

Summaries of All Senate Bills Heard by the Committee in 2003

These summaries reflect the version of the bills while they were in this Committee.

<u>BILL #</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>SUMMARY</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
SBx1 5	Romero	<i>Emergency Medical Services: Alcohol: Fee.</i> Enacts the Alcohol-Related Emergency Services Reimbursement Act of 2003, which would require the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to collect a \$0.05 per drink fee from specified wholesalers. Establishes the Alcohol-Related Emergency Services Reimbursement Trust Fund, administered by the State Department of Health Services, to allocate reimbursement to specified local emergency medical services providers that incur expenses in providing services for alcohol-related emergencies.	Held in Senate Rules TWO YEAR BILL
SB 2	Burton/Speier	<i>Health Care Coverage.</i> Enacts the Health Insurance Act of 2003 by creating the State Health Purchasing Program to be administered by the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board, as specified.	Chapter 673, Statutes of 2003
SB 24	Figueroa	<i>Health Care: Accelerated Enrollment.</i> Creates the Prenatal Gateway and the Newborn Hospital Gateway to simplify enrollment of prenatal women and newborn infants into the Medi-Cal program.	Chapter 895, Statutes of 2003
SB 36	Chesbro	<i>Medi-Cal: Payment System for Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics.</i> Requires the Department of Health Services to implement specified Medi-Cal payment methodologies for federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics, in conformance with federal law requirements.	Chapter 527, Statutes of 2003
SB 38	Denham	<i>Organ and Tissue Donation: Donations to Incarcerated Persons.</i> Requires the forms provided by the Department of Motor Vehicles to drivers license applicants for purposes of allowing licensees to identify themselves as organ and tissue donors to include a provision allowing the donor to indicate whether they want to prohibit donation of their organs and tissues to incarcerated persons.	Held in Senate Health and Human Services TWO YEAR BILL
SB 106	Alpert	<i>Community Care Licensing: Organizations Providing Volunteers.</i> Establishes a new category of community care license for nonprofit organizations that recruit and provide volunteers to mentor or sponsor children in foster care.	Held in Senate Public Safety TWO YEAR BILL

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SB 108	Romero	<i>Emergency Medical Services: Alcohol Fee.</i> Enacts the Alcohol-Related Emergency Services Reimbursement Act of 2003, which would require the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to collect a \$0.05 per drink fee from specified wholesalers. Establishes the Alcohol-Related Emergency Services Reimbursement Trust Fund, administered by the State Department of Health Services, to allocate reimbursement to specified local emergency medical services providers that incur expenses in providing services for alcohol-related emergencies.	Held in Senate Rules TWO YEAR BILL
SB 112	Speier	<i>California Organ and Tissue Donor Registry.</i> Transfers the responsibility for establishing the California Organ and Tissue Donor Registry from the Health and Human Services Agency to a not-for-profit organization, known as the California Organ and Tissue Donation Registrar, which would establish and maintain the Registry.	Chapter 405, Statutes of 2003
SB 120	Margett	<i>Home Improvement Loans for Elderly and Disabled Persons.</i> Establishes within the Department of Housing and Community Development the Elderly and Disabled Persons' Revolving Home Improvement Loan Program, with a corresponding Fund created in the State Treasury, to provide no-interest home improvement loans to qualified elderly and disabled individuals to assist them with daily activities and prevent injury.	Held in Senate Housing and Community Development TWO YEAR BILL
SB 130	Chesbro	<i>Mental Health and Care Facilities: Use of Seclusion and Behavioral Restraints.</i> Makes a number of changes to state law regarding the use of seclusion and restraints in a variety of residential facilities, including psychiatric hospitals, developmental centers, skilled nursing facilities and foster care group homes.	Chapter 750, Statutes of 2003
SB 133	Battin	<i>Human Cloning.</i> Prohibits human reproductive cloning and therapeutic cloning. Establishes criminal penalties for violations of up to \$1,000,000 for corporations, firms, clinics, hospitals, laboratories, or research facilities and \$250,000 for individuals.	Failed Passage in Senate Health and Human Services, Reconsideration Granted TWO YEAR BILL
SB 142	Alpert	<i>The Medi-Cal to Healthy Families Accelerated Enrollment Program.</i> Authorizes counties to temporarily enroll children into no-cost Medi-Cal when the county deems that they are eligible to receive health coverage through the Healthy Families Program (HFP), for the time period when the HFP is conducting the formal determination of the child's eligibility for the program.	Held under Submission, Senate Appropriations TWO YEAR BILL

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SB 143	Cedillo	<i>Acute Care Hospitals: Patient Needs.</i> Requires the Department of Health Services to adopt regulations on or before January 1, 2010 to establish a common patient classification or acuity system to be used by all general acute care hospitals and acute psychiatric hospitals to determine the level of nursing care needed for each patient.	Held under Submission, Senate Appropriations TWO YEAR BILL
SB 151	Burton	<i>Prescriptions: Schedule II Controlled Substances.</i> Eliminates the July 1, 2008 sunset date on the Controlled Substances Utilization Review and Evaluation System (CURES) administered by the State Department of Justice; eliminates, effective July 1, 2004, the requirement that Schedule II controlled substances (morphine, Percodan, etc.) prescriptions be written on triplicate forms; adds a requirement that Schedule III controlled substances (codeine with aspirin, steroids, etc.) be included in the CURES system.	Chapter 406, Statutes of 2003
SB 197	Burton	<i>Registered Nurses: Wages and Hours of Employment Violations: Fines.</i> Establishes findings and declarations that state, among other things, that there is a demonstrated shortage of registered nurses and the shortage is reducing access to necessary and quality health care, and that many nurses are leaving because the work environment has deteriorated to an unacceptable level.	New Provisions Amended into Bill Removed Measure from Committee
SB 201	Romero	<i>Radioactive Materials: Transfer of Authority: Imposing Tougher Clean-Up Standards.</i> Transfers responsibilities to regulate radioactive materials, including their transportation, from the Department of Health Services to the Department of Toxic Substances Control, and requires that future cleanups of sites contaminated by radioactivity in California meet US Environmental Protection Agency standards.	Held under Submission, Senate Appropriations TWO YEAR BILL
SB 211	Dunn	<i>Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly: Admission Agreements.</i> Specifies requirements for the form and content of admission agreements for residential care facilities for the elderly and requires a facility to conspicuously post a copy of its agreement within the facility. The admission agreement is required to include, among other things, a comprehensive fee schedule, an explanation of third-party services, information relating to residents' rights, and information relating to billing and payment, term of contract, refunds, and termination of the agreement.	Chapter 409, Statutes of 2003

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SB 215	Alpert	<i>Youth Mentoring and Youth Development.</i> Creates the California Youth Policy Council to guide policy makers and to coordinate practices in response to the needs of California youth.	Held under Submission, Senate Appropriations TWO YEAR BILL
SB 231	Murray	<i>Hereditary Disorders: Genetic Services Advisory Committee.</i> Establishes a Newborn Screening Advisory Committee within the Department of Health Services.	Held under Submission, Senate Appropriations TWO YEAR BILL
SB 244	Speier	<i>Health Facilities: Emergency Departments: On-Call Services.</i> Requires the State Department of Health Services to conduct a survey of every health facility that operates an emergency department to obtain specified information to identify any areas of systematic problems that are contributing to the lack of access to on-call physician services that is impacting the quality of patient care in hospitals.	Provisions Removed from Original Version Heard in Committee
SB 250	Battin	<i>Mandated Reporters: Clerical and Administrative Staff.</i> Adds receptionists, support staff, administrative staff, and volunteers at any hospital, clinic, medical or health facility to the list of persons who are mandated reporters of child abuse or neglect. Provides that conviction of a misdemeanor for failure to report child abuse or neglect can be grounds for revocation of a professional license or certificate.	Failed Passage. Reconsideration Granted. Provisions Removed from Version Heard in Committee
SB 267	Knight	<i>Abstinence Education.</i> Requires the Department of Health Services to develop and implement a program of abstinence education in a manner that would maximize federal financial participation, and would specify the purpose and subjects of the program.	Failed Passage in Senate Health and Human Services, Reconsideration Granted. TWO YEAR BILL
SB 291	Florez	<i>Community Care Facilities: Group Homes.</i> Requires a group home, as a condition of initial licensure, to conduct an outreach awareness program, including a public hearing with the city or county planing authority in which the facility will be located	Held in Senate Health and Human Services TWO YEAR BILL
SB 295	Vasconcellos	<i>California Marijuana Research Program.</i> Eliminates the three-year time limit on the California Marijuana Research Program.	Chapter 704, Statutes of 2003

<u>BILL #</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>SUMMARY</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
SB 308	Figueroa	<i>Medi-Cal: Native Americans.</i> Authorizes the Department of Health Services to contract with Native American tribes and tribal organizations to facilitate federal Medicaid reimbursements for administrative activities, through the Administrative Claiming process.	Chapter 253, Statutes of 2003
SB 322	Ortiz	<i>Human Stem Cell Research Review Council.</i> Requires the State Department of Health Services to develop guidelines for research in California involving the derivation or use of human embryonic stem cells.	Chapter 506, Statutes of 2003
SB 323	Soto	<i>Medi-Cal: Disease Management.</i> States legislative intent to enact legislation that establishes a strategy for providing Medi-Cal beneficiaries with disease management programs and services. Contains legislative intent in order to make it available as the budget trailer bill on the subject of Medi-Cal disease management.	Held at Assembly Desk TWO YEAR BILL
SB 326	Florez	<i>Health Facilities: Plans of Correction.</i> Provides that the plan of correction is admissible in a legal action or administrative proceeding if it is probative on an issue other than as an admission by the health facility, its licensee, or personnel of the violation that led the plan to be developed.	Held in Senate Health and Human Services TWO YEAR BILL
SB 340	Florez	<i>Substance Abuse: Adult Recovery Maintenance Facilities.</i> Requires the department to administer the licensure and regulation of adult recovery maintenance facilities, as defined.	Held in Senate Health and Human Services TWO YEAR BILL
SB 370	Soto	<i>Medi-Cal: Dialysis: End State Renal Disease.</i> Prohibits the Department of Health Services from requiring prior authorization for renal dialysis treatment provided to Medi-Cal patients for treatment of end state renal disease	Chapter 321, Statutes of 2003
SB 372	Margett	<i>Involuntary Detention: Grave Disability.</i> Amends the definition of "gravely disabled" within the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act to allow the court to order a conservatorship for those individuals who have been charged with a complaint, pursuant to Section 806 of the Penal Code, as well as those individuals charged with an indictment or information, as long as other provisions of the law are met.	Failed Passage in Senate Health and Human Services Reconsideration Granted TWO YEAR BILL
SB 377	Chesbro	<i>Rural Indian Health Services Grant Program Payments.</i> Revises grant periods for the Rural Health Service Development Program and the Seasonal Agricultural Migratory Worker Program and establishes a semiannual prospective payments system for American Indian Health Service grants.	Chapter 596, Statutes of 2003

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SB 379	Ortiz	Hospitals: Charity Care and Reduced Payment Policies. Requires acute care, acute psychiatric, and special hospitals to develop a charity care and reduced payment policy and to provide notice of the policy to patients at the time of admission, if clinically appropriate, and during the discharge process.	Held under Submission, Senate Appropriations TWO YEAR BILL
SB 398	Romero	Health Care Referral Agencies: Temporary Workers. Extends the regulatory requirements placed on nurses' registries to agencies that refer workers to health facilities, eliminates the exemption from these regulatory requirements to those nurses' registries and referral agencies that charge fees exclusively to employers, prohibits a health facility from using an employee on a temporary basis with a permanent employee is available to work, and makes additional requirements on health facilities when they use a temporary employee.	Held under Submission, Senate Appropriations TWO YEAR BILL
SB 413	Speier	Health Insurance Counseling Fees. Permits the California Department of Aging to increase the amount of the fee assessed on a health care service plan for each enrollee to offset the cost of the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program to not more than \$1.20, from a current maximum of \$1.	Chapter 545, Statutes of 2003
SB 420	Vasconcellos	Medical Marijuana. Establishes a voluntary program for the issuance of identification cards to patients qualified to use medical marijuana and makes numerous legal definitions, clarifications, and statutory changes necessary to implement and enforce a system providing medical marijuana to chronically ill patients.	Chapter 875, Statutes of 2003
SB 428	Perata	Adult Day Health Care. Imposes a one-year moratorium on licensing of Adult Day Health Care Centers, establishes a two-phase application process and changes the licensing fee structure.	Vetoed by Governor
SB 464	Murray	Special Education: Individualized Education Program Meetings : Group Home Representative. Requires a school district, special education local plan area, or county office of education to invite to individualized education program team meetings a representative of the group home in those cases in which a pupil with exceptional needs has been placed in a group home by a juvenile court, as specified.	Chapter 413, Statutes of 2003

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SB 474	Florez	<i>Child Day Care Facilities: Criminal Record Information: Disclosure.</i> Requires any person applying to operate or manage a child day care facility or family day care home, and other specified persons, to agree that the criminal record information obtained from the appropriate law enforcement agency may be disclosed by the department to any parent or guardian of a client or prospective client in a licensed child day care facility or family day care home.	Held in Senate Health and Human Services TWO YEAR BILL
SB 475	Florez	<i>Public Freshwater Bathing Areas: Clean Water Standards.</i> Directs the Department of Health Services to establish standards for the water at freshwater bathing areas, assigns responsibility to local health officers for the testing and monitoring of water standards, and requires public notice during those years that appropriations are insufficient for testing and monitoring.	Held under Submission, Senate Appropriations TWO YEAR BILL
SB 476	Florez	<i>Emergency Medical Services: Reimbursement and Reserves.</i> Authorizes each administering agency of an emergency medical services fund to maintain a reserve in specified portions of its Maddy Emergency Medical Services Fund. Requires administering agencies to distribute all funds remaining at the end of the fiscal year in excess of any reserve held and rolled over to the next year.	Chapter 707, Statutes of 2003
SB 490	Alpert	<i>Emergency Contraception Drug Therapy.</i> Authorizes a pharmacist to furnish emergency contraception drug therapy in accordance with standardized procedures or protocol developed and approved by both the Board of Pharmacy and the Medical Board in consultation with the appropriate entities.	Chapter 651, Statutes of 2003
SB 496	Alpert	<i>Drug Endangered Children.</i> Encourages counties to coordinate law enforcement activities with child welfare services when drug arrests are made and children are present, and encourages counties to establish countywide protocols for law enforcement and human-service providers to work together in multi-jurisdictional groups to protect drug-endangered children.	Chapter 75, Statutes of 2003
SB 522	Soto	<i>Housing: Residential Care: Persons with Disabilities.</i> Establishes a licensing and inspection program, to be administered by the Department of Social Services, for residential hotels or motels, apartments, and room and board facilities in which over 25% of the residents are recipients of SSI/SSP or other federal or state disability assistance or have a disability.	Held in Senate Health and Human Services TWO YEAR BILL

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SB 528	Aanestad	<i>Medi-Cal Reimbursement Rates.</i> Requires the director in making the annual review and adjustment of reimbursement levels for physician and dental services, to review federal reimbursement levels under the federal Medicare program during the preceding 5 years, and to make appropriate adjustments to Medi-Cal.	Held in Senate Health and Human Services TWO YEAR BILL
SB 536	Romero	<i>Los Angeles County Trauma Care System.</i> Requires the task force to include within the scope of that study the Los Angeles County trauma care system.	Held in Senate Health and Human Services TWO YEAR BILL
SB 540	Soto	<i>Special Services for Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly.</i> Requires a licensee of a residential care facility for the elderly that advertises or promotes special care, programming, or services for persons with any specific health condition, as defined, to provide to each prospective resident prior to admission a written narrative description of these programs and services.	Chapter 322, Statutes of 2003
SB 577	Kuehl	<i>Protection and Advocacy Agencies: Disability Rights.</i> Revises and updates state law to reflect changes in federal law regarding definitions and the authority, duties and responsibilities of protection and advocacy agencies.	Chapter 878, Statutes of 2003
SB 582	Speier	<i>Ephedrine Group Alkaloids: Prohibition on Sales of Dietary Supplements.</i> Prohibits the sale or distribution of any dietary supplement products containing ephedrine group alkaloids.	Chapter 903, Statutes of 2003
SB 591	Scott	<i>Dependent Children: Caregiver Information.</i> Directs child protective service agencies to provide the caregivers of foster children specific personal information relating to the child and the child's case, within a specified time frame	Chapter 812, Statutes of 2003
SB 606	Vasconcellos	<i>Public Health: Vision Appraisal.</i> Requires schools to send home a notice and questionnaire, as specified, related to eye symptoms, vision, and school performance.	Vetoed by Governor
SB 617	Speier	<i>Anatomical Gifts: Tissue Banks: Informed Consent.</i> Requires hospitals, organ procurement organizations, and tissue banks to advise donors of their right to withhold consent for donated tissue to be used for cosmetic surgery purposes, for applications outside of the United States and for use by for-profit tissue processors and distributors.	Chapter 464, Statutes of 2003

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SB 635	Dunn	Emergency Medical Services. Eliminates a restriction that prohibits payments from Maddy Emergency Medical Services (EMS) funds from being made for services provided after a 48-hour period of continuous service to a patient. Changes the definition of a patient eligible for services reimbursable by Maddy EMS funds.	Held in Assembly Public Safety TWO YEAR BILL
SB 652	Florez	Foster Care: Criminal Record Disqualification: Exemptions. Provides that only the director, or a person designated by the director, may grant an exemption from disqualification for a license or certificate to operate or manage, or for employment, residence, or presence, in a foster family home or a certified family home.	Held in Senate Health and Human Services TWO YEAR BILL
SB 664	Kuehl	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families: Domestic Violence. Requires the State Department of Social Services to allocate an unspecified percentage of the marriage promotion funds in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Fund (TANF) to county welfare agencies for domestic violence services; requires an allocation to the Office of Women's Health for a public education campaign on domestic violence; requires implementation of federal TANF provisions concerning victims of domestic violence.	Held under Submission, Senate Appropriations TWO YEAR BILL
SB 676	Ortiz	Tobacco Manufacturer Fees: Health Care Costs of Smoking. Imposes a fee, to be determined by the State Department of Health Services by regulation as prescribed, on specified tobacco product manufacturers who did not sign the Master Settlement Agreement.	Held in Senate Revenue and Taxation TWO YEAR BILL
SB 679	Ortiz	Restaurants: Nutritional Information. Requires a food establishment that is part of a large chain to make nutritional information available on all food items that are on the menu for six months or more.	Failed Passage in Assembly Health Reconsideration Granted TWO YEAR BILL
SB 686	Ortiz	Liability Insurance for Long-Term Health Care Facilities. Requires an insurer issuing liability insurance policies to long-term health care facilities, residential care facilities for the elderly, or physicians who provide services to residents in those facilities to notify the Department of Insurance (DOI) at least 90 days prior to the date it intends to cease offering liability insurance to those facilities or physicians; requires insurers to report specified information regarding those policies to DOI; allows the Insurance Commissioner to authorize the formation of a market assistance program to assist in securing liability insurance and to order the creation of a joint underwriting association.	Chapter 899, Statutes of 2003

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SB 689	Ortiz	<i>Healthy Californians Biomonitoring Project.</i> Establishes the Healthy Californians Biomonitoring Project, to be administered by the Department of Health Services. Requires the department, in consultation with an advisory committee, to develop a biomonitoring pilot program, beginning with a pilot using breast milk as a marker of community health in a minimum of three diverse communities throughout the state.	Held under Submission, Senate Appropriations TWO YEAR BILL
SB 693	Murray	<i>Undersecretary of Foster Care Coordination.</i> Establishes the position of Undersecretary of Foster Care Coordination within the State Health and Human Services Agency and gives duties to that position.	Held under Submission in Assembly Appropriations TWO YEAR BILL
SB 739	Ducheny	<i>Children's Services: Indian Tribes.</i> Authorizes the Director of the Department of Social Services to enter into agreements with Indian tribes to provide child welfare services, assistance payments under the AFDC-Foster Care program to Indian children, and authorizes the director to receive federal and state reimbursement for these activities.	Chapter 373, Statutes of 2003
SB 767	Florez	<i>Health Care Safety Net.</i> Enacts the California Health Care Safety Net Act of 2003, that would set a minimum level of funding for specified health care programs, and would prohibit these programs from being included in any transfer of responsibility and funding from state government to local governments.	Held in Senate Health and Human Services TWO YEAR BILL
SB 771	Ortiz	<i>Human Cells: Embryo Registry.</i> Requires the State Department of Health Services to establish an anonymous registry of embryos for research purposes, and requires health care providers to provide specified information, and obtain specified information, when delivering fertility treatment and assisted egg cell donation to patients.	Chapter 507, Statutes of 2003
SB 773	Murray	<i>Food Labeling and Safety.</i> Permits the sale of Korean rice rolls that have been at room temperature for no more than 6 hours. Requires a food establishment that sells Korean rice rolls to, after 6 hours, destroy the rice rolls in a manner approved by the local enforcement agency.	Held in Senate Health and Human Services TWO YEAR BILL
SB 774	Vasconcellos	<i>Hypodermic Needles and Syringes.</i> Permits a pharmacist or physician to furnish hypodermic needles and syringes for human use without a prescription. Permits a person who is 18 years of age or older to purchase for personal use up to 30 hypodermic needles or syringes per transaction without a prescription.	Vetoed by Governor

<u>BILL #</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>SUMMARY</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
SB 778	Ortiz	<i>Biomedical Research and Development Act of 2004.</i> Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds in an unspecified amount for the purposes of financing biomedical research and facilities. Requires that all funds be awarded on the basis of the research priorities established for the program and the scientific merit of the proposed research. Allows all research investigators, regardless of affiliation, to have equal access and opportunity to compete for the funds.	Held under Submission, Senate Appropriations TWO YEAR BILL
SB 779	Speier	<i>Dietary Supplements: Reporting of Adverse Events.</i> Requires manufacturers and distributors of dietary supplements to forward copies to the State Department of Health Services of all adverse event reports and consumer health complaints.	Held in Assembly Health TWO YEAR BILL
SB 785	Ortiz	<i>Medi-Cal Beneficiary: 3rd-Party Coverage.</i> Requires the department to give beneficiaries the option of enrolling in, or maintaining enrollment in, an employer-sponsored health benefits plan for which they are eligible, at the time they apply for the Medi-Cal program, if the department determines that it would be cost-effective to do so.	Held in Senate Health and Human Services TWO YEAR BILL
SB 797	Machado	<i>Osteoporosis Screening: Uninsured.</i> Requires the State Department of Health Services to establish a program to provide osteoporosis screening services to uninsured individuals.	Held under Submission, Senate Appropriations TWO YEAR BILL
SB 827	Aanestad	<i>Health Care Providers: Billing Procedures.</i> Requires health care providers, when submitting a bill to a patient, to ensure that the bill includes an itemized list of all charges that is understandable at the eight grade reading level.	Held under Submission, Senate Appropriations TWO YEAR BILL
SB 828	Figueroa	<i>Health Facilities: Boutique Hospitals.</i> Prohibits the Department of Health Services from issuing a license to operate a boutique hospital, as defined, unless the hospital agrees to continuously maintain and operate at least a basic emergency department.	Failed Passage in Assembly Health, Reconsideration Granted TWO YEAR BILL
SB 831	Perata	<i>Medi-Cal: Managed Care Plan Enrollment Eligibility.</i> Permits the Department of Health Services to undertake efforts to provide opportunities for voluntary enrollment in managed care plans and primary care case management plans for any individual who is eligible for share-of-cost Medi-Cal, notwithstanding any other provision of law.	Held under Submission, Assembly Appropriations TWO YEAR BILL

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SB 847	Aanestad	Health Facilities: Nurse-to-Patient Ratios. Requires the Department of Health Services to evaluate proposed hospital nurse staffing regulations issued. Requires the evaluation to demonstrate the validity of several assumptions and findings on which the proposed regulations are based, as well as effects of the proposed regulations on patient care and ability of providers to hire and retain staff. Prohibits the Department from requiring hospitals to meet a 1:5 nurse-to-patient ratio in medical/surgical units unless it can demonstrate that several conditions exist regarding availability of nurses, improvements in patient care, and costs of meeting the requirements.	Failed Passage in Senate Health and Human Services, Reconsideration Granted. TWO YEAR BILL
SB 855	Machado	Community Care Facilities: Temporary Emergency Shelters. Requires the State Department of Social Services to establish a subcategory of foster care group home licensure for temporary emergency shelters that care for children under six years of age for up to 30 days.	Held in Assembly Human Services TWO YEAR BILL
SB 857	Speier	Medi-Cal Fraud. Requires the Controller to conduct a fraud audit of the Medi-Cal program to determine the level of provider fraud and to report the results of the audit to the Senate Select Committee on Government Oversight and Senate Health and Human Services Committee by August 1, 2004. Requires the Department of Health Services to include in its Medi-Cal managed care contracts a requirement that each health plan fund a comprehensive special investigative unit to investigate provider fraud.	Provisions Removed from Original Version Heard in Committee
SB 858	Ortiz	Tobacco Control. Provides that appropriations for tobacco use prevention programs shall be available for encumbrance and expenditure for two fiscal years beyond the date of the appropriation.	Provisions Removed from Original Version Heard in Committee
SB 875	Escutia	Child and Parental Nutrition. Requires the State Department of Health Services to develop or obtain a brochure for pregnant women and new parents on proper nutrition and exercise, and provides that the brochure is to be distributed, as specified, to persons who contact the BabyCal and Access for Infants and Mothers programs.	Chapter 879, Statutes of 2003
SB 921	Kuehl	Single Payer Health Care Coverage. Declares the intent of the Legislature to implement a single payer universal health care delivery system in California and would make legislative findings and declarations.	Held in Assembly Health TWO YEAR BILL

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SB 932	Bowen	<i>Nonprofit Corporations: Health Facilities.</i> Prohibits the Attorney General from consenting to an agreement or transaction involving the sale, transfer, lease, or other transfer of a nonprofit health care facility to a for-profit entity or mutual benefit corporation, in which the seller of the facility restricts the type or level of medical services that may be provided at the facility.	Chapter 65, Statutes of 2003
SB 936	Escutia	<i>In-Home Supportive Services: Hospital Stays.</i> Allows severely-impaired recipients of In-Home Supportive Services to continue to receive services during stays in hospital or a skilled nursing facility, with certain time limits.	Held under Submission, Senate Appropriations TWO YEAR BILL
SB 937	Ducheny	<i>Licensure and Operation of Clinics.</i> Reduces and streamlines licensing and oversight requirements pertaining to primary care health clinics in order to expedite expansion of existing facilities and siting of new facilities.	Chapter 602, Statutes of 2003
SB 950	Alarcon	<i>Dependent Children: Education.</i> Authorizes the juvenile court to adjudge a child who comes within the definition of an habitual truant, as specified, as a result of the willful failure of a parent, guardian, or other person having control or charge of the child to ensure that the child attends school, to be a dependent child of the juvenile court.	Died in Senate Health and Human Services Committee
SB 953	Dunn	<i>Children's Hospital Bond Act of 2004.</i> Enacts the Children's Hospital Bond Act of 2004 which would authorize for purposes of financing a specified Children's Hospital Program to fund capital expenditure projects for children's hospitals, the issuance of general obligation bonds in an unspecified amount.	Held under Submission, Senate Appropriations TWO YEAR BILL
SB 984	Scott	<i>Dependent Children: Welfare Advance Fund Payments: Adoptions.</i> Brings California law related to interethnic foster and adoptive placement into compliance with federal law and allows payments from the Welfare Advance Fund to be made to tribes and other governmental entities.	Chapter 323, Statutes of 2003
SB 1003	Auburn	<i>Community Care Facilities: Foster Care.</i> Provides that when the Department of Social Services issues a citation for a violation of a licensing standard in a foster care setting - a group home, a foster family home, or a foster family agency - it shall dismiss the citation if the licensee can demonstrate that its actions met a standard of reasonableness.	Held in Senate Judiciary TWO YEAR BILL

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SB 1005	Dunn	<i>Hospital Inspections, Deficiencies, and Plans of Correction.</i> Requires the Department of Health Services (DHS) to conduct unannounced inspections of hospitals. Requires DHS to inspect for compliance with nurse-to-patient ratios during periodic inspections. Establishes a new process for DHS to respond to complaints about hospitals. Enacts specific timeframes for hospitals to implement plans of correction for deficiencies found by DHS. Requires DHS to reinspect hospitals to determine compliance with a plan of correction.	Held on Assembly Floor, Failed Passage, Reconsideration Granted TWO YEAR BILL
SB 1014	Aanestad	<i>Hospital Facilities: Repeal of Seismic Safety Requirements.</i> Repeals provisions of existing law requiring the development and enforcement of standards for hospital seismic safety, requiring hospitals to conduct seismic studies and to prepare plans to bring their facilities into compliance with seismic regulations and standards, and establishing deadlines for hospitals to replace, retrofit, or convert to non-acute use facilities.	Failed Passage in Senate Health and Human Services. Reconsideration Granted. TWO YEAR BILL
SB 1027	Ashburn	<i>Valley Fever Vaccine Project.</i> Appropriates \$1,000,000 to the Department of Health Services for continuation of the Valley Fever Vaccine Project.	Held under Submission, Senate Appropriations TWO YEAR BILL
SB 1075	Health Committee	<i>Breast Cancer: Alternatives to Mammography.</i> Requires the State Department of Health Services to include, in any literature that it produces regarding breast cancer, information on mammography alternatives.	Chapter 886, Statutes of 2003
SB 1076	Health Committee	<i>Continuing Care Retirement Communities: Resident Satisfaction Surveys.</i> Extends by seven years certain protections and immunities arising from services provided by Health Rights Hotline and other specified health care consumer assistance programs.	Chapter 324, Statutes of 2003
SB 1081	Health Committee	<i>Blood Donors: State Donor Deferral Register.</i> Terminates the use of the state's Donor Deferral Register.	Chapter 419, Statutes of 2003
SCR 14	McPherson	<i>Arthritis Awareness.</i> Recognizes the need to create and foster a statewide arthritis awareness program, focusing on medically underserved, ethnically diverse communities, and to work to adequately fund the program in 2004.	Resolution Chapter 66, Statutes of 2003

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SJR 3	Alarcon	<i>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program.</i> Urges the Congress of the United States to increase TANF block grant funding to certain states, allow states to use TANF funds to extend TANF assistance for eligible families for 24 months, and consider "stopping the clock" for recipients who are meeting work participation requirements or live in counties with high unemployment rates, increase funding for the Child Care and Development Block Grant, and give states flexibility to design the most effective strategies to help people secure jobs.	Resolution Chapter 136, Statutes of 2003
SJR 10	Soto	<i>Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage.</i> Requests the United States Congress to enact outpatient prescription drug coverage as part of the federal Medicare program.	Resolution Chapter 96, Statutes of 2003