CalCom Legislative Priorities

- **AB 1693 (Perea)**
  - CITC sponsored bill. Would require the PUC to issue a final decision on a general rate case no later than 330 days following the filing of the application.
  - Scheduled to be heard on June 17 in Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee.

- **AB 1717 (Perea)** –
  - Reintroduction of AB 300 (Perea) from 2013.
  - Prepaid Mobile Telephony Service Surcharge Collection Act. Would establish a mechanism to collect surcharges for prepaid telephones.
  - Passed out of the Assembly – now to the Senate with amendments regarding 911 funding. Will be heard in Senate Business and Professions and then to Senate Governance and Finance Committee.

- **AB 1897 (Hernandez)**
  - Requires anyone who employs temporary services or contractors to pay employees’ wages, payroll taxes and workers’ comp claims if the contractors fails to do it. This means that people who hire other business with employees are liable for those businesses’ employees.
  - Will be heard in Senate Labor Committee on June 11.

- **AB 2272 (Gray)**
  - Would revise the definition of "public works" to also include projects funded by the California Advanced Services Fund. By expanding the definition of a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.
  - Passed Assembly – will be heard in Senate Labor Committee

  - Held in Assembly Appropriations Suspense File.

- **SB 434 (Hill)**
  - This bill would provide that, beginning June 1, 2014, a commissioner who acts as an owner, director, or officer of a non-state entity that was established as a result of an order, decision, motion, settlement, or other action by the Public Utilities Commission in which the commissioner participated, neglects his or her duty and may be removed pursuant to the California Constitution, irrespective of when the non-state entity was established.
  - Will be heard in Assembly Utilities and Commerce – June 9

- **SB 711 (Padilla)**
  - This bill would repeal the $75 application fee and instead permit the CPUC to charge up to $500 not to exceed the reasonable cost of processing an application. It also clarifies that all fees and charges collected by the CPUC in to the Public Utilities Reimbursement Account rather than the General Fund.
  - Referred to Assembly Utilities and Commerce – not yet set.

- **SB 1200 (Padilla)**
- Would require the Trustees of the California State University, and would request the Regents of the University of California, to establish a uniform set of academic standards for high school computer science courses, for purposes of recognition for undergraduate admission at their respective institutions.
- To be heard in Assembly Higher Education on June 10.

- **SB 1211 (Padilla)** –
  - This bill would require the office to develop a plan and timeline of target dates for testing, implementing, and operating a Next Generation 911 emergency communication system, including text to 911 service, throughout California.
  - Not yet set for hearing.

- **SB 1364 (Fuller)** – Introduced February 21, 2014. **California High Cost Fund A & B Program.**
  - CITC Sponsored bill.
  - Extends the sunset date of the CHCF A and B Fund to January 1, 2019
  - Passed the Senate on a 37-0 vote.
  - To be heard in Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee – June 23.

**Additional bills of interest:**

- **AB 876 (Bonta) – Ca. Teleconnect Fund.**
  - The bill would require the commission to study and develop an outreach plan to preschools and transitional kindergartens to increase awareness of services available to these schools under the program. This bill requires the PUC to report the plan findings or progress to the Legislature no later than March 1, 2016.
  - Set for Senate Energy, Utilities & Commerce – June 23

- **AJR 39 (R Hernandez)** –
  - Calls on the US Congress to amend a specific federal law to allow states and their municipalities to determine the best use of public educational and government channel support.
  - Placed on Senate Inactive File.

- **SB 636 (Hill)**
  - This bill would prohibit any CPUC employee or officer that is assigned to prosecute, testify to, or supervise prosecution of any adjudication case from participating in, or advising the commission on the decision of that case or the decision of a factually related proceeding.
  - To be heard in Assembly Utilities & Commerce – June 9

- **SB 900 (Hill)**
  - Requires the PUC to develop safety risk management procedures for assist the PUC in determining whether the policy or rule change will affect safety.
  - To be heard in Assembly Utilities and Commerce – no date set yet.

- **AB 1650 (R. Jones Sawyer)**
  - Prohibits the state accepting a bid from a bidder that asks an applicant for onsite construction-related employment to disclose their conviction history at the time of the initial employment application.
To be heard in Senate Governmental Organization - June 10.

- **AB 1782 (Chesbro)**
  - Increases the fine for unlawfully cuts, removes, destroys any electricity, including telegraph, cable and telephone wires.
  - Referred to Assembly Public Safety Committee