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Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce; Roseville Area Chamber of Commerce*

UCAN Chambers Bat .640 at the close of 2018 Legislative Session - .700 with Governor Brown

Only one UCAN “oppose” bill signed into law

The United Chamber Advocacy Network, also known as UCAN, had a busy and effective year during the 2018 state legislative session which came to an official close September 30, the final day when the Governor can take action on bills approved by the Legislature.

Overall, the Legislature affirmed 64 percent of UCAN positions – 12 UCAN opposed bills failed in the legislature and 8 UCAN support bills advanced to the Governor’s desk. Nine UCAN support bills died in the Legislature and four bills opposed by the UCAN chambers were sent on to the Governor for his consideration.

Of the eight UCAN support bills approved by the Legislature, four were signed by the Governor and two were included in the state budget, while two UCAN support bills were vetoed by Governor Brown, most notably AB 2596 by Assemblyman Ken Cooley of Rancho Cordova which called for the development of a statewide economic development strategy.

Of the four UCAN oppose bills on the Governor’s desk, Governor Brown vetoed three and signed only one – SB 1300 by Senator Hannah Beth Jackson which expands the definition of “standing” in employment related lawsuits by allowing “bystanders” the ability to file sexual harassment complaints against employers, even if they were not the subjects of harassment themselves.

The three UCAN oppose bills vetoed by the Governor were:

AB 2732 by Assemblymember Lorena Gonzalez-Fletcher, which sought to establish an “employee bill of rights” to address labor trafficking. Governor’s Brown’s veto message was consistent with UCAN’s position – requiring every single employer in the state to comply with a law intended to address labor trafficking goes too far.

AB 3080 also by Asm. Gonzalez-Fletcher, which sought to eliminate arbitration and settlement agreements in sex harassment cases. Governor Brown returned AB 3080 without his signature stating the bill “plainly violates federal law” and that he previously vetoed legislation that “unduly impeded arbitration.”

SB 937 by Senator Anthony Weiner, which sought to accommodate nursing mothers in the workplace but provided less flexibility for employers than a similar measure, AB 1976 which was amended to provide employers with a hardship exemption, earning UCAN’s support. In his veto message, Governor Brown noted the bill was not necessary since he had signed AB 1976 (Limon) – precisely UCAN’s position.

Summary of actions by Governor Brown on UCAN priority legislation:

Signed – UCAN Support

AB 1547 (Quirk-Silva) establishing a small business local program for ASA fixes
AB 1976 (Limon) requiring lactation accommodation in the workplace – was amended to provide hardship exemption for businesses/employers
AB 2687 (Quirk-Silva) establishing an office of small business within GO-BIZ
AB 2420 (Quirk-Silva) adding “soft skills” to adult education training

Vetoed - UCAN Oppose

AB 2732 (Gonzalez-Fletcher) establishing an employee bill of rights re: immigration practices
AB 3080 (Gonzalez-Fletcher) eliminating arbitration and settlement agreements in sex harassment cases
SB 937 (Wiener) requiring lactation accommodation in the workplace w/less flexibility than AB 1976

Vetoed/Returned – UCAN Support

AB 767 (Quirk-Silva) establishing a master business license
AB 2596 (Cooley) authorizing GO-BIZ to commission a statewide economic development strategy

Signed – UCAN Oppose

SB 1300 (Jackson) expands the definition of “standing” in employment related lawsuits

UCAN Support positions included in the 2018-19 state budget:

\$23 million for small business assistance (Cooper)
\$500 million for career technical education (O’Connell)

A final report, detailing the final outcome of all of UCAN’s 2018 Priority Legislation will be distributed in late October and will include vote counts on UCAN priority bills for the individual state legislators who represent UCAN chamber organizations – Assemblymembers Frank Bigelow, Ken Cooley, Jim Cooper, and Kevin Kiley and State Senators Ted Gaines, Jim Nielsen, and Richard Pan.

UCAN – The United Chamber Advocacy Network is a coalition of local chamber of commerce organizations united to engage on state level policy on behalf of their members. UCAN chamber organizations include: the Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce, the Folsom Chamber of Commerce, the Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce, the Roseville Area Chamber of Commerce and the El Dorado County Joint Chamber Commission (El Dorado County, El Dorado Hills and Shingle Springs chambers of commerce). Dave Butler, Vice President with Advocacy and Management Group in Sacramento, serves as UCAN’s lobbyist. For more information, visit www.amgroup.us/UCAN.