

CALED Legislative Update

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How We Track Bills:

- **2019 Bills:** Over 2,500 bills introduced; CALED tracking about 100
- **Priority 1:** Letters of support/opposition, testimony at hearings
- **Priority 2:** Support/oppose/monitor—wait for first policy committee hearing
- **Priority 3:** Monitor—no action
- **Coordination with EDFRE committee & other partners**



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2018 Legislative Priorities:

Re-authorization of Governor's 2013 Economic Development Initiative (Cal Competes)

Improvement of new tax increment financing tools (EIFDs)

Preservation/improvement of State CDBG Economic Development Set-Aside



2018 Activity:

Sponsored SB 1145 (Leyva) - Signed

Allows EIFDs to fund maintenance costs of financed facilities

Senate Governance & Finance Omnibus Bill - Signed

Included CALED TIF Committee's recommended EIFD implementation improvements

Supported AB 1547 (Quirk-Silva) - Signed

Made amendments to certain programs in State Treasurer's Office, including eliminating CIDFAC – a hurdle for Industrial Development Bonds



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2018 Activity (cont.):

- California Competes – reauthorized
- CDBG Economic Development Funds – engaged in redesign working group, monitoring is ongoing
- Tax Fairness, Transparency, & Accountability Act (two-thirds vote threshold) – Opposed (reached deal with Legislature)
- Gas Tax Repeal – Opposed, participated in No on Prop 6
- AB 2853 – Worked with coalition to oppose, was vetoed (Warehouse bill)



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2019/20 Legislative Priorities:

- Legislation focused on the future of Tax Increment Financing.
- Bills that have significant impact on jurisdictions’ ability to engage in and implement economic development.
- Seek and champion tools and resources for economic development.



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2019 Current Activity:

- Sponsored SB 128 (Beall) - Eliminate the vote requirement to issue EIFD bonds
- Support SB 5 (Beall) - Creation of Local-State Sustainable Investment Incentive Program
- Support SB 9 (Beall) - Extend allowance the Sale of Low Income Housing Tax Credits
- Opposition of AB 485 (Medina) - Required information disclosure for economic subsidies to warehouse operations



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2019 Current Activity (cont.):

- Currently in Discussion:
 - AB 906 (Cooley) – California ED Strategy
 - AB 1726 (Cervantes) – WOTC Credits
 - SB 713 (Roth) – Community College Economic & Workforce Development Program
 - AB 1248 (Garcia) – Capital Investment Incentive Program
 - Also watching housing-related bills – SB 330 (Skinner) & SB 50 (Wiener)
- Created & Circulated 2019 ED Policy Recommendations – Assisting multiple legislators as they look to introduce economic development bills



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2019 ED Policy Themes:

- Improve EIFDs
- Expand California Economic Development Financing Bank
- Address California Competitiveness
- Actively Support Rural Economic Development
- Embrace the State’s Role in Economic Development & Lead
- Work in Partnership with California’s Local Economic Developers!!



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Thank you

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