

UPDATE FROM THE HEALTH OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA (HOAC)

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Health Officers Association of California

- ▣ 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization since 1969
- ▣ Separate from CCLHO, though we work together closely
- ▣ Composed of dues-paying members
- ▣ Engaged in research projects
- ▣ Provides CME focused on public health
- ▣ Engages in state and national-level advocacy

Public Health System Indicators Project

- ▣ HOAC work recently completed
- ▣ CDC funded
- ▣ Worked with the University of Pittsburgh
- ▣ Local health departments participated from California and Texas
- ▣ Developed tools to measure the effect an emergency has on local health department function

Paid Sick Leave Research Project

- ▣ Funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Public Health Law Research
- ▣ Working with PHI and a researcher from UCLA
- ▣ Studying communicable disease rates in cities that do and do not have paid sick leave laws
- ▣ Policy scan and informational interviews complete
- ▣ Data currently being gathered and analyzed

Health In All Policies

- ▣ Funding from The California Endowment
- ▣ Working with Human Impact Partners and Dr. Linda Rudolph
- ▣ Provided an intensive training for ten legislative staff

Health in All Policies

- ▣ One-day training provided to legislative staff
- ▣ 10 participants, all non-health staff
- ▣ Assemblymember Richard Pan, MD gave opening remarks
 - HiAP can be more influential on health than work of Health Committee
- ▣ Staff screened bills for possible health impacts
 - Staff understood importance
 - Staff did not know who to turn to for further analysis

Health in All Policies

- ▣ Completed three health analyses on bills seemingly unrelated to health
 - AB 420 (Willful defiance)
 - AB 2345 (Cal Works assistance to undocumented immigrants)
 - SB 935 (Scheduled increase California's minimum wage)
 - ▣ Mentioned in press release
 - ▣ Mentioned in numerous media outlets
 - ▣ Summarized in Labor Committee's analysis of the bill

Health in All Policies

- ▣ Lessons learned
 - Trainings need to be shorter to accommodate the busy schedule of most legislative staff.
 - Legislative staff do not see themselves as able to perform a health lens analysis. However, it is possible for them to get into the habit of recognizing when they need to call someone who can perform an HIA.
 - The bill screening worksheet should include a section on whom to call if health analysis is needed.
 - Inclusion of data and analysis on costs and savings could increase the influence of health analysis on legislators and legislative staff.

Health in All Policies

- ▣ Lessons learned
 - Health lens analyses will be used by non-health committees in their consideration of legislation
 - The legislative process drastically shortens the health lens analysis process
 - Shortened timelines require very rapid analyses. Drawing on prior research is key
 - The experience level of the author of a health analysis is important

Health in All Policies

- ▣ Two further years of funding is being sought
- ▣ Co-locate a health analyst in an office associated with the legislature
- ▣ Show the need for more HiAP expertise in the legislative process
- ▣ Build support for HIA

Legislative Tracking

- ▣ HOAC tracked over 400 of the 2099 bills introduced in the legislature
- ▣ Tracked health-related budget negotiations

HOAC Sponsored Bills

- ▣ AB 1667 (Williams)
 - Removes requirement that school teachers, employees, and volunteers be tested for TB
 - Instead requires a risk assessment screening, with TB testing only if indicated

- ▣ AB 1898 (Brown)
 - Allows increased reporting for HIV coinfections:
 - ▣ Currently the only coinfections reported are syphilis, gonorrhea, chlamydia, and tuberculosis
 - ▣ Adds hepatitis B, hepatitis C, and meningitis

Bills Sent to the Governor

- ▣ AB 966 (Bonta)
 - Requires the state to develop a plan to distribute condoms in prisons
- ▣ AB 1522 (Gonzalez)
 - Requires employers in the state to give employees at least three days of paid sick time per year
- ▣ AB 1535 (Bloom)
 - Allows pharmacists to develop opioid inhibitors
- ▣ AB 1743 (Ting)
 - Extends the sunset date for pharmacy sale of syringes

Bills Sent to the Governor

- ▣ AB 1819 (Hall)
 - Prohibits smoking in homes used as day care centers, even when children are not present
- ▣ SB 835 (Hill)
 - Restricts the use of antibiotics in livestock to preventive and therapeutic purposes
 - Bans the use of antibiotics as growth promoters
 - Implements voluntary FDA guidelines to be required in California

Bills Sent to the Governor

- ▣ SB 1019 (Leno)
 - Requires labeling on furniture containing flame retardant chemicals
- ▣ SB 1311 (Hill)
 - Requires hospitals to develop antibiotic stewardship programs

Bills Killed in the Legislature

- ▣ AB 1576 (Hall)
 - Requires the use of condoms in adult films, and requires producers to keep appropriate records
- ▣ AB 2505 (Yamada)
 - Sets up standards for raw milk sharing
- ▣ SB 443 (Walters)
 - Required health officer approval of day camp operation plans
- ▣ SB 648 (Corbett)
 - Outlaws sale of e-cigarettes in vending machines

Bills Killed in the Legislature

- ▣ SB 1000 (Monning)
 - Requires a warning label on all soda cans and bottles sold in the state
 - “Drinking beverages with added sugar(s) contributes to obesity, diabetes, and tooth decay.”
- ▣ SB 1014 (Jackson)
 - Requires pharmaceutical companies to develop a product stewardship plan
- ▣ SB 1262 (Correa)
 - Requires local health departments to inspect medical marijuana dispensaries and cultivation sites
 - Requires quality testing

Hot Topics Next Year

- ▣ Water
- ▣ Electronic cigarettes
- ▣ Vaccine purchasing by rural providers
- ▣ Flu vaccines
 - Health care workers at SNFs
 - Pre-school workers
- ▣ Barriers around pools

CME

- ▣ Accreditation review this year
- ▣ Your suggestions are needed
- ▣ What do you want to learn about?

QUESTIONS?
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