



AB 195 (2017) Local Bond Ballot Labels

Today, April 27, was the first major deadline of the 2018 legislative session and the last day for bills with a potential fiscal impact to be heard and passed by policy committees in the house of origin. CCFC is actively engaging in the legislative process on a number of bills and policy proposals.

AB 195 Fix - Local Bond Ballot Labels

This issue is related to AB 195 (Obernolte), which was chaptered into law last year. If uncorrected, AB 195 will likely have a major chilling effect on local bonds. CCFC is actively participating with a coalition of stakeholders to request an exemption from the provisions of AB 195 for local bonds.

Specifically, AB 195 requires a local ballot measure that imposes a tax, or raises the rate of a tax, to include on the ballot label the amount of money to be raised annually and the rate and duration of the tax to be levied. This is misleading and confusing to voters when applied to bonds and recent polling reflects that confusion, showing a drop in support of 5 to 10 percent (average 7%) when the AB 195 language is added to the ballot label. This will push many local bonds below the threshold required for passage.

CCFC is working with a coalition of education entities, other public agencies, and labor to propose a solution in budget trailer bill language, which is effective immediately upon signature, with the intent of enacting a fix in time for November 2018 bonds. Initially we were working with AB 195's author, Assembly Member Obernolte, and sponsor, the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, on a fix. However, after media attention on this issue and other recent events, we believe that budget trailer bill is the best strategy to achieving a fix in a short timeframe.

We need your help! If your district or organization would like to support the AB 195 repeal efforts, please submit a letter to your legislators in support of the fix. Your involvement is critical to raising awareness on the issue.

- [Click here for a template letter](#)
 - Please send a copy to Jessica Contreras at jcontreras@m-w-h.com
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AB 2785 (Rubio) - Lactation Accommodation

This bill states that CCC and CSU shall provide reasonable accommodations on their campuses for lactating students to express breast milk or breast feed a child. The bill is sponsored by the Women's Foundation of California and the Women's Policy Institute, who claim that not all colleges are appropriately accommodating the needs of students who are nursing young

children. CCFC does not have a formal position but has raised concerns regarding requirements for installation of a sink in lactation accommodation spaces.

Originally, sink installation would have been triggered upon "replacement, expansion, or renovation of an existing campus." CCFC believes this renovation language is too broad, triggering installation of a sink when the planned project does not include plumbing components. Additionally, the language would trigger a retrofit to all lactation accommodation spaces on a campus, not just the space in the building being renovated.

We have worked closely with the author's office, who has taken amendments to address some of our concerns and has indicated they will further amend the bill. Our request is to remove the sink mandate from the bill entirely. The bill passed out of Assembly Higher Education Committee and is on the suspense file in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 2249 (Cooley) - CUPCAA Increases

This bill increases the CUPCAA no-bid and informal bid limits in statute for the first time since 2011 as follows:

- Increase the no-bid cap from \$45,000 to \$60,000
- Increase the informal bid level for projects between \$45,000 and \$175,000 to projects between \$60,000 and \$200,000.
- Increase the formal bid limit to any project over \$200,000.

AB 2249 is sponsored by the State Controller, and CCFC has a support position. Current law requires the California Uniform Construction Cost Accounting Commission to review these bid limits every five years and recommend proposed adjustments. The State Controller accepted the Commission's recommendation outlined above, and now legislation is needed to enact the increases. The bill passed out of Assembly Local Government Committee and off the Assembly floor on consent, and it is now pending in the Senate.

AB 3186 (Medina) - Best Value Procurement

This bill indefinitely extends the best value procurement authorization for CCC and UC for goods, materials, equipment, and services. Best value allows for consideration of non-cost factors such as quality and experience rather than taking the lowest responsible bidder. Current law exempts professional services from the lowest responsible bidder requirement, and it also includes a pilot program allowing the use of best value for goods, materials, equipment, and services that is set to expire on January 1, 2019. CCFC has a support position on AB 3186, in particular because the bill removes onerous reporting requirements and makes it easier to use best value for large equipment and technology purchases. The bill passed out of Assembly Higher Education Committee and is pending in Assembly Appropriations Committee.