

LEGISLATIVE REPORT 2014: CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF PREVENTIVE MEDICINE

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The Board of Directors of CAPM adopted positions of support for 9 bills before the California Legislature this year. Five passed both houses, of which at least 3 have been signed by the Governor, with 2 more pending. The other four failed to make it all the way through both houses. Our support was provided economically, in the form of letters and calls to legislators through their staff members assigned to the bills, and to committee analysts. The bill for which the Board authorized the most attention (we were the only medical organization supporting it) was AB 1576, which unfortunately failed.

BILLS THAT PASSED BOTH HOUSES, SIGNED BY GOVERNOR:

- AB 966 (Bonta) is the fourth attempt by the legislature to make condoms available in state prisons. Gov. Schwarzenegger vetoed the first two bills, but approved a successful pilot program in one prison. Nevertheless, the third bill last year was vetoed by Gov. Brown, who this time signed AB 966 into law.
- AB 1667 (Williams) will revise TB screening for school employees, permitting screening questionnaires, and testing only in the presence of risk factors. Signed into law.
- AB 1898 (Brown) will make HIV coinfections with hepatitis B and C or with meningococcal infection reportable, and permit public health communication about them. Signed into law.
- SB 1311 (Hill) will require antibiotic stewardship programs in acute care hospitals. No organized opposition. Signed into law.

BILL THAT PASSED BOTH HOUSES, BUT VETOED BY GOVERNOR:

- SB 835 (Hill) would prohibit use of medically important antibiotic to food animals, except if prescribed for veterinary purposes.

BILLS THAT FAILED TO PASS:

- AB 1500 (Dickinson) would have prohibited direct shipping of tobacco products to minors. It failed to pass out of Assembly Appropriations Committee.
- AB 1437 (Mullin) would have prohibited sale of meat from antibiotic-treated animals. It failed to pass out of Assembly Health Committee.
- AB 1576 (Hall) would have required condoms and infection control plans for the adult film industry. It passed the Assembly but failed to pass out of Senate Appropriations Committee.
- SB 1000 (Monning) would have required warning labels on sugary drinks, the larger the volume of the drink, the larger the print on the warning. It passed the Senate but failed to pass out of Assembly Health Committee.