

# California National Organization for Women

## Legislative Report Card

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### Introduction

This report card is based on Senate and Assembly floor votes on 20 significant bills supported by California NOW. These 20 bills were selected because they represent a wide range of issues and each came to a floor vote (a vote by all members) in both houses of the State Legislature.

Legislators received credit for a "yes" vote (Y) on the bills. No credit was given for voting "no" (N), not voting (NV) or for an excused absence (A). A percentage was then calculated for each member.

This report card is based on voting records for selected bills only and does not take into account all the work performed or accomplishments achieved by each of the legislators. It is therefore not a definitive evaluation and does not constitute an endorsement or denunciation of any member of the State Legislature.

*The following is a description of each bill used in this report card. An "S" indicates that the bill was signed into law by the Governor. A "V" indicates that the bill was vetoed by the Governor.*

#### **AB 606 (Levine) - Safe Schools: Discrimination and Harrassment. (V)**

This bill would have required the State Department of Education to develop a model antidiscrimination and antiharassment policy, that prohibits discrimination and harassment based on specified characteristics, including, but not limited to, actual or perceived gender identity and sexual orientation, for school districts to adopt, as specified.

#### **AB 1056 (Chu) - Public school curriculum: tolerance and intergroup relations instruction. (V)**

This bill would have established the Tolerance Education Pilot Program, to be administered by the State Department of Education, to promote instruction in public schools on tolerance, as defined, and intergroup relations as part of the instruction in the history/social science content standards, as specified.

#### **AB 1207 (Yee) - Code of Fair Campaign Practices. (S)**

Revises the pledge contained in the Code of Fair Campaign Practices to provide that the individual shall not, in the conduct of his or her campaign, use a candidate's actual or perceived race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, marital status, age, sexual orientation, sex, including gender identity, or any other specified characteristic.

#### **AB 1835 (Leiber) - Minimum wage. (S)**

Increases the minimum wage to \$7.50 per hour, effective on and after January 1, 2007, and to \$8.00 per hour, effective on and after January 1, 2008.

#### **AB 2051 (Cohn) - Domestic violence. (S)**

Establishes training and services for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) victim of domestic violence.

#### **AB 2251 (Evans) - Reproductive health care services: confidentiality of personal information. (S)**

Enacts the Online Privacy for Reproductive Health Services Providers, Employees, Volunteers and Patients Act.

#### **AB 2536 (Montanez) - Employment: minimum wage and overtime compensation. (V)**

Would have eliminated an overtime exemption for specified "personal attendants," with certain exceptions.

#### **AB 2555 (Oropeza) - Wages: gender pay equity. (V)**

Increases the damages for which an employer may be liable to include a civil penalty of twice the balance of the wages due to the aggrieved employee, or 4 times the balance of the wages due if the employer's violation is willful, distributed to the Labor and Workforce Development Agency for specified purposes.

**AB 2556 (Jones) - Social services: childhood poverty. (V)**

Declared the goal of the Legislature to reduce child poverty by one-half by January 1, 2016 and would eliminate it entirely by January 1, 2026.

**AB 2781 (Leno) - Child support collectors. (S)**

Requires private child support collectors (PCSCs), as defined, to comply with some basic consumer protections to ensure that child support obligees have clear information about the contract they are entering into.

**AB 2800 (Laird) - Housing: discrimination. (S)**

Amends provisions that prohibit discrimination in housing and specified housing related areas to instead prohibit discrimination on the same characteristics as in the Fair Employment and Housing Act.

**AB 2911 (Nunez) - California Discount Prescription Drug Program. (S)**

Establishes the California Discount Prescription Drug Program within the State Department of Health Services, applicable only to prescription drugs dispensed to recipients on an outpatient basis.

**AB 2917 (Liu) - Inmates: female offenders. (V)**

Includes a community treatment program under which certain female state prison inmates who have one or more children under 6 years of age are eligible for specified privileges, including the release of the mother and children to a facility in the community that is suitable for their needs.

**SB 768 (Simitian) - Identity Information Protection Act of 2006. (V)**

Enacts the Identity Information Protection Act of 2006.

**SB 840 (Kuehl) - Single-payer health care coverage. (V)**

Establishes the California Health Insurance System to be administered by the newly created California Health Insurance Agency under the control of a Health Insurance Commissioner appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the Senate.

**SB 1245 (Figueroa) - Health care coverage: cervical cancer screening test. (S)**

Expands the coverage for an annual cervical cancer screening test provided by a health care service plan or a health insurance policy to include the human papillomavirus screening test, as specified.

**SB 1402 (Kuehl) - Spousal rape. (S)**

Removes provisions requiring that an allegation of spousal rape has been reported previously or corroborated by independent evidence in order to be prosecuted.

**SB 1471 (Kuehl) - Sex education programs: requirements. (V)**

Would have enacted the California Community Sexual Health Education Act, which would require any program that provides education to prevent adolescent or unintended pregnancy or to prevent sexually transmitted infections and that is conducted, operated, or administered by the state or any state agency, or is funded directly or indirectly by the state, or receives any financial assistance from state funds or funds administered by the state, including, but not limited to, public schools, to meet specified requirements.

**SB 1569 (Kuehl) - Human services: immigrants. (S)**

Extends eligibility for certain public social services, including, but not limited to, refugee cash assistance, Medi-Cal, and employment social services, as well as Healthy Families Program benefits to qualified noncitizen victims of trafficking, domestic violence, and other serious crimes, as defined, who can demonstrate their eligibility for these programs, and who are taking steps to meet the eligibility conditions for certain federal benefits.

**SB 1745 (Kuehl) - Employment discrimination: victims of violence. (V)**

This bill would provide that it is against the public policy of the state for an employer of one or more employees to harass an individual, and for an employer of 5 or more employees to harass, refuse to hire or employ, discharge, or otherwise discriminate against a person, because he or she is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, as defined.

**Senate**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
Elaine Alquist	D	13	100%
Denise M. Ducheny	D	40	100%
Joe Dunn	D	34	100%
Christine Kehoe	D	39	100%
Sheila Kuehl	D	23	100%
Gloria Romero	D	24	100%
Nell Soto	D	32	100%
Tom Torlakson	D	7	100%
Edward Vincent	D	25	100%
Wes Chesbro	D	2	95%
Liz Figueroa	D	10	95%
Kevin Murray	D	26	95%
Jack Scott	D	21	95%
Joseph Simitian	D	11	95%
Jackie Speier	D	8	95%
Richard Alarcon	D	20	90%
Debra Bowen	D	28	90%
Martha Escutia	D	30	90%
Dean Florez	D	16	90%
Alan Lowenthal	D	27	90%
Michael Machado	D	5	85%
Carole Migden	D	3	80%
Deborah Ortiz	D	6	80%
Don Perata	D	9	80%
Gilbert Cedillo	D	22	75%
Abel Maldonado	R	15	35%
Jeff Denham	R	12	30%
Roy Ashburn	R	18	20%
Tom Harman	R	35	20%
Charles Poochigian	R	14	20%
Jim Battin	R	37	15%
Dave Cox	R	1	15%
Bob Dutton	R	31	15%
Dennis Hollingsworth	R	36	15%
Bob Margett	R	29	15%
George Runner	R	17	15%
Sam Aanestad	R	4	10%
Dick Ackerman	R	33	10%
Tom McClintock	R	19	10%
Bill Morrow	R	38	0%

**Assembly**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
Joe Baca Jr.	D	62	100%
Karen Bass	D	47	100%
Wilma Chan	D	16	100%
Ed Chavez	D	57	100%
Judy Chu	D	49	100%
Rebecca Cohn	D	24	100%
Noreen Evans	D	7	100%
Dario Frommer	D	43	100%
Jackie Goldberg	D	45	100%
Loni Hancock	D	14	100%
Jerome Horton	D	51	100%
Dave Jones	D	9	100%
Betty Karnette	D	54	100%
John Laird	D	27	100%
Mark Leno	D	13	100%
Sally Lieber	D	22	100%
Ted Lieu	D	53	100%
Carol Liu	D	44	100%
Cindy Montanez	D	39	100%
Gene Mullin	D	19	100%
Fabian Nunez	D	46	100%
Jenny Oropeza	D	55	100%
Fran Pavley	D	41	100%
Mark Ridley-Thomas	D	48	100%
Ira Ruskin	D	21	100%
Lori Saldana	D	76	100%
Simon Salina	D	28	100%
Juan Varga	D	79	100%
Lois Wolk	D	8	100%
Leland Yee	D	12	100%
Juan Arambula	D	31	95%
Patty Berg	D	1	95%
Rudy Bermudez	D	56	95%
Ronald Calderon	D	58	95%
Joe Canciamilla	D	11	95%
Joe Coto	D	23	95%
Hector De La Torre	D	50	95%
Mervyn Dymally	D	52	95%
Johan Klehs	D	18	95%
Paul Koretz	D	42	95%

Lloyd Levine	D	40	95%
Pedro Nava	D	35	95%
Gloria Negrete McCleod	D	61	95%
Alberto Torrico	D	20	95%
Tom Umberg	D	69	95%
Joe Nation	D	6	90%
Nicole Parra	D	30	90%
Barbara Mathews	D	17	80%
Shirley Horton	R	78	35%
Lynn Daucher	R	72	30%
Keith Richman	R	38	30%
Bonnie Garcia	R	80	25%
Bill Emmerson	R	63	20%
Todd Spitzer	R	71	20%
Van Tran	R	68	20%
Greg Aghazarian	R	26	15%
Sam Blakeslee	R	33	15%
Russ Bogh	R	65	15%
Alan Nakanishi	R	10	15%
John Benoit	R	64	10%
Dave Cogdill	R	25	10%
Chuck DeVore	R	70	10%
Guy Houston	R	15	10%
Bob Huff	R	60	10%
Rick Keene	R	3	10%
Doug LaMalfa	R	2	10%
Tim Leslie	R	4	10%
Bill Maze	R	34	10%
Kevin McCarthy	R	32	10%
Dennis Mountjoy	R	59	10%
Roger Niello	R	5	10%
George Plescia	R	75	10%
Sharon Runner	R	36	10%
Audra Strickland	R	37	10%
Mike Villines	R	29	10%
Mark Wyland	R	74	10%
Jay La Suer	R	77	5%
Mimi Walters	R	73	5%
Ray Haynes	R	66	0%
VACANCY		67	

