



California Automatic Vendors Council

A State Council of National Automatic Merchandising Association

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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CAVC's lobbying efforts have been successful so far this year in the State Legislature. A summary of these successes are below.

AB 569 (Garcia) – pupil nutrition; food service

Summary: This bill would have required a commercial food vendor that provides or prepares food for sale to pupils on a school campus to make information available on the nutritional content of all food items sold. The bill attempts to exempt food sold in vending machines but requires that the labels be "clearly displayed."

CAVC Action: CAVC had expressed concerns with this language asking the author, Assembly Member Bonnie Garcia, to amend her bill to revise this phrase to ensure that the food labeling does not have to be shown through the vending machine prior to sale.

Status: *AB 569 was gutted and amended to deal with the federal school breakfast program – the language CAVC opposed is no longer in the bill.*

SB 254 (Torlakson) – State property – vending machines

Summary: This bill would have required each vendor that operates or maintains vending machines on state property to satisfy a specified phased-in requirement that at least 25% of the food and beverages offered in the vending machine meets specified nutritional guidelines by December 31, 2006 and 50% of the food and beverages meet these guidelines by December 31, 2007.

CAVC Action: CAVC opposed this bill in the Assembly Business and Professions Committee. In doing so, the CAVC Board expressed an intent to look at voluntary guidelines at their September meeting. Upon hearing about CAVC's intent to look at voluntary standards and understanding the strong opposition to his bill, Senator Torlakson chose not to move his bill for a vote in Committee.

Status: *SB 254 was held in the Assembly Business and Professions Committee and is dead for the year.*

SB 1118 (Figueroa) – Health Care Insurance for All Children Act: Sales and Use Tax

Summary: This bill would have imposed a tax on the sale of, storage, or use of a carbonated beverage of 2%. In addition, it would impose a 2% tax on the sale of food products that are sold by specified retailers, that included drive-in restaurants.

CAVC Action: CAVC was opposed to this bill and requested that the bill be watched closely.

Status: *Due to strong opposition against SB 1118, the bill was not heard in Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee. The bill is dead for the year.*

GRASSROOTS PROGRAM

CAVC has requested meetings with a legislator and a legislative candidate to educate them about vending issues. Assembly Member Ted Lieu (D-Torrance) and Candidate Mike Eng (District 49 – Monterey Park) already have a relationship with a CAVC member. The intent will be to start to establish friendships in the Legislature that could be helpful to CAVC members in the future.