

**CALIFORNIA COMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION  
END OF SESSION WRAP UP  
Legislative Session 2014**

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2014 Legislative Priority Bills

There were many bills of interest to the CalCom, including a priority bill of ensuring the California High Cost Fund A and B (CHCF) was extended and signed by the Governor. SB 1364 authored by Senator Jean Fuller (R-Bakersfield), extends funding of the CHCF A and B until January 1, 2019. The other bills are listed below for your review.

**LEGISLATIVE BILLS**

- **AB 1522 (Gonzalez)**
  - **Sponsored by LaborFed.** Requires all employers to provide employees with mandatory protected paid sick leave.
  - **CalCom – No Position**
    - **Signed by Governor 9/10/14.**
  
- **AB 1693 (Perea)**
  - **CITC sponsored bill.** Would have required the PUC to issue a final decision on a general rate case no later than 330 days following the filing of the application.
  - **CalCom Support**
    - **Vetoed by Governor on 9/20/14. Veto letter asking for CPUC to develop rate case plan.**
  
- **AB 1717 (Perea)**
  - Reintroduction of AB 300 (Perea) from 2013
  - **Prepaid Mobile Telephony Service Surcharge Collection Act.** Establishes a mechanism to collect surcharges for prepaid telephones.
  - **CalCom - Support**
    - **Bill signed by Governor on 9/30/14.**
  
- **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.
  - **CalCom – Opposed. Neutral at end of session.**
  - **Bill amended to exclude telecommunication and cable workers and small businesses of less than 25 employees.**
    - **Signed by Governor on 9/9/14.**
  
- **AB 2272 (Gray)**
  - Revises the definition of "public works" to also include projects funded by the California Advanced Services Fund.

- **CalCom – Opposed unless amended.**
- **Letter sent to Governor requesting VETO.**
  - **Signed by Governor on 9/30/14**
  
- **SB 1211 (Padilla)**
  - *Requires 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.*
  - **CalCom- Support**
    - **Signed by Governor on 9/30/2014.**
  
- **SB 1364 (Fuller) – 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
  - CalCom – SUPPORT.
    - **Signed by Governor on 9/20/14.**
  
- **AB 1782 (Chesbro)**
  - *Increases the fine for unlawfully cuts, removes, destroys any electricity, including telegraph, cable and telephone wires.*
  - **CalCom SUPPORT**
    - **Signed by Governor on 9/15/2014.**
  
- **SB 434 (Hill)**
  - *Provides 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.*
    - **Signed by Governor on 9/25/14.**
  
- **SB 636 (Hill)**
  - *Prohibits 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.*
    - **Signed by Governor 9/25/2014.**
  
- **SB 900 (Hill)**
  - *Requires the PUC to develop safety risk management procedures for assist the PUC in determining whether the policy o rule change will affect safety.*
    - **Signed by Governor on 9/25/2014.**