

Summary of the Year's Key Bills

These are the key bills CWA tracked in 2009 that have passed, failed, died in committee or been vetoed. Several targeted bills introduced in 2009 are still alive in 2010. Please see our current 2010 Targeted Bills list for those measures and any current action required.

<i>Bill #</i>	<i>Summary</i>	<i>Author</i>	<i>CWA's Position</i>	<i>Status</i>
Education				
AB 974	<p>Religious Viewpoint Nondiscrimination Prohibits discrimination against a student's voluntary express of a religious viewpoint in discussions, assignments, artwork, activities, etc. It confirms the right of students to form religious-based campus clubs with full use of facilities.</p>	Audra Strickland (R-Westlake Village)	<p>Support Sample letter</p> <p>Another version may be introduced next year.</p>	<p>Failed Assembly Judiciary Comm 4-14-09 Bill is dead.</p>
SB 572	<p>Schools – Harvey Milk Day Designates May 22 as “Harvey Milk Day” in California public schools, encouraging “suitable commemorative exercises” recognizing Milk’s accomplishments as “the first openly gay man to be elected to public office in a major city.” SB 572 is another attempt to normalize the homosexual lifestyle through schools.</p>	Mark Leno (D-San Francisco)	<p>Oppose Sample veto letter</p> <p><i>The governor has failed to honor the will of the people.</i></p>	<p>Passed Senate Passed Assembly Passed Senate concurrence Signed by the governor</p>
Sexual Trafficking				
AB 16	<p>Sexual Exploitation of Minors Changes soliciting prostitution from a misdemeanor to a felony if the victim is under 18 and makes pimping, pandering or procuring a minor a serious and violent felony.</p>	Sandre Swanson (D-Alameda)	<p>Support Talking points Sample letter</p> <p>Another version may be introduced next year.</p>	<p>Passed Public Safety Comm. 3-31-09 AB 16 was held in Appropriations Bill is dead.</p>
AB 17	<p>Exploitation of Minors Increases the penalties courts may impose for those convicted of “pimping” and procurement of sexual services (“johns”), among other requirements.</p>	Sandre Swanson (D-Alameda)	<p>Support Talking points Sample letter</p> <p><i>Success!</i></p>	<p>Passed Assembly Passed Senate Amendments concurred Signed by the governor</p>
Illegal Immigration				
AB 1288	<p>Identity Verification - Employers Prohibits the state or a municipality from requiring an employer to use an electronic employment verification system (such as E-Verify) except when required by federal law.</p>	Paul Fong (D-Mountain View)	<p>Oppose Sample letter</p> <p><i>Success!</i></p>	<p>Passed Assembly Passed Senate Vetoed by the governor Veto message</p>

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Illegal Immigration (cont.)				
<u>SB 60</u>	<p style="text-align: center;">Driver's Licenses</p> <p>Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue licenses to persons who are not legal residents of the United States under the federal REAL ID Act. Licenses will not be valid for federal identification purposes.</p>	Gil Cedillo (D-Los Angeles)	Oppose <u>Sample letter</u>	<p><u>Passed Senate</u></p> <p><u>Assembly Transportation Comm.</u></p> <p>Bill is dead.</p>
<u>SB 160</u>	<p style="text-align: center;">Financial Aid for Illegal Aliens</p> <p>Requires California State University and community colleges (as well as University of California, if approved by the Regents) will be required to offer grants, scholarships, work/study and loan programs to some students who are in this country illegally.</p>	Gil Cedillo (D-Los Angeles)	Oppose <u>Sample letter</u>	<p><u>Passed Senate Education Comm. 3-18-09</u></p> <p>Bill is dead, but has been reintroduced for 2010.</p>
Religious Freedom				
<p><u>AB 67</u></p> <p>GUTTED</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Eliminating Freedom of Conscience for Pharmacists</p> <p>Eliminates the ability of pharmacists to refuse to dispense lawful prescriptions on moral, ethical or religious grounds. Failure to do so will result in license revocation.</p>	Pedro Nava (D-Santa Barbara)	Oppose <u>Talking points</u> <u>Sample letter</u> <i>Success!</i>	Amended 4-20-09 Bill was amended and was no longer related to this issue.
<p><u>SB 374</u></p> <p>GUTTED</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Restricting Freedom of Conscience for Medical Workers</p> <p>Allows medical professionals to be charged with unprofessional conduct if they fail to provide all "choices" regarding reproductive decisions and requires all health facilities offering OB/GYN services post a prominent notice stating the requirement to provide this information.</p>	Charles Calderon (D-Montebello)	Oppose <u>Talking points</u> <u>Sample letter</u> <i>Success!</i>	Amended 4-2-09 Bill was amended and was no longer related to this issue.
Redefinition of the Family				
<u>SB 54</u>	<p style="text-align: center;">Recognition of Out-of-State Same-Sex "Marriages"</p> <p>Requires California to recognize "marriages" between two persons of the same sex from other states if they were valid in that locale and occurred prior to November 5, 2008 (when Prop 8 became effective). Further requires California to recognize such unions occurring after November 5, 2008 as equal to marriage in every way but without the designation "marriage."</p>	Mark Leno (D-San Francisco)	Oppose <u>Sample veto letter</u> <i>The governor has failed to honor the will of the people.</i>	<p>Passed Senate in another form. Amended to this language 6-30-09.</p> <p><u>Passed Assembly</u></p> <p><u>Passed Senate</u></p> <p>Signed by the governor</p>

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Redefinition of the Family (cont.)				
<u>HR 5</u>	Resolution - Assembly Opposes Proposition 8 Non-binding resolution - States that the Assembly opposes Proposition 8 because it "is an improper revision not an amendment, of the California Constitution."	Tom Ammiano (D-San Francisco)	Oppose <u>Sample letter</u> Non-binding resolution has been adopted	<u>Passed Assembly Judiciary Committee</u> <u>Passed floor</u>
<u>SR 7</u>	Resolution - Senate Opposes Proposition 8 Non-binding resolution - States that the Senate opposes Proposition 8 (see HR 5).	Mark Leno (D-San Francisco)	Oppose <u>Sample letter</u> Non-binding resolution has been adopted	<u>Passed Senate Judiciary Comm.</u> <u>Passed floor</u>
Miscellaneous				
<u>AB 390</u>	Legalization of Marijuana Legalizes marijuana use, cultivation, transport and sale for persons 21 and over. Establishes licensing criteria and regulations for the whole-sale and retail sales of the drug. Removes "all existing civil and criminal penalties for adults 21 years of age or older who cultivate, possess, transport, sell, or use marijuana, without impacting existing laws proscribing dangerous activities while under the influence of marijuana, or certain conduct that exposes younger persons to marijuana."	Tom Ammiano (D-San Francisco)	Oppose <u>Talking points</u> <u>Sample letter</u> Policy Committee deadline passed on 1-15-10. This bill is now dead, but has been reintroduced as AB 2254 for 2010.	<u>Passed Assembly Public Safety Committee 1-12-10</u> To <u>Assembly Health Committee</u>
<u>SB 810</u>	Universal Health Care Coverage Establishes a new state bureaucracy for a single-payer health care insurance plan in California with a single standard of care for all residents. No other health plans will be permitted. *On January 13, the author made minor amendments to this previously dead bill and, apparently through some deal making, has been able to schedule a new Senate Appropriations hearing on January 21.	Mark Leno (D-San Francisco)	Oppose <u>Sample letter</u>	<u>Passed Senate Health Comm. 4-15-09</u> SB 810 was held under submission in Appropriations. Bill was dead.*