

SENATOR SHANNON GROVE CAPITOL UPDATE



LEGISLATIVE SUCCESSES

The Senate has heard over 550 bills and the Assembly has heard over 1,000 bills this year! Many of these bills are bad, but there are some that will help Californians.



SB 224

Grove (R-Bakersfield)

Increases penalties for agricultural theft crimes and allocates the funding collected from these crimes to rural crime prevention task forces. This helps our law enforcement and our rural families!



SB 559

Hurtado (D-Sanger)

Allocates \$400 million to restoring the Friant-Kern Canal to its full capacity! This will help bring more water to the Central Valley and help our farmers and families.



AB 1545

Obernolte (R-Hesperia)

Recognizes the challenges small businesses face in implementing complex state rules by allowing adjustment of civil penalties based upon specific mitigating factors. This will help our businesses!

BUDGET UPDATE

The California budget passed on June 13th on a party line vote.

Senator's Nielsen and Moorlach worked very diligently in budget committee on behalf of the Senate Republican Caucus, working Californians, and taxpayers.

Unfortunately, this is the largest budget California has ever seen and includes a massive \$22 billion surplus.

Instead of using the surplus to fund new programs, the Governor insisted on taxing Californians and businesses again.

One of these taxes is a \$3 billion cumulative tax on businesses over the next two years to "conform" to federal tax changes, but the changes are not mandatory.

Instead of addressing real problems that Californians face, such as having the highest gas prices in the nation or helping the 1 in 5 residents who live in poverty, the majority party announced \$300 million in last minute handouts to local projects., including:

- \$10M for a parking lot
- \$8M for a botanical garden
- \$8.7M to an UNNAMED project in Balboa Park

Over the next few weeks, the Legislature will be voting on 'trailer bills' that will mandate how the main budget bill will allocate funds.

Senate Republicans will fight against new taxes.

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BAD BILLS

Every year, the California Chamber of Commerce compiles a list of bills that would harm California's economic growth and job creation if they became law.

This year, 31 bills were listed and only 5 remain active. Listed below are several of the 'Job Killer' bills still active, and other bad bills that will hurt Californians and job creators.



AB5

Gonzalez(D-San Diego)

Codifies the April 2018
Dynamex Decision and issues carve-outs to industries with lobbyists.
This bill excludes several industries that do not have effective lobbyists. This hurts small businesses and independent contractors who work on their own schedules.



AB36

Bloom (D-Santa Monica)

Defies the will of the voters by modifying the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act to allow cities to enact or expand rent control to residential properties constructed in 10 years of the date upon which the owner seeks to establish the initial or subsequent rental rate. This will discourage housing production and impact low-income families.



AB 51

Gonzalez (D-San Diego)

Expands employment litigation and increases costs for employers and employees by banning arbitration agreements made as a condition of employment, which is likely preempted under the Federal Arbitration Act and will only delay the resolution of claims.



AB 1066

Gonzalez (D-San Diego)

Increase costs on employers engaged in a trade dispute by allowing employees on strike to receive unemployment benefits if the strike lasts more than four weeks. This just incentives strikes and hurts businesses.



SB37

Skinner (D-Berkely)

Would raise California's corporate tax rate for some companies up to a staggering 22.26%. This amounts to an increase of about 150%! This will discourage businesses from investing in the state.



SB 54

Allen (Santa Monica)

Increases the cost to manufacture and ship consumer products sold in California by providing CalRecycle with broad authority to develop and impose costly and unrealistic new mandates on single- use packaging and product manufacturers.

