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AB	15	Maienschein	Denti-Cal program: reimbursement rates.	Would require the State Department of Health Care Services to increase Denti-Cal provider reimbursement rates for the 15 most common prevention, treatment, and oral evaluation services to the regional average commercial rates, effective January 1, 2018.		5/26/2017- Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (Last location was APPR. on 5/26/2017)(May be acted upon Jan 2018)	Support
AB	753	Calballero	Increase in Denti-Cal Rates	Request for Support from Manatt. CalPACE has been asked to support AB 753 that would appropriate \$300,000,000 from the increased Proposition 56 cigarette tax revenues. Specifically, AB 753: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Maximizes newly-enacted Proposition 56 revenues and prioritizes new revenue through targeted, performance-based incentives. ▪ 60% of funding to implement a Dental Transformation Initiative (DTI) for adult Denti-Cal members, similar to an existing effective DTI program for children. ▪ 30% of funding along with federal matching funds, will make existing DTI for children more broad by adding diagnostic and restorative dental services. ▪ 10% of funding provides one-time grants to increase access and improve delivery of dental services in underserved areas ▪ Builds upon state-federal Dental Transformation Initiatives- increases Medi-cal rate and makes Denti-Cal affordable for both members and providers. 	Request for Support from Manatt. AB 753 is similar to AB 15 that CalPACE has endorsed. The difference in the bills is that AB 753 specifically appropriates the revenue for the rate increases and AB 15 directs DHCS to increase rates. Both bills are opposed by DHCS.	4/28/17-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). Last location was HEALTH on 3/2/17. May be acted upon Jan 2018.	Support
AB	796	Kalra, Thurmond	Public social services: SSI/SSP	Current law prohibits, for each calendar year, commencing with the 2011 calendar year, any cost-of-living adjustment from being made to the maximum benefit payment unless otherwise specified by statute, except for the pass along of any cost-of-living increase in the federal SSI benefits. Existing law continuously appropriates funds for the implementation of SSP. This bill would reinstate the cost-of-living adjustment beginning January 1 of the 2018 calendar year	Similar to AB 1584 of previous session which CalPACE supported. Author is chair of Assembly Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care.	5/26/2017-In committee: held under submission.	Support

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AB	806	Kalra	An act to add Section 17056.1 to the Revenue and Taxation Code, relating to taxation, to take effect immediately, tax levy	The Personal Income Tax Law allows various credits against the taxes imposed by that law. This bill would allow a credit against those taxes for each taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2018, in an amount equal to 50% of the amount paid or incurred by a family caregiver during the taxable year for eligible expenses, as defined, not to exceed \$1,000. This bill would take effect immediately as a tax levy.	CalPACE participated in the work group that drafted this bill. Based on similar laws in other states; applies to caregiving expenses as well as home modifications. Author is chair of Assembly Committee on Aging and Long Term Care.	5/26/2017-In committee: held under submission.	Support
SB	2	Atkins	Building Homes and Jobs Act.	Would enact the Building Homes and Jobs Act. The bill would make legislative findings and declarations relating to the need for establishing permanent, ongoing sources of funding dedicated to affordable housing development. The bill would impose a fee, except as provided, of \$75 to be paid at the time of the recording of every real estate instrument, paper, or notice required or permitted by law to be recorded, per each single transaction per single parcel of real property, not to exceed \$225. By imposing new duties on counties with respect to the imposition of the recording fee, the bill would create a state-mandated local program	Major funding bill to provide an ongoing source of funds for affordable housing. Does not earmark funds for senior housing or supportive housing and author's intent is to keep it general. Leading Age likely to support.	7/6/2017-Read third time. Urgency clause adopted. Passed. (Ayes 27. Noes 12.) Ordered to the Assembly. In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.	Support
SB	3	Beall	Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018.	Would enact the Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018, which, if adopted, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$3,000,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law. Proceeds from the sale of these bonds would be used to finance various existing housing programs, as well as infill infrastructure financing and affordable housing matching grant programs, as provided. This bill contains other related provisions.	Major funding bill to provide an ongoing source of funds for affordable housing. Does not earmark funds for senior housing or supportive housing and author's intent is to keep it general. Leading Age likely to support.	7/3/2017-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on H. & C D.	Support

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SB	62	Jackson	Affordable Senior Housing Act of 2017	Would enact the Affordable Senior Housing Act of 2017, which would establish the Affordable Senior Housing Program within GO-Biz, as part of the Economic Revitalization Act. Would declare that the purpose of this program is to guide and serve as a catalyst for the development of affordable senior housing dwelling units within this state and would require the director of GO-Biz to undertake various actions in implementing the program, including establishing and implementing a process for identifying and convening public and private stakeholders, assisting program participants in identifying suitable locations and potential sources of public and private funding for the development of affordable senior housing, obtaining state and local permits, providing guidance on regulatory compliance, and providing information on tax credits and other incentives.	Cites growth in the senior population, the number of seniors living on Social Security alone, and needs of seniors who have no one to care for them as factors supporting a need for the bill.	7/3/2017-Joint Rule 62(a) suspended. Assembly Rule 56 suspended.	Support
SB	177	Nguyen	Cognitively impaired adults: caregiver resource centers	Would, each fiscal year, commencing with the 2017–18 fiscal year, appropriate \$3,300,000 from the General Fund to the State Department of Health Care Services for allocation to CRCs for the purpose of providing those respite care services. The bill would also authorize those services to be provided in person and, except for respite care services, through the use of remote technologies.		5/25/2017-May 25 hearing: Held in committee and under submission.	Support
SB	202	Dodd	Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to Medi-Cal.	In calculating the income of a medically needy individual who is in a medical institution or nursing facility, or a person receiving institutional or noninstitutional services from a Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly organization, the required monthly maintenance amount includes an amount providing for the personal and incidental needs in an amount not less than \$35 while a patient, and authorizes the Department of Health Care Services, by regulation, to increase this amount as necessitated by increasing costs of personal incidental needs. This bill would increase the personal needs allowance amount from \$35 to \$80 per month while a person is a patient as described above.	Applies to PACE participants. Would enable them to retain a higher portion of their income for personal needs. Similar to AB 1655 from previous session which CalPACE supported.	5/26/17-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 5/25/17. May be acted upon Jan 2018.	Support

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