

The 2017-18 State Legislative Session ended August 30. Governor Jerry Brown had until September 30 to act on all bills sent to his desk. The Governor acted on 1,217 bills and he signed 1,016 (or 83.5%) of them. Brown vetoed just 201 bills.

The Folsom Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee met monthly during the Legislative session. As part of its meetings, the committee considered action on bills relevant to the policy goals adopted by the Chamber in 2017. ([Click here to see the Chamber Policy Guideline.](#))

The Chamber took positions on seven bills, supporting one and opposing six. Of the six the Chamber opposed, one was vetoed, one died, two were signed and two were held in the Legislature.

Assemblymember Kevin Kiley's AB 1884, which the Chamber supported, failed in the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee. AB 1884 would have fully restored the benefit of the state and local tax deduction (SALT) for California taxpayers by allowing them to deduct their federal tax liability from their state taxable income. Modeled on deductions used in six other states, including Iowa and Oregon, the bill would have allow California taxpayers to deduct their full federal tax liability on their state tax returns - described as SALT in reverse.

The Chamber supported Assemblyman Kiley's efforts to bring greater fairness to California's tax code, and ensure that Californians receive the same benefits of federal tax reform as residents of other states.

The Chamber was part of the California Chamber of Commerce-led Coalition to Oppose AB 3080 (Gonzalez-Fletcher), which created a ban on settlement and arbitration agreements. Governor Brown agreed with the coalition and vetoed the bill.

Governor Brown wrote in his veto message, "In my veto message of a similar bill in 2015, I referred to recent court decisions that invalidated state policies which unduly impeded arbitration. I also wanted to see how future United States Supreme Court decisions developed before endorsing a broad ban on mandatory arbitration agreements. The direction from the Supreme Court since my earlier veto has been clear - states must follow the Federal Arbitration Act and the Supreme Court's interpretation of the Act. DIRECTV, Inc. v. Imburgia, 136 S. Ct. 463, 468 (2015)... Since this bill plainly violates federal law, I cannot sign this measure."

A full list of the bills the Chamber took positions on is shown below. For more information on these bills, see leginfo.ca.gov or contact Susan Bassett with the Government Affairs Committee at (916) 949-1211.

Bill Number	Description	GAC Action (Support/ Oppose)	Final Action
AB 1864 (Kiley)	PEPPER/Tax	Support	Dead
AB 1884 (Calderon)	Plastic straws on request only	None (opposition removed after last round of amendments)	Signed by the Governor
AB 3080 (Gonzalez-Fletcher)	Ban on settlement and arbitration agreements	Coalition to Oppose (led by Cal Chamber)	Vetoed
AB 3087 (Kalra)	Health Care financing	Oppose	Held in the Assembly
SB 300 (Monning)	Sugar sweetened beverage: health warning	Oppose	Dead
SB 993 (Hertzberg)	Services: tax	Oppose	Held in the Senate
SB 1300 (Jackson)	Harassment and discrimination	Oppose	Signed by the Governor