

Complete List of California Bills Tracked by the Office of Policy and Planning During the 2008-09 Legislative Session

Bill /Author	Content Summary	Disposition
AB 2/Dymally	Enacts health insurance market reforms to require health care service plans and health insurers to all people not eligible for MRMIP. Would also require plans and insurers to make all group or individual plans available to individuals or to alternatively pay a fee covering its market share of MRMIP's costs.	Vetoed
AB 13/Brownley	Enacts health insurance market reforms to require health care service plans and health insurers to all people not eligible for MRMIP. Would also require plans and insurers to make all group or individual plans available to individuals or to alternatively pay a fee covering its market share of MRMIP's costs. Other provisions.	Vetoed
AB 16/Evans	Requires insurers, who already cover treatment for cervical cancer, to also provide coverage for HPV vaccinations upon referral by a patient's physician.	Vetoed
AB 38/Nava	Establishes California Emergency Management Agency.	Chaptered (Chapter 372, Statutes of 2008)
AB 64/Berg	Enacts the Uniform Volunteer Health Practitioners Act which would provide procedures to register volunteer health practitioners with valid and current licenses in other states. Allows a volunteer to practice, through a host entity, health or veterinary services as appropriate to his or her license for the duration of a state or local emergency.	Dead Bill
AB 66/Dymally	Requires HIV testing for all inmates, incarcerated for at least 1 year. Requires testing within 60 days after entry and prior to expected discharge from the facility as well. Requires the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to develop a plan, in conjunction with an inmate's parole or probation officer and the local county health officer, to refer the inmate to necessary HIV or Hep B or C care and treatment services in the county where the inmate will be released.	Chaptered (Chapter 34, Statutes of 2008)
AB 97/Mendoza	Requires every food facility, except a public school cafeteria, to maintain on the premises the label required for any food or food additive that is or includes any fat, oil, or shortening, for as long as this food or food additive is stored, distributed, or served by or used in the preparation of food within the food facility. Prohibits oil, shortening or margarine containing specified trans fat from being stored, distributed or served by or used in the preparation of any food within a food facility on 7/1/09.	Chaptered (Chapter 207, Statutes of 2008)
AB 211/Jones	Requires all health care providers to implement specified safeguards to protect the privacy of to a patient's medical information. Establishes the Office of Health Information Integrity within the CA H&HS Agency to ensure enforcement including the imposition of administrative penalties for violations.	Chaptered (Chapter 602, Statutes of 2008)
AB 273/Jones	Requires children removed from their homes to receive annual	Dead Bill

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	preventive health assessments by CHDP providers or county health dept. approved providers and semiannual dental assessments.	
AB 346/Beall	Requires the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) to promulgate regs to require that any alcoholic beverage sold in CA to bear a label making its alcohol content easily discernable when the ABC determines the beverage meets specific criteria that may be appealing to minors.	Chaptered (Chapter 624, Statutes of 2008)
AB 671/Beall	Expands Medi-Cal eligibility to frequent emergency department users who are uninsured and otherwise ineligible for Medi-Cal.	Dead Bill
AB 851/ Brownley	Makes the Medi-Cal 250% California Working Disabled Program permanent.	Dead Bill
AB 1154/Leno	Requires DPH, in consultation with an advisory committee on diabetes and obesity, to develop a diabetes risk reduction pilot program focused on proactive prevention and that considers the recommendations of the Legislative Task Force on Diabetes and Obesity.	Dead Bill
AB 1434/ Dymally	If a budget is not enacted by June 30, provides that small providers of health care services to the elderly, persons with developmental disabilities and technology dependent children continue to receive program payments.	Dead Bill
AB 1442/Feuer	Requires DPH to repeal certain regulations requiring approval of a lab for use of the HIV antibody test. Requires clinical labs performing tests or exams to screen for HIV to use only a FDA approved kit, enroll in a proficiency testing program approved by CMS, to possess the appropriate license or registration and to confirm all screened positive, inconclusive or indeterminate results with a different, more specific test prior to reporting the result.	Dead Bill
AB 1461/ Krekorian	Disallows the exclusion in health insurance policies that the insurer is not liable for any loss sustained or contracted if their insured is intoxicated or under the influence of any controlled substance.	Chaptered (Chapter 630, Statutes of 2008)
AB 1472/Leno	Establishes the California Healthy Places Act of 2008 that would require various state agencies and departments to collaboratively support childhood development, prevent injury, illness and chronic disease, ensure environmental health and reduce health disparities by providing knowledge, guidance and resources for public health assessments of land use and transportation system planning. DPH may accept private or public funds to implement the program.	Dead Bill
AB 1605/Lieber	Creates the position of the State Public Health Nurse as one of the chief deputies of DPH. Requires the State Public Health nurse to be a licensed public health nurse.	Vetoed
AB 1646/ DeSaulnier	If approved by the voters, a Board of Supervisors may levy a sales and use tax to provide funding for disease prevention, surveillance and containment. Youth violence prevention and interventions also included.	Dead Bill
AB 1701/Dymally	Requires DHCS to implement a pilot program to provide pediatric subacute care for a select group of children with	Vetoed

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	complex ventilator medical needs, who are Medi-Cal beneficiaries, at facilities designed to offer that type of care at a reduced cost. DHCS is required to establish a supplemental rate model that would address and pay the costs required to provide this enhanced level of care.	
AB 1805/Laird	Specifies that payments on behalf of children placed in privately operated residential facilities located in California be made to facilities licensed in accordance with the California Community Care Facilities Act and that payments for children placed in residential facilities that are located in a state outside of California be made to facilities that meet the licensing standards of that state, as required under the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children.	Vetoed
AB 1823/Beall	Adds alcohol and drug program administrators to the list of required members on local juvenile justice coordinating councils.	Vetoed
AB 1825/Beall	Would create a new dispute resolution process for resolving disputes between Regional Centers and any "publicly funded generic agencies" regarding which agency should pay for services identified in the individualized family service plan for any child under 6 years of age. The Regional Center would initiate the dispute resolution process, and the other agency would have to respond within 15 days. If resolution isn't reached within the next 10 days, the issue would go before the Office of Administrative Hearings, whose decision would be binding.	Vetoed
AB 1879/Feuer	Authorizes the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to regulate the sale of products containing certain chemicals including phthalates, mercury, lead, cadmium and arsenic. DTSC would be allowed to regulate the use of these chemicals in consumer products as well as allowed to restrict the sale or use of any product containing these chemicals.	Chaptered (Chapter 559, Statutes of 2008)
AB 1887/Beall	Expand the coverage requirement for health care service plan contracts and health insurance policies issued, amended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2009, to include the diagnosis and treatment of a mental illness of a person of any age and would define mental illness for this purpose as a mental disorder defined in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual IV.	Vetoed
AB 1930/Torrice	Requires the OES director to consider the multiple languages and needs of populations for those with limited English proficiency and to incorporate those needs into emergency preparedness planning, response and recovery training. Requires the OES director to incorporate local ethnic CBOs and ethnic media in communication strategies and to use a registry of qualified bilingual people in public contact positions to assist in emergencies. Also requires the OES director to disseminate guidance to local governmental entities to improve emergency preparedness response for these populations.	Dead Bill
AB 1951/ Hayashi	Specified that the acquisition or construction of privately owned facilities that are providing mental health services that are primarily funded through public funds, including moneys in the	Vetoed

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	Mental Health Services Fund is a proper use of funds made available to counties.	
AB 1984/ Swanson	Requires the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to make HIV/AIDS tests available for prisoners on a voluntary basis, immediately upon their release.	Dead Bill
AB 2010/ DeSaulnier	Exempts affiliate clinics from existing law requiring clinics, not previously licensed, to be issued a provisional license by DPH.	Chaptered (Chapter 90, Statutes of 2008)
AB 2124/Beall	Establishes the Medi-Cal Alcohol and Drug Screening & Brief Intervention Services Program to allow local funds to draw down federal funds via CPE. Funding obtained to be used to provide alcohol and drug screening and brief intervention services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries.	Dead Bill
AB 2146/Feuer	Requires DHCS and MRMIB to adopt policies regarding non-payment for hospital acquired conditions for Medi-Cal and HFP recipients.	Dead Bill
AB 2262/Torrico	Allows fire agencies to designate child “safe-surrender sites”. Also extends the amount of time when a baby may be surrendered from 72 hours to 7 days. Requires DSS to convene a stakeholders’ workgroup to disseminate updated instructions to counties.	Vetoed
AB 2327/ Caballero	Requires all entities providing disaster-related services and assistance to strive to ensure that victims receive the assistance they need and are eligible for while requiring public employees to provide assistance without eliciting information or documents that are not strictly necessary to determine eligibility under state or federal law.	Chaptered (Chapter 361, Statutes of 2008)
AB 2344/Beall	Requires cigarette or tobacco retailers to pay annual license fees.	Vetoed
AB 2352/Fuentes	Allows the release of information under the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act to county social workers, probation officers or any other person authorized to have custody or care of a minor in order to coordinate health care services, medical treatment, mental health services or developmental disability services.	Chaptered (Chapter 700, Statutes of 2008)
AB 2400/Price	Requires general acute care hospitals or psychiatric hospitals, prior to closing or eliminating supplemental services, to provide public notice on all entrances into the facility, notice to the CDPH, and notice to the local board of supervisors. Exempts public facilities from all requirements.	Chaptered (Chapter 459, Statutes of 2008)
AB 2440/Laird	Requires DHCS to annually adopt specified disease codes adopted by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and publish the updated codes in the Medi-Cal provider bulletin.	Vetoed
AB 2474/ Galgiani	Requires, until 1/1/10, hospital inpatient payment rates for CCS and GHPP to be 90% of the Medi-Cal hospital interim rate of payment developed by DHCS.	Chaptered (Chapter 496, Statutes of 2008)
AB 2527/Berg	Technical clean-up to MAA/TCM statute	Chaptered (Chapter 464, Statutes of 2008)
AB 2572/Parra	Requires each food facility in the state that is part of a chain (20 or more locations) to provide nutritional information, at the point	Dead Bill

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	of sale, that includes per item the total number of calories, amount of total fat, saturated fat and transfat, amount of carbohydrates and the amount of sodium on standard menus. If a food facility provides the total number of calories per standard food item on their menu board or on their printed menu, they are exempt from the prior requirements. Language inserted in that the bill will not preempt a local ordinance that requires the same or greater level of nutritional information disclosure.	
AB 2580/ Arambula	Removes age exemptions for a variety of immunizations for children including influenza, mumps, pertussis, Hep B and chicken pox. Pupils may not be unconditionally admitted into 7 th grade unless they have been fully immunized, as appropriate for their age, against pertussis.	Dead Bill
AB 2599/DeLeon	Requires the Department of Public Health to set guidelines for invoicing, charging and collecting fees for the Birth Defects Monitoring Program in an amount necessary to cover all expenses.	Chaptered (Chapter 680, Statutes of 2008)
AB 2658/Horton	Requires CDPH to specify the timeliness requirements related to reportable diseases and conditions. Requires labs on 7/09 or within a year of the establishment of a statewide electronic lab reporting system to submit reports electronically to the state.	Chaptered (Chapter 249, Statutes of 2008)
AB 2662/ Dymally	Specifies what tobacco cessation benefits are covered under the Medi-Cal program including personal counseling and tobacco cessation medication.	Dead Bill
AB 2694/Ma	Prohibits a person or company from manufacturing, selling or exchanging any toy or child care article that contains a lead-bearing substance. Other provisions.	Dead Bill
AB 2697/ Huffman	Requires boutique hospitals to commission studies about the impact of their operation on the health of the community care system in which they operate. Requires these studies to be filed with OSHPD and the BOS of the county in which the hospital is located.	Vetoed
AB 2702/Núñez	Adds standby emergency services in a Los Angeles facility to the list of eligible entities for Maddy Fund emergency services reimbursements. Requires said standby facility to provide certification information to CDPH as well as patient encounter information to both CDPH and EMSA.	Chaptered (Chapter 288, Statutes of 2008)
AB 2737/Feuer	Allows public safety personnel, when exposed to an arrestee's blood or bodily fluids during the scope of their duties, to petition the court for the involuntary testing of an arrestee.	Chaptered (Chapter 554, Statutes of 2008)
AB 2796/Nava	Authorizes OES to establish a statewide registry of private businesses and nonprofit organizations that are interested in donating, during emergencies or exercises, services, goods, labor, equipment or other resources. Provides civil and criminal liability immunity to those entities that have joined the registry that voluntarily and without expectation provides services or resources during a state of state or local emergency or during a training conducted by OES, a city, or a county.	Chaptered (Chapter 363, Statutes of 2008)
AB 2875/Lieber	Directs the Department of Health Care Services to make	Dead Bill

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	necessary technological and policy changes to ensure that Medi-Cal is continued when beneficiaries report a change of circumstances to the Food Stamp or CalWORKs program that would continue their Medi-Cal eligibility. Also requires DHCS to establish procedures to prepopulate all Medi-Cal renewal forms sent to beneficiaries.	
AB 2877/Lieber	Authorizes the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to enter into MOUs with counties to provide medical, dental and mental health services to female inmates located in their jurisdiction.	Dead Bill
AB 2899/ Portantino	Allows publicly funded HIV test sites to advise people who have been tested before and are following appropriate public health risk reduction measures that they do not need further education services, to determine if a person should be allowed to self-administer certain DPH required data forms and to provide prevention education through video, small groups, individual interaction or other methods.	Chaptered (Chapter 555, Statutes of 2008)
AB 2902/ Swanson	Language encouraging the use of community-based health care workers is inserted into various program statutes including the diabetes control program, asthma and lead poisoning.	Dead Bill
AB 2917/Torrico	Establishes integrated (employer/LEMSA) process for disciplining EMT's. Requires EMSA to develop regulations for disciplinary procedures.	Chaptered (Chapter 274, Statutes of 2008)
AB 2942/Ma	Requires all private and public hospitals in state (not just non-profits) to complete community needs assessments and community benefit plans. As part of developing both assessments and plans, hospitals must meet with their local health department. Requires OSHPD to develop a standardized format and methodology for hospitals to utilize in calculating and presenting community benefits information.	Dead Bill
AB 2967/Lieber	Creates the CA Health Care Cost & Quality Transparency Committee to develop a health care cost and quality transparency plan.	Dead Bill
AB 2996/De La Torre	Requires CDPH and LHDs to establish a process when conducting infectious disease outbreak exercises to identify any deficiencies in the preparedness plans and procedures and track implementation of corrective measures.	Vetoed
AB 3076/Huffman	Makes technical changes to Maddy statute correcting an inadvertent drafting error contained in SB 1773/Alarcon.	Chaptered (Chapter 511, Statutes of 2008)
AB 3083/Salas	The Adult and Older Adult Mental Health System of Care Act sets out a system of mental health care services provided by participating counties and administered by the State Department of Mental Health, for adults and seniors with serious mental disorders. California veterans who meet the existing eligibility requirements for participation are provided services to the extent resources are available. Counties should advise veterans of the services available through the federal government and requires counties to refer the veteran to a county veterans' service officer to determine their eligibility for federal services. This bill requires counties to assist veterans in accessing federal services and also specifically include	Chaptered (Chapter 591, Statutes of 2008)

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	<p>bipolar disorder and post-traumatic stress disorder in the definition of “serious mental disorder.”</p> <p>The bill also requires the State to seek all available federal funding for mental health services of veterans.</p>	
AJR 54/Laird	<p>Memorializes Congress and the President to rescind the August 17, 2007, CMS directive on the SCHIP program.</p>	<p>Chaptered (Chapter 82, Statutes of 2008)</p>
SB 32/Steinberg	<p>Allows all children, including the undocumented, in California whose family income is under 300% of the federal poverty level access to affordable, comprehensive health coverage, to improve and modernize the process of enrolling children in coverage and maintaining their enrollment, to provide sustainable financing for children’s health care coverage and to ensure interim coverage for children currently receiving health care coverage in local CHIs. Specifies that the buy-in program would include CCS program services and would deem the child’s family financially eligible for the program.</p>	<p>Dead Bill</p>
SB 48/Alquist	<p>Requires DPH to establish the Healthy Food Retail Innovations Fund, to the extent funds are appropriated, to provide residents of underserved communities with retail food markets offering high quality fruit, vegetables and other healthy foods and to encourage retail innovation.</p>	<p>Dead Bill</p>
SB 119/Cedillo	<p>Requires that residential drug and alcohol treatment services for minors (12 -20 years old) be a covered benefit under the Medi-Cal Drug Treatment Program. Requires DHS to use its best efforts to obtain approval by CMS for a SPA providing FFP for these services.</p>	<p>Dead Bill</p>
SB 158/Florez	<p>Adds duties for the existing Healthcare Associated Infection Advisory Committee (created by SB 739/Speier). Mandates training for hospital staff on hospital associated infections (HAIs). Requires health facilities to develop and implement patient safety plans to improve the health and safety of patients and to reduce preventable patient safety events. Requires health facilities to implement facility wide hand hygiene program.</p>	<p>Chaptered (Chapter 294, Statutes of 2008)</p>
SB 200/Florez	<p>Requires DPH to notify local health officers and environmental health directors within 24 hours of a recall and requires local officials to notify the public. Requires meat & poultry establishments to install video cameras and to allow state officials access to the live feed from those videos.</p>	<p>Dead Bill</p>
SB 261/Romero	<p>Eliminates some of the qualifying criteria for the distribution of trauma funding. Requires EMSA to establish a statewide trauma registry and requires LEMSAs to provide data to the Authority by 7/1/09 based on criteria developed by EMSA. Authorizes EMSA to audit trauma care facilities and makes EMSA the lead agency responsible for the centralized state regional trauma system.</p>	<p>Dead Bill</p>
SB 356 Negrete McLeod	<p>Deletes the specified list of required reportable diseases and conditions. Requires DPH to establish a list of reportable diseases and conditions for which clinical labs are required to submit a culture or specimen to the local and state public health labs.</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>

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SB 541/Alquist	Requires that all health facilities prevent unauthorized access to patient medical data. Imposes reporting requirements and administrative penalties on health facilities for violations of these provisions.	Chaptered (Chapter 605, Statutes of 2008)
SB 564/Ridley-Thomas	Specifies that a school health center may conduct routine physical health, mental health and oral health assessments.	Chaptered (Chapter 381, Statutes of 2008)
SB 676/Ridley-Thomas	Removes many of the age and date limitations relating to existing immunization laws concerning children entering school. Also starting on 7/1/08, prohibits a school governing board from unconditionally admitting a pupil unless the child has been fully immunized against the diseases on the list developed by DPH.	Dead Bill
SB 775/Ridley-Thomas	Requires DPH to make the most current information on lead available on its web site and would require providers to explain to pregnant women that information on lead is available on the DPH web site or provide other information about lead poisoning prevention.	Vetoed
SB 840/Kuehl	Establishes the California Health Insurance System to be administered by the newly created CA Health Insurance Agency under the control of an elected Health Insurance Commissioner. Makes all CA residents eligible for specified health care benefits under the system, which would, on a single-payer basis, negotiate for or set fees for health care services provided through the system and pay claims for those services. Requires the commissioner to seek all necessary waivers, exemptions, agreements or legislation to allow various existing federal, state and local health care payments to be paid to the system. Creates a health insurance policy board. Allows the Healthcare Commissioner to determine city and county contributions to the program.	Vetoed
SB 902/Padilla	Makes technical changes to Maddy statute correcting an inadvertent drafting error contained in SB 1773/Alarcon and eliminating obsolete reporting requirements for Prop 99/CHIP.	Dead Bill
SB 997/Ridley-Thomas	Revises the membership of the EMS Commission to include two additional members – one employed by Cal-Fire and one employed by a city, county or special district that provides fire protection - appointed by the Governor from a list of names submitted by the CA Professional Firefighters.	Chaptered (Chapter 275, Statutes of 2008)
SB 1058/Alquist	Establishes the Medical Facility Infection Control & Prevention Act that requires general acute care hospitals to implement procedures for the screening, prevention and reporting of specific health-care associated infections.	Chaptered (Chapter 296, Statutes of 2008)
SB 1147/ Calderon	As of January 1, 2010, or the date that all necessary federal approvals are obtained, require Medi-Cal benefits provided to an individual under 21 years of age who is an inmate of a public institution to be suspended, rather than terminated.	Chaptered (Chapter 546, Statutes of 2008)
SB 1148/Cedillo	Requires county welfare departments, prior to emancipating a dependent child, to assist in applying for Medi-Cal for the child and verify that the child has transitional housing or other stable	Dead Bill

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	housing. In addition, county social services must verify the child's employment or other financial support. If the county has not met these requirements, the court can decide to continue jurisdiction over that child or can decide that termination would be harmful to the best interests of that child.	
SB 1169/Runner	Extends sunset for the Inmate Health Care and Medical Provider Fair Pricing Work Group to 2014. Requires sheriffs to negotiate in good faith with providers of emergency medical services. Hospitals that do not contract with the sheriff shall be reimbursed at 110% of cost.	Chaptered (Chapter 142, Statutes of 2008)
SB 1184/Keuhl	Requires all clinical labs to report all CD4 and T-Cell test results to health officers within seven days.	Chaptered (Chapter 347, Statutes of 2008)
SB 1213/ Ducheny	Repeals reporting requirements for mobile health clinics to both CDPH and local authorities. Now requires the licensee of a mobile unit operating at a new site to report the site to CDPH within 72 hours after the unit's first visit to the site.	Chaptered (Chapter 360, Statutes of 2008)
SB 1221/Kuehl	Requires that any health facility seeking financing for a project from a local government or Joint Powers Authority demonstrate significant community service as specified by the bill. Provides an exemption for children's hospitals.	Vetoed
SB 1236/Padilla	Extends the sunset to 1/1/14 that authorizes Boards of Supervisors to levy additional penalties collected for criminal offenses to be used for pediatric trauma centers and county EMS (Maddy Fund).	Chaptered (Chapter 60, Statutes of 2008)
SB 1270/Cedillo	Requires the Board of Pharmacy (BOP) to establish the Electronic Pedigree Task Force to provide the BOP updates regarding the state of implementing statutory electronic pedigree requirements.	Dead Bill
SB 1307/Ridley- Thomas	Sets additional requirements for the drug pedigree program established in previous legislation by requiring the addition of a unique identification number for each drug pedigree required product. Pushes the date for compliance for the drug pedigree program for wholesalers to 7/1/16 and for pharmacies to 7/1/17. Provides an exemption for drugs transferred between governmental entities.	Chaptered (Chapter 713, Statutes of 2008)
SB 1359/Runner	CA Retail Food Code clean-up bill.	Vetoed
SB 1415/Kuehl	Requires health care providers to obtain a signed statement from the patient, setting forth the patient's rights regarding the intended retention period of that patient's records. Requires the provider to notify a patient no fewer than 60 days before their records are destroyed or are scheduled to be destroyed if it occurs at a date earlier than the period specified in the patient's signed statement. Health care providers who violate these requirements may be cited and assessed administrative penalties (upon second or subsequent violations). Requirement applies to all patient records created after 1/1/09 – exemption provided for patient records created for minors.	Vetoed
SB 1420/Padilla	Requires each food facility in the state that is part of a chain (19	Chaptered

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	or more locations) to provide nutritional information that includes per item the total number of calories, grams of saturated fat, and milligrams of sodium on standard menus. Requires menu boards to include the total number of calories. Nutritional information required by the bill shall be determined on a reasonable basis. Pre-empts any local government ordinance or regulation that regulates food facility nutritional information dissemination.	(Chapter 600, Statutes of 2008)
SB 1598/Padilla	Authorizes a landlord to prohibit smoking on the property. Provides a grandfathering exemption for those tenants subject to rent control agreements.	Dead Bill
SB 1738/ Steinberg	Requires CDHCS to seek federal approval to establish the Frequent Users of Health Care Pilot Program in at least six eligible programs. Will be implemented only if FFP is available and all necessary federal approvals are obtained.	Vetoed
SJR 20/Migden	Memorializes the President and Congress to enact legislation requiring the DEA and all other federal agencies to respect compassionate use laws of states, including returning any assets seized during raids of dispensaries and collectives.	Dead Bill

Selected Publications – DPH Staff

***Safe in the City* to be Included in 2008 Compendium**

Jeffrey Klausner, MD, Director of STD Prevention & Control, was chosen for inclusion in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) *2008 Compendium of Evidenced-based HIV Prevention Interventions*. The intervention, **Safe in the City**, www.safeinthecity.org, is one of eight new interventions added in 2008. To be included, programs must be scientifically proven to reduce HIV or STD-related risk behaviors, or promote safer behaviors. The *2008 Compendium* is a single source of information that informs prevention practitioners about what works and is critical to the nation's efforts to prevent the further spread of HIV infection.

Evaluation of Sexually Transmitted Disease Postcard Notification

Jeff Klausner, evaluation of his STD postcard partner notification. Here is a link to the PLS Medicine journal article that was published Oct 21, 2008
<http://medicine.plosjournals.org/perlserv/?request=get-document&doi=10.1371/journal.pmed.0050213#cor1>

Tobacco Free Project

In September 2008, the Tobacco Free Project's case study on "The Community Action Model to Address Disparities in Health" was published in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention workbook titled *Promoting Health Equity: A Resource to Help Communities Address Social Determinants of Health*. The workbook was designed to help translate knowledge regarding the relationship between social determinants of health and health outcomes into practice.

Southeast Food Access Working Group

Policy Link, a national research and action institute advancing economic and social equity, released a report entitled, "Grocery Store Attraction Strategies" in which it highlighted the work of the Southeast Food Access Working Group which is co-chaired by Dr. Mark Ghaly and staffed by Susana Hennessey-Lavery and Christina Goette. For more information: http://www.policylink.org/documents/groceryattraction_final.pdf.

Pedestrian Injury Forecasting Tool Published Online November 2008

DPH's research modeling environmental impacts on vehicle-pedestrian injury collisions has been published online by the peer-reviewed journal *Accident Analysis & Prevention*. The research and the publication are products of the Bureau of Environmental Health's Urban Health and Place Team. The model suggests that environmental conditions, including traffic volume, street type, land use, and population characteristics, explain approximately 72 percent of the variation in vehicle-pedestrian injury collisions among San Francisco census tracts. DPH applied the pedestrian injury forecasting model to evaluate industrial and residential rezoning proposals with the aim of effecting improvements in the pedestrian environment.

Study Identifies Lead Poisoning Source

Ihsan DuJaili, Environmental Health Technician, is one of the authors on a Case Study recently published in *Nature Reviews Nephrology* by Suma Prakash *et. al.* (vol. 5, 297-300, May 2009). Ihsan assisted Vivek Bhalla, MD, from the Stanford University School of Medicine's Nephrology Division, in identifying a lead poisoning source for a patient who was being treated for Stage 3 chronic kidney disease. The paper's finding is that the patient's disease was probably worsened by consumption of lead in the form of an Ayurvedic herbal remedy, which Mr. DuJaili identified as a potential source and had analyzed by a laboratory.