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## Legislative Report – Governor Signs, Vetoes Bills Affecting Counties

Governor Brown's pen is likely out of ink after a busy month of signing and vetoing the 1,059 bills the Legislature sent him, and now counties are left to figure out how their operations are affected.

Many of the bills counties were watching most closely affect county finances. For instance, AB 1618 and AB 1628 implement one of the most talked about issues of the year, the No Place Like Home Program, which leverages up to \$2 billion to build or refurbish permanent supportive housing for homeless individuals living with a serious mental illness.

Another high-profile bill, SBX2 2, is the main piece of the MCO fix. The tiered tax proposal in this bill is the product of months of negotiation between the Brown Administration, county-run health plans, other health plans, and the Legislature. It restructures the MCO tax in a way that meets federal standards. It raises between \$1.3 and \$1.7 billion annually, and will be in effect for three years, until 2019.

[Read more](#)

Counties can find a complete rundown the Governor's actions on bills of interest to counties at

the links below.

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## **There Are Plenty of Reasons for You to Attend Our Annual Meeting**

There are a lot of good reasons to attend our Annual Meeting set for Nov. 29 through Dec. 2 in Palm Springs, Riverside County. We have workshops on issues that matter to Counties and panel discussions with experts and thought leaders. We have also lined up a dynamic trio of featured speakers that will impress and inspire including Chris Gardner, Best-Selling Author of "The Pursuit of Happyness," Frank Luntz, the "Nostradamus of Pollsters," and Inspirational Speaker Chad Hymas. It's going to be a great meeting, and there is still time to [register under Early Bird rates](#), which expire October 14.

[Read more](#) or watch a video [here about our Annual meeting.](#)

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## **Local Government Open Data Hearing: Implementing SB 272**

The Senate Subcommittee on Modernizing Government will hold an informational hearing tomorrow highlighting a recent bill with major impacts to local agencies. [SB 272 \(Hertzberg\)](#), signed by Governor Brown last year, requires local agencies to create a catalog of enterprise systems and post it on the agency's website. The catalog must include current system vendor, system purpose, description of categories or types of data, which department serves as primary custodian, and how frequently data is collected and updated.

[Read more](#)

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## **More MHSA Information Available**

The Department of Health Care Services is making all Mental Health Services Act Annual Revenue and Expenditure Reports (ARER) from fiscal-year 2006-07 through fiscal-year 2014-15 on its website. Currently, DHCS has posted most of fiscal-year 2009-10 and fiscal year 2010-11 county ARERs on its [website](#). DHCS will be updating this link to include ARERs from other fiscal years.

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## **CSAC to Conduct Ethics Training During Annual Meeting**

State law requires elected and appointed officials to receive two hours of training in specified ethics laws and principles every two years. Newly elected and appointed officials must receive this training within one year of becoming a public servant.

To assist in this effort, CSAC — in conjunction with the Institute for Local Government — will be conducting AB 1234 training during our upcoming Annual Meeting.

[Read more](#)

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## **From Our Blog: ILG Launches Community Health Partnerships**

# Resource Center

Local officials and staff play a vital role in the wellness, health and safety of California's children and families. To address health and social disparities, counties are looking to build upon innovative methods to maximize finite economic and human resources. Specifically, agencies and staff are using collective impact approaches to create healthier and more vibrant communities. By leveraging collaborations and partnerships for shared services, joint use or proactive program planning, counties may achieve results greater than any one agency could achieve on its own.

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