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## ACHD / ALPHA Fund – Monthly Legislative Report (As of April 21, 2011)

Subject and Bill - ACHD Position	Status	Assigned	Priority
<b>Coverage &amp; Reimbursement</b>			
<b>AB 113 (Monning D) Health: hospitals: Medi-Cal.</b> This bill would create the "Non-Designated Public Hospital Inter-Governmental Transfer Fund." Would enable District Hospitals to draw down additional federal funding, using Inter-Governmental Transfers. <b>SUPPORT</b>	ASSEMBLY CHAPTERED 4/13/2011	Peter	High
<b>SB 90 (Steinberg D) Health: hospitals: Medi-Cal.</b> Enacts six month extension of Hospital Quality Assurance Fee, reverses 10% Medi-Cal fee-for-service provider rate cuts, authorizes OSHPD to grant individual hospitals an extension of seismic safety mandates for up to 7 years. <b>SUPPORT</b>	SENATE CHAPTERED 4/13/2011	Peter	High
<b>Elder Care</b>			
<b>AB 40 (Yamada D) Elder abuse: reporting.</b> Addresses the reporting of suspected elder abuse. Currently a mandated reporter of suspected elder abuse may choose between reporting the matter to the local Ombudsman or to local law authorities. AB 40 will require notice to both agencies. <b>SUPPORT</b>	ASSEMBLY PUB. S. 3/30/2011	Tom	Medium
<b>Hospital</b>			
<b>AB 30 (Hayashi D) Health facilities: security plans.</b> Adds additional administrative burden for monitoring, tracking and reporting incidents of violence within the workplace with the potential of civil penalties for untimely reporting of incidents. <b>OPPOSE</b>	ASSEMBLY APPR. 3/23/2011	Tom	Medium
<b>AB 762 (Smyth R) Public health: medical waste.</b> Clarifies existing law on the collection, consolidation and treatment of medical waste as defined. <b>Support</b>	ASSEMBLY HEALTH 4/4/2011	Tom	Medium
<b>AB 1339 (Gorell R) Income tax credits: emergency standby generators.</b> Recognizes the implications on Emergency Services ability to sustain operations in an environment of no electrical service. <b>SUPPORT</b>	ASSEMBLY REV. & TAX 3/21/2011	Tom	Medium
<b>SB 21 (Liu D) Long-term care: assessment and planning.</b> Would require DHCS to develop a tool for the uniform assessment of individuals in need of long term care, with a goal of organizing at the County level information effectively accessing support services. <b>SUPPORT</b>	SENATE APPR. 3/25/2011	Tom	Medium
<b>SB 24 (Simitian D) Personal information: privacy.</b> The Bill expands/defines the reporting obligations of entities who suspect that there has been a breach of security relative to protected information within their charge. In the event that the breach impacts 500 or more individuals, the responsible entity must file a report with the Attorney General. <b>SUPPORT</b>	ASSEMBLY DESK 4/14/2011	Tom	Medium



<p><b>SB 134 (Corbett D) Health care districts: transfers of assets.</b> This Bill deals with the issue of quantifying the value of a Health Care District asset being considered for transfer. Specifically, the Bill requires obtaining a valuation from a third party, with demonstrated expertise in determining the value of the subject asset. <b>SUPPORT</b></p>	<p>ASSEMBLY DESK 4/7/2011</p>	<p>Tom</p>	<p>High</p>
<p><b>SB 336 (Lieu D) Emergency room crowding.</b> As access to care continues to be an issue in California, and as the number of Hospital Emergency Departments continue to decline, the demands on remaining Emergency Departments increase. The real driver of demand here is poor reimbursements from State and Federal programs, reducing the number of physicians other than the Emergency Department physicians, available to provide care. <b>OPPOSE</b></p>	<p>SENATE APPR. 3/24/2011</p>	<p>Tom</p>	<p>High</p>
<p><b>SB 554 (Yee D) Health facilities: nurse-to-patient ratios.</b> Adds on-site inspections to assure compliance with a Plan of Correction (response to a violation) along with a requirement that the notice of violation along with the Plan of correction be posted on the Nursing Unit where the violation occurred until the inspection is completed. <b>OPPOSE</b></p>	<p>SENATE HEALTH 3/3/2011</p>	<p>Tom</p>	<p>Low</p>
<p><b>Local Government</b></p>			
<p><b>AB 22 (Mendoza D) Employment: credit reports.</b> Prohibits employers from conducting a consumer credit report prior to hiring an employee, unless the information is substantially job related. <b>OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED</b></p>	<p>ASSEMBLY APPR. 4/14/2011</p>	<p>Amber</p>	<p>Low</p>
<p><b>AB 392 (Alejo D) Ralph M. Brown Act: posting agendas.</b> Amends the Brown Act to require local agencies to post agendas and “staff generated reports” on their website 72 hours prior to the meeting. <b>OPPOSE</b></p>	<p>ASSEMBLY L. GOV. 4/14/2011</p>	<p>Amber</p>	<p>Medium</p>
<p><b>AB 457 (Wagner R) Public works contracts: relief for bidders.</b> Entitles a bidder, who successfully challenges a public works award, to legal costs and attorney’s fees incurred in pursuing the challenge. <b>OPPOSE</b></p>	<p>ASSEMBLY B.P. &amp; C.P. 2/15/2011</p>	<p>Amber</p>	<p>Medium</p>
<p><b>AB 506 (Wieckowski D) Local government: bankruptcy: mediation.</b> Prohibits a local public entity from filing for federal bankruptcy until a mediation process, as defined, has been exhausted. <b>OPPOSE</b></p>	<p>ASSEMBLY L. GOV. 4/4/2011</p>	<p>Amber</p>	<p>Medium</p>
<p><b>AB 646 (Atkins D) Local public employee organizations: impasse procedures.</b> Imposes mandatory mediation and fact-finding into the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act (MMBA) impasse procedures. <b>OPPOSE</b></p>	<p>ASSEMBLY P.E.R. &amp; S.S. 3/24/2011</p>	<p>Amber</p>	<p>Medium</p>
<p><b>AB 1354 (Huber D) Public works: progress payments: notice: retention proceeds.</b> Requires local agencies to limit contract withholdings to no more than 5% on a public works project. <b>OPPOSE</b></p>	<p>ASSEMBLY B.P. &amp; C.P. 4/13/2011</p>	<p>Amber</p>	<p>Low</p>



<p><b>SB 46 (Correa D) Public officials: compensation disclosure.</b> Requires any person who files a statement of economic interest to, as part of that filing, include a compensation disclosure form that includes the agency's cost for the employee's salary/stipend, employee's benefits, reimbursement payments, and the date on which the employee or official last completed ethics training. <b>OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED</b></p>	<p>SENATE G. &amp; F. 4/6/2011</p>	<p>Amber</p>	<p>Medium</p>
<b>Seismic</b>			
<p><b>AB 927 (Huffman D) Health facilities: seismic safety.</b> Recognizes the timeframe dilemma facing Marin to raise and deploy the capital required to meet State mandated seismic compliance standards; extends to 2017 the compliance Deadline. <b>SUPPORT</b></p>	<p>ASSEMBLY HEALTH 3/30/2011</p>	<p>Tom</p>	<p>Medium</p>
<b>Workers Compensation</b>			
<p><b>AB 325 (Lowenthal, Bonnie D) Employee's right to bereavement leave.</b> Requires every employer to provide bereavement leave to every employee. <b>OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED</b></p>	<p>ASSEMBLY APPR. 4/14/2011</p>	<p>Amber</p>	<p>Low</p>
<p><b>AB 375 (Skinner D) Hospital employees: presumption.</b> Creates a rebuttable presumption for specified hospital employees for MRSA, other blood-borne infectious diseases, and neck and back injuries if the injury develops or manifests during the period of employment. <b>OPPOSE</b></p>	<p>ASSEMBLY APPR. 4/13/2011</p>	<p>Amber</p>	<p>High</p>
<p><b>AB 378 (Solorio D) Workers' compensation: pharmacy products.</b> Regulates the dispensing of compounded medications in the workers' compensation system. <b>SUPPORT</b></p>	<p>ASSEMBLY B.P. &amp; C.P. 4/13/2011</p>	<p>Amber</p>	<p>Low</p>
<p><b>AB 400 (Ma D) Employment: paid sick days.</b> Provides that an employee who works in CA for 7 or more days in a row in a calendar year is entitled to paid sick days. It further requires employers to provide sick days, for diagnosis, care, or treatment of health conditions of the employee or the employee's family member. <b>OPPOSE</b></p>	<p>ASSEMBLY JUD. 4/14/2011</p>	<p>Amber</p>	<p>High</p>
<p><b>AB 584 (Fong D) Workers' compensation: utilization review.</b> Requires any psychologist who conducts utilization review in a workers' compensation claim to be licensed in the State of California. <b>OPPOSE</b></p>	<p>ASSEMBLY THIRD READING 4/14/2011</p>	<p>Amber</p>	<p>Low</p>
<p><b>AB 947 (Solorio D) Workers' compensation: temporary disability payments.</b> Increases and broadens the list of injuries in which TD payments may be extended from up to 104 weeks to up to 240 weeks. <b>OPPOSE</b></p>	<p>ASSEMBLY INS. 3/14/2011</p>	<p>Amber</p>	<p>High</p>



<b>AB 1106 (Achadjian R) Occupational safety and health: local public entities: penalty moneys: grants.</b> Permits all local governmental entities to apply for a rebate of California Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) civil fines. <b>SUPPORT</b>	ASSEMBLY L. & E. 4/13/2011	Amber	Low
<b>AB 1136 (Swanson D) Employment safety: health facilities.</b> Requires hospitals to develop safe patient handling policies and training for employees. <b>SUPPORT</b>	ASSEMBLY L. & E. 4/7/2011	Amber	Medium
<b>AB 1155 (Alejo D) Workers' compensation.</b> Provides that no workers' compensation claim shall be denied because the employee's injury or death was related to employee's race, religious creed, color, national origin, age, gender, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, or genetic predisposition. <b>OPPOSE</b>	ASSEMBLY INS. 4/13/2011	Amber	Low
<b>AB 1168 (Pan D) Workers' compensation: vocational expert fee schedule.</b> Establishes a fee schedule for reasonable maximum fees paid for services provided by vocational experts. <b>SUPPORT</b>	ASSEMBLY APPR. 4/13/2011	Amber	Low
<b>SB 863 (Lieu D) Workers' compensation: liens.</b> Reforms the current Liens process. <b>SUPPORT</b>	SENATE L. & I.R. 4/14/2011	Amber	Low
<b>Workforce</b>			
<b>AB 589 (Perea D) Medical school scholarships.</b> Amended from a program for the forgiveness of medical school loans to scholarships for medical students who agree to practice in an "eligible setting". <b>SUPPORT</b>	ASSEMBLY B.P. & C.P. 4/12/2011	Tom	Low
<b>AB 824 (Chesbro D) Rural hospitals: physician services.</b> This is a re-introduction of AB 648 (Chesbro) from last year. Would authorize rural hospitals to employ up to 10 physicians each through the year 2021. CHA sponsored bill. <b>SUPPORT</b>	ASSEMBLY HEALTH 4/4/2011	Peter	High
<b>AB 926 (Hayashi D) Physicians and surgeons: direct employment.</b> This bill would re-enact the failed pilot project that was part of SB 376, increasing number of employed docs to 50 statewide. Likely a CMA Trojan Horse that, if enacted, would codify a pilot program that is designed to fail. <b>OPPOSE</b>	ASSEMBLY B.P. & C.P. 3/10/2011	Peter	High
<b>AB 1360 (Swanson D) Physicians and surgeons: employment.</b> This bill is a re-introduction of Asm. Swanson's AB 646, as it stood in the Senate B&P Committee last year. It would authorize ALL Health Care Districts with medically under-served communities or populations within their operating areas, to directly employ up to 10 physicians each, under 10 year renewable contracts, to meet the needs of Medi-Cal and other medically under-served patients. <b>SUPPORT</b>	ASSEMBLY HEALTH 4/12/2011	Peter	High