

Vote Record: Major Bills 2022

Each year at the close of the legislative session, the Chamber publishes a voting record to provide our members a sense of their legislators' voting patterns. Our 2022 California state representatives were Senator Henry Stern and Assembly-member Suzette Valladares.

Below is a snapshot of Major Bills for 2022 and how the legislators, CalChamber and the Simi Valley Chamber voted.

<p style="text-align: center;">LEGISLATION</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Senator Henry Stern</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Assembly-Member Suzette Valladares</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">CalChamber</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce</p> 
LABOR & EMPLOYMENT				
<p>AB 257 - Holden. Fast Food Industry: Franchises; Wage and Hour Enacts the Fast Food Accountability and Standards (FAST) Recovery Act that establishes the Fast Food Sector Council (council) and tasks the council with conducting a full review every three years on the adequacy of fast food restaurant health, safety, and employment standards and establishing industry-wide minimum health, safety, wage, working hours, and employment standards. Council could enact its own laws without going through the Legislature. It would also automatically hold franchisors liable for violations by a franchisee.</p>	Y	N	Opposed	Opposed 6/13 Testified in opposition in Senate Labor, Public Employment & Retirement Committee
<p>AB 2183 - Stone. Forced Unionization Process for Agricultural Employees This Bill seeks to eliminate an agricultural employee's democratic right to cast an independent vote in a secret ballot election regarding whether to unionize. It also creates a retaliation presumption against employers and imposes a bond requirement on employers pursuing their right to appeal an order of the Ag Labor Relations Board.</p>	Y	N	Opposed Job Killer	Opposed Joined CalChamber Coalition Letter
<p>SB 1044 - Durazo. State of Emergency This bill would prohibit an employer, in the event of a natural disaster, as defined, from taking or threatening adverse action against any employee for refusing to report to, or leaving, a workplace within the affected area because the employee feels unsafe due to the natural disaster. The bill would also prohibit an employer from preventing any employee from accessing the employee's mobile device for mobile telecommunications to use for emergency purposes during the natural disaster.</p>	Y	Removed before Assembly Vote	Neutral	Opposed Joined CalChamber Coalition Letter; 6/27 Testified in Opposition in Assembly Committee on Emergency Mgmt.
<p>SB 1162 - Limon. Publication of Pay Data Require a private employer that has 100 or more employees and employees hired through labor contractors to submit a pay data report to Dept of Fair Employment & Housing. required to submit this information to require that it be provided on or before the second Wednesday of May 2023, and for each year thereafter on or before the second Wednesday of May. would require the pay data report to include the median and mean hourly rate for each combination of race, ethnicity, and sex within each job category. This bill would require employers with multiple establishments to submit a report covering each establishment. would permit a court to impose a civil penalty not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100) per employee upon any employer who fails to file the required report and not to exceed two hundred dollars (\$200) per employee upon any employer for a subsequent failure to file the required report. This bill would require DFEH to publish each private employers pay data report on an internet website available to the public.</p>	Y	Did Not Vote	Opposed	Opposed – Joined CalChamber Coalition Letter. 6/14 Testified in Opposition before the Assembly Judiciary Committee
TAXATION				
<p>AB 1951 - Grayson. Manufacturing Tax Credit Extension This bill, effective, 1/1/23 thru 1/1/28, gives a full Sales & Use tax exemption for the purchase of qualified tangible personal property not exceeding \$200,000,000 for use primarily in manufacturing, processing, refining, fabricating, or recycling of tangible personal property. This bill would not reimburse any local agencies for sales and use tax revenues lost as a result of this bill. However, the current law exemption reimbursement would remain in effect.</p>	Y	Y	Supported	Supported
Workplace Safety				
<p>AB 2188 - Quirk. Workplace Marijuana Testing This bill would make it unlawful for an employer to discriminate against a person in hiring, termination, or any term or condition of employment, or otherwise penalize a person, if the discrimination is based upon the person's use of cannabis off the job and away from the workplace or, with prescribed exceptions, upon an employer-required drug screening test that has found the person to have nonpsychoactive cannabis metabolites in their urine, hair, or bodily fluids.</p>	Y	N	Opposed	Opposed