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| California Black Health Network's Supported Bills – 2021 | | | |
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| Bill | Author(s) | Summary | Status |
| AB 1038 – Health Equity Program (Co-Sponsor) | Asm. Mike Gipson Coauthors: Asm. Carrillo, Sen. Hurtado & Rubio | Establishes the California Health Equity Program within the CA Department of Public Health to be a competitive grant program to support local health departments (LHDs), nonprofit organizations, clinics and tribes that serve disproportionately impacted communities to address the social determinants of health and health inequities that have been exacerbated by COVID-19. | Two-Year bill, currently in the Senate. Advocacy efforts will continue. Currently, advocacy is focused on the Health Equity & Racial Justice Fund, the accompanying budget proposal. |
| AB 1163 – Restores Local Control to Tax Sugary Drinks (Co-Sponsor) | Asm. Nazarian | This bill would restore the right of cities and counties to have the option to pass sugary drink taxes, a critical tool for communities to invest in public health and equity. | Died in Assembly – Conversations and advocacy is ongoing. |
| SB 65 – CA Momnibus Act | Sen. Skinner | This bill would re-imagine maternal health in order to improve perinatal outcomes, close racial disparities in maternal and infant mortality and morbidity, and improve data collection and research on socioeconomic factors that contribute to negative birth outcomes. | This bill has been signed into law. |
| SB 17 – Office of Racial Equity | Sen. Pan Coauthors: Asm. Arambula, Chiu; Sen. Becker, | This bill establishes the Office of Racial Equity (ORE), governed by a Racial Equity Advisory and Accountability Council (REAAC), to develop a statewide Racial Equity Framework in consultation | This bill has moved through the Senate and is currently held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The bill is now a 2-year bill and CBHN will continue our advocacy efforts. |

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| | Cortese, Durazo, et al. | with state agencies. This bill also declares racism a public health crisis. | |
| AB 342 – Colorectal Cancer Screening & Testing | Asm. Gipson Coauthors: Sen. Gonzalez, Rubio, Wiener | This bill Requires more screening for colorectal cancer and prohibits a health plan contract or a health insurance policy from imposing cost sharing on individuals between 50 and 75 years of age for colonoscopies conducted for specified purposes. | This bill has been signed into law. |
| AB 118 – CRISIS Act: Community Response: Grant Program | Sen. Kamlager Coauthors: Asm. Kalra; Sen. Stern, Wiener, et al. | AB 118 establishes a 3-year pilot program, to be administered by the Office of Emergency Services, to distribute grants to organizations providing community-based alternatives to law enforcement in response to crisis situations. | This bill has been signed into law. |
| SB 316 – Federally Qualified Health Centers: Same Day Visits | Sen. Eggman & McGuire | This bill authorizes Medi-Cal reimbursement for same day visits for medical, dental, and/or mental health care in community clinics. | Two-year bill, currently in the Assembly. |
| AB 490 – Law enforcement: Positional Asphyxia | Asm. Gipson & Bonta | This bill would prohibit a law enforcement agency from authorizing techniques or transport methods that involve a substantial risk of positional asphyxia (restricting airway). | This bill has been signed into law. |
| SB 2 – Peace Officers: De-certification | Sen. Bradford & Atkins | This bill creates a statewide de-certification process for peace officers that engage in actions of serious misconduct. | This bill has been signed into law. |
| AB 4 – Health4All/ Medi-Cal Eligibility | Asm. Arambula, Chiu, Gipson, Gonzalez, Reyes, & Santiago | Extends, beginning January 1, 2022, eligibility for full scope Medi-Cal benefits to anyone regardless of age, and who is otherwise eligible for those benefits but for their immigration status. | Held on suspense file in Senate Appropriations. |

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| AB 369 – Street Medicine Act: Bringing Care to the Street | Sen. Kamlager | This bill would create a payment mechanism that would require the state to issue Medi-Cal reimbursements to providers working in street medicine. | Vetoed by the Governor. Governor's Veto Message |
| AB 1407 – Implicit Bias Education: Registered Nurses | Asm. Burke | This bill requires approved school of nursing, or an approved nursing program to include in its curriculum implicit bias coursework. | This bill has been approved by the Governor and signed into law. |
| AB 937 – Vision Act | Asm. Carrillo, Kalra, & Santiago | This bill would protect community members who have already been deemed eligible for release from being transferred by local jails and our state prison system to immigration detention centers. | Two-year bill, currently in the Senate. |
| SB 682 – Childhood Chronic Health Conditions | Sen. Rubio & Asm. Weber, Salas | Establishes the End Racial Inequities in Children's Health in California Initiative and requires the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHSA) to convene an advisory workgroup to develop and implement a plan to reduce racial disparities in childhood chronic diseases by at least 50% by December 31, 2030 | Vetoed by the Governor Governor's Veto Message |
| AB 1131 – Health Information Network | Asm. Wood | This bill establishes a statewide health information exchange (HIE) network in California. | Two-year bill, currently in Assembly. |
| SB 395 – Electronic Cigarette Tax: Health Careers Opportunity Grant Program | Sen. Caballero | This bill would levy an excise tax on electronic cigarettes and use a portion of the revenues to fund state Health Career Opportunity Program that will support programs to increase the number of underrepresented minorities recruited, supported, and trained as needed health professionals. | This bill has been signed into law. |
| AB 1130 – Office of Health Care Affordability | Asm. Wood | Establishes the Office of Health Care Affordability within OSHPD to analyze the health care market for cost trends, develop data-informed policies for | In Senate – Conversations around the Office of Health Care Affordability continuing. |

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| | | lowering health care costs, set and enforce cost targets, and create a state strategy for controlling the cost of health care for consumers and purchasers. | |
| AB 789 – Hep C & B Screening | Asm. Low & Gipson | This bill requires adults receiving primary care services to be offered a hepatitis B and C screening test according to the latest recommendations from the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF). | This bill has been signed into law. |
| AB 1344 – Syringe Exchange Programs | Asm. Arambula & Sen. Skinner | This bill protects syringe services programs from misuse of the California Environmental Quality Act and ensure that these programs can continue to provide lifesaving services for people who use drugs. | This bill has been signed into law. |
| SB 306 – Sexually Transmitted Diseases: Testing | Sen. Pan Coauthors: Sen. Wiener; Asm. Gipson, Gonzales, Weber, et al. | This bill expands access to STI testing and treatment by: (1) requiring health plans to cover at-home test kits for HIV and STIs; (2) allowing HIV test counselors to provide rapid STI testing in the community; (3) supporting the delivery of expedited partner therapy; (4) requiring syphilis screening during both the first and third trimester of pregnancy. | This bill has been signed into law. |