



February 2, 2018

### **New Bills**

For the next two weeks, Legislators will be busy introducing new legislation for 2018. February 16<sup>th</sup> is the Legislative Bill Introduction Deadline. After this date, individual members may not introduce new bills, unless they have an urgency clause (which requires a 2/3 vote). The following bills of interest were introduced today.

### **Taxation**

Rudy Salas (D-Bakersfield) introduced a bill, [AB 2008](#), that would ensure that Farmers and Ranchers are not taxed on money they receive through the Carl Moyer engine replacement program. The bill contains an urgency clause which triggers a 2/3rds vote. For more information contact Taylor Roschen at [Troschen@cfbf.com](mailto:Troschen@cfbf.com)

### **Cap and Trade Funds**

Susan Eggman (D- Stockton) introduced [AB 2006](#), that would direct an unspecified amount of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction fund (the money generated though the cap and trade program) to deploy zero emission or near zero emission vehicles for Agricultural Vanpools that serve disadvantaged and low-income communities. The money could be used to fund purchases, lease-purchases, replacement, or maintenance of near-zero and zero-emission vehicles in addition to purchase and installation of electric vehicle charging stations and near-zero or zero-emission vehicle infrastructure. For more information, contact Noelle Cremers at [NCremers@cfbf.com](mailto:NCremers@cfbf.com)

### **Existing Bills**

Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> was a significant legislative deadline requiring all bills introduced in 2017 to have passed their house of origin (i.e. Assembly bills must have passed the Assembly) or else they are dead. Sometimes, however, dead bills are revived through a process in which they “gut” an existing bill (one that has made it out of its house of origin) and “amend” it by putting the language from the dead bill in – hence the term, “gut and amend”.

### **Pesticides**

As regular readers know, the California Farm Bureau Federation has been opposed to Assemblymember Bill Quirk’s (D – Hayward) bill, [AB 1419](#), that proposed to expand the authority for the Director of the Department of Pesticide Regulation to pursue enforcement cases and granting them increased fine authority from \$5,000 to \$25,000, per violation. While we were successful in appropriately narrowing

the circumstances in which the DPR director could pursue a violation, we had not persuaded the author to reduce the fine amount. This issue remained unresolved when Assemblymember Quirk brought up his bill on the Assembly Floor. CFBF maintained an “oppose unless amended” position on the bill. The author was unable to get 41 votes on the floor and the bill failed passage on a 35-26 vote and did not ask for reconsideration (which would have allowed for another vote to take place) so the bill is now dead. For more information, please contact Jim Houston at [Jhouston@cfbf.com](mailto:Jhouston@cfbf.com)

Senator Steve Glazer (D- Contra Costa) had two measures signed into law this week. [SB 558](#) and [SCA 9](#) which have now become Proposition 72 (see below). This proposition, if approved by the voters in the June 5<sup>th</sup> primary election, would exclude the valuation of newly constructed rain water capture systems from property tax appraisal. If approved, this exclusion will only apply until a property changes ownership, in alignment with Proposition 13.

### **Proposition Assignments**

Below is a list of assigned proposition numbers for items that passed the Legislature as of January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. All propositions listed will be placed on the June 5<sup>th</sup> primary ballot:

- Proposition 68—SB 5 (DeLeon- California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018) - the Water Bond passed last year by the legislature.
- Proposition 69—ACA 5 (Frazier-Motor vehicle fee and taxes: restrictions on expenditures: appropriation limit) – requires the gas taxes to be spent on transportation.
- Proposition 70—ACA 1 (Mayes-Greenhouse Gas Reserve Fund) – basically requires the legislature to reaffirm, by a 2/3 vote, the plan to spend GGRF money.
- Proposition 71 – ACA 17 (Mullin – Effective Date of Propositions) – would delay implementation of proposition from the day after the election to 5 days after the Secretary of State files the statement of the vote.
- Proposition 72—SB 558/SCA 9 (Glazer- Property taxation: new construction exclusion: rain water capture system) - see above.

### **Lastly, a Thank You.**

January 31<sup>st</sup> was Cynthia Cory’s last day here at the California Farm Bureau Federation. For 28 years, Cynthia tirelessly advocated for farmers and ranchers. Her list of accomplishments is too long for this publication, but suffice to say, we are all better off because of her efforts. She was known for her intellect, attention to detail and her tenacity. She was a significant contributor to the Friday Review and to California Agriculture in general and she will be greatly missed. God Bless you, Cynthia, and may you enjoy your retirement.