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

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-Aide

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-Shine) – Signed
  Made amendments to certain programs in State Treasurer’s Office, including eliminating CIDFAC – a hurdle for Industrial Development Bonds
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)

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.

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

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

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!!

Thank you
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