



## 2023 STATE YEAR-END OVERVIEW

The California legislature adjourned on September 14, 2023 and the Governor acted on bills by October 14, 2023. He received 1,046 bills; he signed 890 and vetoed 156 (14.9%). Below are the final outcomes of bills CalTravel took positions on.

### **SIGNED**

#### **AB 537 (Berman) Short-term lodging: advertising: rates. – MOVED TO NEUTRAL**

Requires advertised prices for short-term lodging to include all fees. CalTravel went from opposition to neutral after successfully negotiated amendments to exempt government-imposed taxes, fees, and assessments from being listed in the advertised room rate.

#### **AB 557 (Hart) Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences. – SUPPORT**

Extends COVID-era flexibility for boards subject to the Brown Act to meet virtually during declared states of emergency.

#### **AB 882 (Davies) Coastal resources: State Coastal Conservancy: advance payments. – SUPPORT**

Allows for advance payments to local organizations and non-governmental entities that receive grants from the state.

#### **AB 893 (Papan) Personal vehicle sharing programs. – SUPPORT**

Brings parity to peer-to-peer car sharing services, including having them pay into Visit California's tourism assessment program.

#### **AB 1217 (Gabriel) Business Pandemic Relief. – SUPPORT**

Extends current regulatory flexibility related to outdoor, patio, and al fresco dining that was enacted during the pandemic. This extension is critical for local restaurants to continue their recovery from COVID-19 shutdowns as they navigate rising costs associated with inflation.

#### **ACR 72 (Wallis): California Tourism Month. – SUPPORT**

Reaffirms that May is tourism month in California.

#### **SB 41 (Cortese) Meal and rest breaks: airline cabin crew employees. – SUPPORT**

Exempts cabin crew in collective bargaining agreements from California's meal and rest break laws that are incompatible with federal aviation practices.

**[SB 447](#) (Atkins) GO-Biz: Building and Reinforcing Inclusive, Diverse, Gender-Supportive Equity Project. – WATCH**

Directs GO-Biz to establish a new program for marketing and promoting California’s pro-LGBTQ+ culture and policies; immediately repeals the ban on state-funded travel to states with anti-LGBTQ+ laws.

**[SB 616](#) (Gonzalez) Sick days: paid sick days accrual and use. – OPPOSED**

Increases paid sick days from three to five, among other provisions. Prior to coalition amendments would have increased paid sick days from three to seven.

**[SB 723](#) (Durazo) Employment: rehiring and retention: displaced workers. – OPPOSED**

Extends the provisions of a COVID-era policy that required hospitality workers at hotels, airports, and convention centers and stadiums laid off due to the pandemic to be offered their jobs in order of seniority from December 31, 2024, to December 31, 2025. Prior to coalition amendments would have extended these provisions indefinitely, for any lay off due to non-disciplinary reason.

**[SB 478](#) (Dodd): Consumers Legal Remedies Act: advertisements. – MOVED TO NEUTRAL**

Makes it unlawful to advertise, display, or offer a price for a good or service that doesn’t include all mandatory fees or charges other than taxes imposed by a government. CalTravel went from opposition to neutral after successfully negotiating amendments to exempt government-imposed taxes, fees, and assessments from the provisions of the bill.

**[SB 553](#) (Cortese) Occupational safety: workplace violence: restraining orders and workplace violence prevention plan. – MOVED TO NEUTRAL**

Creates a workplace violence prevention standard for all industries. CalTravel went from opposition to neutral after our coalition amendments conformed the provisions of the bill to upcoming Cal-OSHA regulations.

**[SB 644](#) (Glazer) Hotel and private residence rental reservations: cancellation: refunds. – MOVED TO NEUTRAL**

Requires a hosting platform, hotel, third-party booking service, or short-term rental to allow a consumer to cancel a reservation within 24 hours of making the reservation without penalty and to have the funds refunded to the original form of payment, if the reservation is made 72 hours or more before the time of check-in. CalTravel went from opposition to neutral after successfully negotiating amendments to change the provisions of the bill from 24 hours before check-in to 72 hours or more.

**[ACA 1](#) (Aguiar-Curry) Local government financing: affordable housing and public infrastructure: voter approval. – WATCH**

Makes it easier for local governments to increase various taxes, including sales taxes and property taxes. Higher sales taxes increase the cost of home construction and everyday necessities used by homeowners and renters, while property taxes increase the burden of homeownership—all of which make housing less affordable.

## **VETOED**

### **AB 966 (Davies) Division of Waterways: report to the Legislature: shoreline erosion control and public beach programs. – SUPPORT**

Would require a report on shoreline erosion control and beach restoration programs to try to stabilize beaches and shorelines.

### **SB 799 (Portantino) Unemployment insurance: trade disputes: eligibility for benefits. – OPPOSED**

Would allow workers who are on strike to collect unemployment benefits after two weeks.

## **OTHER**

The following bills did not make it to Governor Newsom's desk for action. Dead bills cannot move forward in 2024. Two-year bills are still active and may move through the legislative process. If you would like additional detail, please email [emellia@caltravel.org](mailto:emellia@caltravel.org).

### ***DEAD***

- **AB 471 (Kalra) Cannabis catering. – SUPPORT**
- **AB 877 (Addis) Income taxes: credit: lodging for displaced persons. – SUPPORT**
- **AB 1382 (Quirk-Silva) State-designated cultural districts. – WATCH**
- **SB 683 (Glazer) Hotels and short-term rentals: advertised rates: mandatory fees. – MOVED TO NEUTRAL**

### ***TWO YEAR***

- **SB 584 (Limon) Laborforce housing: Short-Term Rental Tax Law. – OPPOSE**
- **SB 620 (McGuire) Low-impact camping areas. – WATCH**
- **SCA 7 (Umberg) Employment: workers' rights. – OPPOSE**