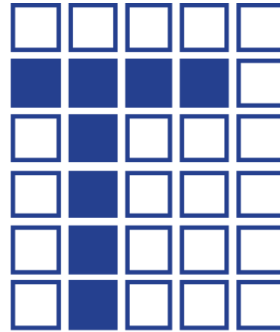


Advocacy Summary & Legislator Vote Records - 2015



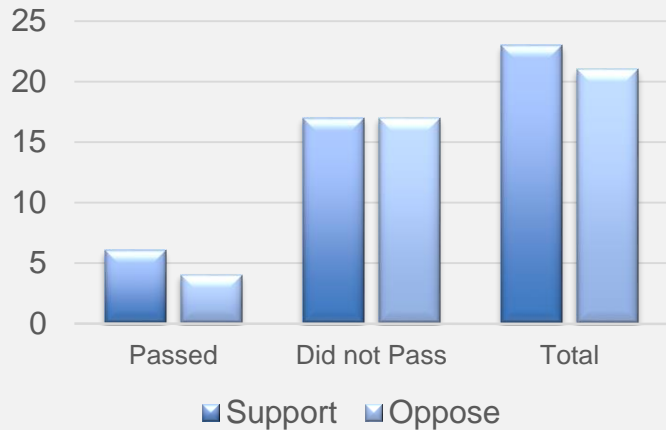
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Legend			
Chaptered	Not passed in 2015	Voted w/ TACC	Voted against TACC

Advocacy Snapshot - 2015

Advocacy Outlay



Takeaways

- Actively advocated on 44 issues
- 81% of opposed bills did not pass in 2015
- Legislator vote records (state): Hall (35%), Allen (33%), Hadley (94%)

Major Victories

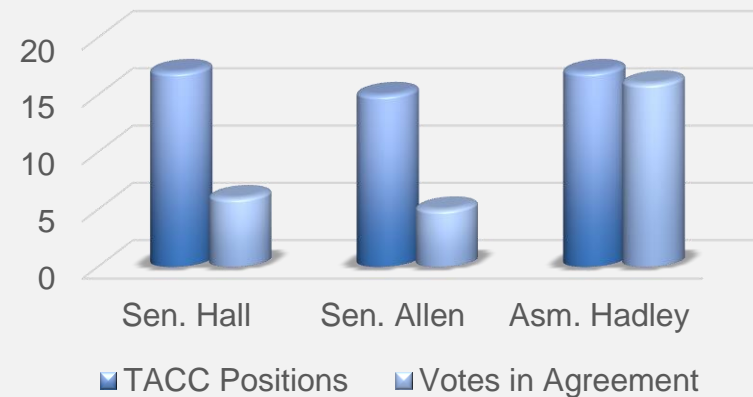
- SB 3 (Minimum Wage Increase): Failed to pass
- Petroleum reduction mandate amended out of SB 350
- Legislation (AB 306) in support of the Los Angeles Air Force Base signed into law

Losses

- 73% of support bills failed
- LA County Minimum Wage passed
- Grocery store employee retention mandate (AB 359) signed into law

Legislator Vote Records

2015 Legislator Scorecard		
TACC Positions	Votes in Agreement	%
17	Sen. Hall: 6	35
15	Sen. Allen: 5	33
17	Asm. Hadley: 16	93



70% & Above

50% - 69%

Less than 50%

Bill	Summary	TACC Position	Vote Records
Federal Policy Issues			
Trade Promotion Authority S.995, the Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015	This legislation will establish strong rules for trade negotiations and Congressional approval of trade pacts to deliver trade agreements that boost U.S. exports and create American jobs. Passage of trade promotion authority will help Congress and the President to work together to forge new and beneficial trade agreements for the United States.	Support	
Export - Import Bank	The TACC supports the reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank, that currently is set to expire on June 30. Failure to reauthorize its operations at an internationally competitive level would seriously disadvantage U.S. companies—small and large—in foreign markets, potentially resulting in the loss of thousands of U.S. jobs.	Support	
40- Hour Work Week H.R. 30 S. 30	The Save American Workers Act, would restore the traditional 40-hour full-time definition under the ACA.. Reps. Todd Young (R-IN) and Dan Lipinski (D-IL) are the lead sponsors of H.R. 30. The Forty Hours is Full Time Act would restore the traditional 40-hour full-time definition under the ACA.	Support	
State Policy Issues			
SB 3 (Leno – D)	<i>Topic: Minimum wage: adjustment.</i> Unfairly imposes an automatic \$3.00 increase in minimum wage over the next two and a half years, and thereafter ties it to inflation, that will continue to increase costs on employers of all sizes, regardless of other economic factors or costs that California employers are struggling with to sustain their business.	Oppose	Sen. Hall: aye: floor Sen. Allen: aye: floor
SB 32 (Pavley – D)	<i>Topic: California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: emissions limit.</i> Halts Economic Growth. Increases costs for California businesses, makes them less competitive and discourages economic growth by adopting further greenhouse gas emission reductions for 2030 and 2050 without regard to the impact on individuals, jobs and the economy.	Oppose	Sen. Hall: aye: floor Sen. Allen: aye: floor Asm. Hadley: noe: floor
SB 67 (Galgiani – D)	<i>Topic: Disability access: statutory damages.</i> Disability Access Litigation Reform. Seeks to limit frivolous litigation against small businesses and those that have sought to comply, by limiting remedies to injunctive relief and expanding the current period to correct any violation from 60 to 120 days.	Support	
SB 203 (Monning - D)	<i>Topic: Sugar-sweetened beverages: safety warnings.</i> Unnecessary and potentially redundant state-only labeling requirements on sugar-sweetened beverages.	Oppose	
SB 243 (Hernandez – D)	<i>Topic: Medi-Cal: reimbursement: provider rates.</i> Increases Medi-Cal reimbursement rates to health care providers. Requires payments for specified medical care services to not be less than 100% of the payment rate that applies to those services as established by the Medicare Program, for both fee-for-service and managed care plans.	Support	
SB 251 (Roth – D)	<i>Topic: Civil rights: disability access.</i> Incentivizing Disability Access and Education. Seeks to limit frivolous litigation and claims regarding construction-related accessibility claims by providing businesses who have proactively sought to become ADA compliant with an opportunity to resolve any identified violations as well as a provide a limited period in which to resolve technical violations that do not actually impede access.	Support	Sen. Hall: aye: floor Sen. Allen: aye: floor Asm. Hadley: aye: floor

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SB 346 (Wieckowski –D)	<i>Topic: Health facilities: community benefits.</i> Increases administrative costs and otherwise limits the ability of California’s nonprofit hospitals to invest in community prevention efforts that meet the needs of the local community by creating an unnecessary new definition of charity care and mandating a rigid process for developing a community needs assessment and community benefit plan.	Oppose	Sen Hall: aye: com.
SB 350 (de Leon - D)	<i>Topic: Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act of 2015.</i> Costly and Burdensome Regulations. Before amendments, potentially increased costs and burdens on all Californians by mandating an arbitrary and unrealistic reduction of petroleum use by 50%, increased the current Renewable Portfolio Standard to 50% and increased energy efficiency in buildings by 50% - all by 2030 without regard to the impact on individuals, jobs and the economy. Opposition and Job Killer status removed due to September 11, 2015 amendment of petroleum us taken out.	Oppose	Sen. Hall: aye: floor Sen. Allen: aye: floor Asm. Hadley: noe: com. *Vote counts taken prior to amendments
SB 406 (Jackson – D)	<i>Topic: Employment: leave. Significant Expansion of California Family Rights Act.</i> Increases costs, risk of litigation and creates less conformity with federal law by expanding the family members for whom leave may be taken, which will provide a potential 24- week protected leave of absence for employers to administer.	Oppose	Sen. Allen: aye: floor Sen. Hall: aye: floor
SB 546 (Leno – D)	<i>Topic: Health care coverage: rate review. Health Care Rate Regulation.</i> Threatens employers with higher premiums by imposing unnecessary and burdensome new reporting requirements on health plans and insurers in the large group market. Job killer tag removed due to April 30 amendments eliminating authorization for state regulators to veto or unilaterally alter large-group rate changes.	Oppose	Sen. Hall: aye: floor Sen. Allen: aye: floor Asm. Hadley: noe: com.
SB 563 (Pan – D)	<i>Topic: Workers' compensation: utilization review.</i> Significant Increase in Workers’ Compensation Costs. Exposes injured workers to potentially inappropriate treatment, undercuts the recent workers’ compensation reforms and significantly increases workers' compensation costs by eliminating the Utilization Review and Independent Medical Review process for many treatment requests.	Oppose	
SB 654 (De Leon – D)	<i>Topic: Hazardous waste: facilities permitting. Creates Unworkable Hazardous Waste Permitting Process.</i> Discourages investment in upgrading and improving hazardous waste facilities by shutting down hazardous waste facilities if the Department of Toxic Substances Control fails to take final action on the permit renewal application within a specified timeframe, even if the permit applicant acted diligently and in good faith throughout the permit application process.	Oppose	Sen. Allen: aye: floor Sen. Hall: aye: floor
SB 684 (Hancock – D)	<i>Topic: Corporation taxes: tax rates: publicly held corporations. Increased Tax Rate.</i> Threatens to significantly increase the corporate tax rate on publicly held corporations and financial institutions up to 15% according to the wages paid to employees in the United States, and threatens to increase that rate by 50% thereafter, if the corporation or institution reduces its workforce in the United States and simultaneously increases its contractors.	Oppose	

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SCA 5 (Hancock – D)	<i>Topic: Local government: special taxes: voter approval.</i> Lowers Vote Requirement for Tax Increases. Split Roll. Undermines the protections of Proposition 13 by unfairly targeting commercial property owners and increasing their property taxes by assessing their property based upon current fair market value instead of acquired value. Such costs will ultimately be passed on to consumers and tenants through higher prices and will result in job loss as businesses struggle to absorb such a dramatic tax increase.	Oppose	
AB 12 (Cooley – D)	<i>Topic: State government: administrative regulations: review.</i> Strengthens the accountability and transparency of the state’s regulatory process, which paves the way to effective and least burdensome regulations.	Support	Asm. Hadley: aye: floor Sen. Hall: aye: com.
AB 52 (Gray – D)	<i>Topic: Public accommodations: construction-related accessibility claims.</i> Disability Access Litigation Reform. Seeks to improve access for disabled customers and limit frivolous litigation against businesses for construction-related accessibility claims by providing an opportunity for the businesses to timely resolve any potential violations.	Support	
AB 54 (Olsen – R)	<i>Topic: Public accommodations: construction-related accessibility standards: tax credit.</i> Disability Access Litigation Reform. Seeks to improve access for disabled patrons without harming small businesses through frivolous lawsuits by providing businesses with a 60-day right to cure for a claim based upon a constructed related accessibility standard that was changed or modified in the prior three years.	Support	
AB 67 (Gonzalez – D)	<i>Topic: Double Pay on the Holiday Act of 2015.</i> Increases California Employers' Cost of Doing Business on “Family Holidays”. Places brick and mortar stores at a competitive disadvantage to online retailers by requiring employers to pay employees double compensation by designating Christmas and Thanksgiving as family holidays.	Oppose	Asm. Hadley: noe: floor
AB 184 (Garcia, Eduardo – D)	<i>Topic: Small Business Technical Assistance Act of 2015.</i> Designates the Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank as the lead entity for facilitating the state’s engagement with five key federal small business technical assistance programs . In the last decade, federal money that could have gone to support California small businesses was re-directed to other states because California was unable to fully match the allocated federal dollars. While AB 184 does not appropriate funding for the federal match, the bill does lay the foundation for the Legislature and the Governor having a more meaningful discussion regarding financial support for small business technical assistance.	Support	
AB 305 (Gonzalez – D)	<i>Topic: Workers' compensation: permanent disability apportionment.</i> Increases Workers’ Compensation Costs. Expands workers’ compensation coverage beyond industrial injuries by barring apportionment for some pre-existing injuries or conditions.	Oppose	Asm. Hadley: aye: floor Sen. Allen: aye: floor Sen. Hall: aye: floor
AB 306 (Hadley – R)	<i>Topic: Public schools: attendance alternatives: children of military personnel.</i> Ensures active duty Military members may choose which public school districts to send their children to regardless of the school district in which they reside. This bill is instrumental for the support of the LA AFB.	Support	Asm. Hadley: aye: floor Sen. Allen: aye: floor Sen. Hall: aye: floor

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AB 357 (Chiu – D)	<i>Topic: Employment: work hours: Fair Scheduling Act of 2015.</i> Predictable Scheduling Mandate/Protected Leave of Absence. Imposes an unfair, one-size fits all, two-week notice scheduling mandate on any entity that performs retail sales activity, and penalizes the employer with “additional pay” for making changes to the schedule with less than two weeks notice, and additionally imposes an unlimited, protected leave of absence from work as well as a broad new protected class of employees who are receiving public assistance or have a identified family member receiving such assistance.	Oppose	
AB 359 (Gonzalez – D)	<i>Topic: Grocery workers.</i> Costly Employee Retention Mandate. Inappropriately alters the employment relationship and increases frivolous litigation by allowing a private right of action and by requiring any successor grocery employer to retain employees of the former grocery employer for 90 days and continue to offer continued employment unless the employees’ performance during the 90-day period was unsatisfactory.	Oppose	Asm. Hadley: noe: floor Sen. Hall: aye: floor Sen. Allen: aye: floor
AB 366 (Bonta – D)	<i>Topic: Medi-Cal: reimbursement: provider rates.</i> Increases Medi-Cal reimbursement rates to health care providers. Requires payments for specified medical care services to not be less than 100% of the payment rate that applies to those services as established by the Medicare Program, for both fee-for-service and managed care plans.	Support	Asm. Hadley: aye: floor Sen. Hall: aye: com.
AB 463 (Chiu – D)	<i>Topic: Pharmaceutical Cost Transparency Act of 2015.</i> Requires each manufacturer of a prescription drug, made available in California, that has a wholesale acquisition cost of \$10,000 or more annually or per course of treatment to file a report, no later than May 1 of each year, with the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development on the costs for each qualifying drug, as specified.	Support	
AB 465 (Hernandez – D)	<i>Topic: Contracts against public policy.</i> Increased Litigation. Significantly drives up litigation costs for all California employers as well as increases pressure on the already-overburdened judicial system by precluding mandatory employment arbitration agreements, which is likely pre-empted by the Federal Arbitration Act.	Oppose	Asm. Hadley: noe: floor Sen. Allen: aye: floor Sen. Hall: aye: floor
AB 543 (Quirk – D)	<i>Topic: Proposition 65: exposure.</i> Reduces Overwarning Under Proposition 65. Provides businesses with greater confidence when conducting scientific exposure assessments by stating that a business does not “knowingly and intentionally” expose individuals to Proposition 65-listed chemicals and thus need not provide a warning if the exposure assessment meets certain requirements.	Support	
AB 588 (Grove - R)	<i>Topic: Regulations: effective dates and legislative review.</i> Reduces Frivolous Litigation. Seeks to limit frivolous litigation under the Labor Code Private Attorney General Act, by allowing an employer a 33 day right to cure technical violations on an itemized wage statement that did not cause any injury to the employee.	Support	
AB 708 (Jones-Sawyer – D)	<i>Topic: Consumer products: content information.</i> New Labeling Mandate. Stifles innovation and imposes unnecessary burdens on businesses by requiring manufacturers of specific consumer products to disclose every ingredient contained in the product by posting that information on the product label and on the manufacturer’s Internet Web site without providing any confidential business information protections.	Oppose	

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AB 797 (Steinorth – R)	Transparency and Accountability. Strengthens the accountability and transparency of the state’s regulatory process, which paves the way to effective and least burdensome regulations by requiring legislative review of major regulations that have an economic impact of \$50 million or more.	Support	Asm. Hadley: aye: floor
AB 857 (Perea – D)	<i>Topic: California Clean Truck, Bus, and Off-Road Vehicle and Equipment Technology Program.</i> Will utilize Green House Gas Reduction Funds (Cap-and-Trade) to incentivize cleaner heavy-duty trucks on California’s roads.	Support	Asm. Hadley: aye: floor
AB 1017 (Campos – D)	<i>Topic: Employers.</i> Threatens employer with civil and criminal prosecution for failing to set forth in a verbal or written offer the minimum rate of pay for each job position and precludes employers from seeking relevant employment history when interviewing candidates.	Oppose	Asm. Hadley: noe: floor Sen. Allen: aye: floor Sen. Hall: aye: floor
AB 1046 (Dababneh – D)	<i>Topic: Hospitals: community benefits.</i> Specifies the elements that are required to be included in a community health needs assessment (CHNA) report, which would replace the community benefits plan, and delete the exemption from these requirements for small and rural hospitals. The bill would instead require a hospital to adopt the CHNA report every 3 years, and to submit an update of the activities conducted under the report to the office annually.	Support	
AB 1074 (Cristina Garcia – D)	<i>Topic: Alternative fuels: infrastructure.</i> Helps accelerate the adoption of vehicles using alternative fuels throughout the state by increasing the amount of charging and refueling options needed to facilitate electric, hydrogen, and natural gas vehicles traveling along all passenger and goods movement corridors on federal and state highways.	Support	
AB 1357 (Bloom – D)	<i>Topic: Children and Family Health Promotion Program.</i> Targeted Tax. Threatens jobs in beverage, retail and restaurant industries by arbitrarily and unfairly targeting certain beverages for a new tax in order to fund children’s health programs.	Oppose	
AB 1470 (Alejo – D)	<i>Topic: Working hours: overtime.</i> Reduction of Costly Employment Class Action Litigation. Similar to federal law, creates a rebuttable presumption that employees earning at least \$100,000 and performing non-manual labor, and at least one exempt duty are exempt from overtime in order to limit frivolous class action litigation against employers in California who are creating high paying jobs	Support	
AB 1506 (Hernandez – D)	<i>Topic: Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004.</i> Seeks to limit frivolous and costly litigation against employers for technical violations on an itemized wage statement that does not create any injury to an employee, by allowing the employer a limited time period to fix the violation before any civil litigation is pursued, so that an employer can devote its financial resources to expanding its workforce.	Support	Asm. Hadley: aye: floor Sen. Allen: aye: floor Sen. Hall: aye: floor
ACA 4 (Frazier – D)	<i>Topic: Local government transportation projects: special taxes: voter approval.</i> Lowers Vote Requirement for Tax Increases. Before amendments, added complexity and uncertainty to the current tax structure and pressure to increase taxes on commercial, industrial and residential property owners by giving local governments new authority to enact special taxes, including parcel taxes, by lowering the vote threshold from two-thirds to 55%. Opposition and Job Killer status removed due to August 17, 2015 amendments.	Oppose	

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AJR 11 (Burke – D)	<i>Topic: Military bases: closures.</i> Memorializes the President and the Congress of the United States to recognize the unique military value of California's defense installations and the disproportionate sacrifices California has endured in previous base realignment and closure (BRAC) rounds.	Support	Asm. Hadley: aye: floor Sen. Allen: aye: floor Sen. Hall: aye: floor
AJR 14 (Chu – D)	<i>Topic: Export-Import Bank of the United States: reauthorization.</i> Urges Congress to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank) thereby enabling U. S. companies – both large and small to turn export opportunities into real sales that help maintain and create U. S. jobs and contribute to a stronger national economy. Assembly Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy Committee; no hearing date set.	Support	Asm. Hadley: aye: floor Sen. Allen: aye: floor
Local Government			
LA City/LA County Minimum Wage	Both LA City and LA County government are exploring options to raise the minimum wage. Current LA City proposal will raise to 13.25/hr while another proposal would raise to \$15.25.	Oppose	Supervisor Knabe: noe