied by the workgroup, as described below. The bill would require the working group to study, investigate, and report, on or before December 31, 2022, and by December 31 each year thereafter, to the Legislature on the impacts on wildlife and wildlife habitat resulting from any catastrophic wildfire, as defined, that occurred during that calendar year, including specified information on a catastrophic wildfire's impact on ecosystems, biodiversity, and protected species in the state, and would require, to the extent feasible, the department to obtain and keep current baseline data suitable for interpreting that impact.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Support	Staci (1)	Endangered Species, Fire, Wildlife

**SB 619 (Laird D) Organic waste: reduction regulations.**

**Last Amend:** 4/13/2021

**Status:** 4/13/2021-Set for hearing April 29. From committee with author's amendments. Read second time

and amended. Re-referred to Com. on E.Q.

**Summary:** Current law requires the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, in consultation with the state board, to adopt regulations to achieve those targets for reducing organic waste in landfills, and authorizes those regulations to require local jurisdictions to impose requirements on generators or other relevant entities within their jurisdiction, to authorize local jurisdictions to impose penalties on generators for noncompliance, and to include penalties to be imposed by the department for noncompliance. Current law provides that those regulations shall take effect on or after January 1, 2022, except that the imposition of penalties by local jurisdictions pursuant to the regulations shall not take effect until 2 years after the effective date of the regulations. This bill, until January 1, 2023, would require the department to only impose a penalty on a local jurisdiction, and would require a penalty to only accrue, for a violation of the regulations if the local jurisdiction did not make a reasonable effort, as determined by the department, to comply with the regulations.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Support	John (1)	Solid Waste

**SB 709**

**(Dahle R) Z'Berg-Nejedly Forest Practice Act of 1973: timber harvesting plans: extensions.**

**Last Amend:** 4/5/2021

**Status:** 4/21/2021-Set for hearing May 3.

**Summary:** Would eliminate extensions for timber harvesting plans approved by the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection from January 1, 2010, to August 31, 2012, inclusive, and instead allow for a timber harvesting plan that is approved by the department from January 1, 2014, to December 31, 2015, inclusive, to be extended for an additional 2 years if certain conditions are met. The bill would make other nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

Position	Lobbyist	Subject
Support	Staci (1)	Forestry