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## Minimum Wage/IHSS Bill En Route to Governor Brown

Big changes are coming to minimum wage laws in California. After a vote today by the Legislature and pending the Governor's signature, by 2022, workers in California will be eligible for a \$15/hour minimum wage and IHSS workers will be provided with three paid sick leave days per year.

Governor Brown and labor groups reached an agreement that would gradually increase the

minimum wage and the language of the deal was placed into already-existing Senate Bill 3 by Senator Mark Leno.

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## **CSAC Establishes Domestic Violence Task Force**

CSAC is establishing a multi-disciplinary task force to review the domestic violence intervention batterers programs required by various statutes. The task force will meet over the next several months to review California's batterer intervention programs; look at what other states provide for batterer intervention programs; review any research that looks at evidence-based batterer intervention programs; and go through California's domestic violence batterer intervention statutes to see what changes are needed.

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## **PPIC Report: Prop 47 Impact on Jail Populations**

The Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) recently released a report looking at how Proposition 47 and Public Safety Realignment have reduced the number of incarcerated individuals in California over the past five years.

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## **CSAC's Kernan to Serve on OES Victim's Committee**

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) has appointed CSAC Administration of Justice Legislative Representative Darby Kernan to the Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) Steering Committee which develops programmatic recommendations to address direct services for crime victims.

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## **CSAC, RCRC Comment on Ground Water Regulations**

California Counties have a chance to influence how the state will review the Groundwater Sustainability Plans many local jurisdictions will be drafting. CSAC and RCRC filed a joint letter yesterday, hoping to maintain flexibility and clarity in the final regulations from the Department of Water Resources.

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## **Mandates Have Real Impact on Counties – No Foolin'**

The legislative session is in high gear and CSAC staff are combing through bills and paying close attention to legislation that may place new mandate burdens on local entities. Along those lines, the CSAC Mandate Services Committee met recently to discuss bills ripe for test claims and reimbursement opportunities.

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## **Assembly Budget Committee Looks to Available CalWORKs Realignment Funds to Repeal Maximum Family Grant Rule**

Calling it a day "that has been a long time coming," Assembly Subcommittee Chair Tony Thurmond presided over a 3-1 vote to repeal the state's Maximum Family Grant (MFG) rule and boost CalWORKs grants by 4 percent.

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# CSAC Supports Bill to Allow Counties to Regionally Implement Laura's Law

CSAC supports the concept of allowing counties to work together to implement Laura's Law/Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) programs. AB 1764 was introduced by Assembly Member Waldron to allow counties already participating in or thinking of creating a Laura's Law pilot program to offer, or to contract with each other to offer, assisted outpatient treatment services.

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## Bill to Continue Local Maddy Funds Introduced

CSAC supports the sunset extension for local Maddy Emergency Medical Services Funds (Maddy Funds). Senator Richard Roth has introduced SB 867, which would remove the sunset date to continue to assist hospitals and emergency physicians with the costs of treating uninsured patients, support local emergency services, and contribute to pediatric trauma care.

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## Several HHS Measures Cause Concern

Every year, bills are introduced that cause concern for counties. Bills that propose new duties or costs, are costly or downright impossible to implement, could have unintended fiscal consequences for critical services, are duplicative of current law or responsibilities, or, despite the best of intentions, could ultimately negatively affect the people counties serve, always make it across the desk.

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## Appeals Court: Factfinding Procedures Apply to All Bargaining Disputes

Signaling a major loss for local governments across the state, the Fourth District Court of Appeals issued two rulings that found factfinding procedures under the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act (MMBA) must be applied to all bargaining disputes, not solely those disputes arising from comprehensive negotiations for a memorandum of understanding (MOU).

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## Policy Briefs

[Board of State and Community Corrections to Meet April 14th](#)

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## It's National County Government Month!

California Counties do great work providing services to 39 million residents 365 days a year. And April is the time to celebrate that work through [National County Government Month](#), which kicks off tomorrow.

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## Spotlighting County Best Practices

CSAC is producing a series of videos and blog postings highlighting California Counties' best practices. The programs we are spotlighting are recipients of our annual Challenge Awards, which recognize the innovative and creative spirit of California county governments.

This week we featured two innovative programs:

### San Diego County Sheriff's Veterans Moving Forward

- [Watch our video](#)
- [Read our blog posting](#)

### Amador County' MHSA Human Services Certificate Scholarship Program

- [Watch our video](#)
- [Read our blog posting](#)

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## Other Bills of Interest

A roundup of bills from all policy areas of interest to counties that are not included in this week's Bulletin articles.

### Water Service/Indian Tribes

[AB 2470 \(Bigelow\) - Request Comments](#)

### Mining/SMARA

[AB 1142 \(Gray\) - Support](#)

[SB 209 \(Pavley\) - Support](#)

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## [Job Openings](#)

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