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Hot Issues for the Week of June 27, 2016

Economic Growth Incentives

SUPPORT AB 2664 (Irwin; D-Thousand Oaks) JOB CREATOR: Increased Innovation and Entrepreneurship — Makes it easier to establish a business by requiring the University of California (UC) and Berkeley National Laboratory to expand their capacity and increase access to their innovation and entrepreneurship centers, which provide incubator space, legal services, entrepreneur training and more for researchers and other individuals looking to develop innovative solutions. Senate Education Committee hearing June 29.

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Education

SUPPORT AB 2548 (Weber; D-San Diego) Improved School Accountability — Will help employers, parents, educators, lawmakers, and other stakeholders hold schools accountable for student performance and improvement, and ensure students are being adequately prepared to enter the workforce or college, by requiring that the state's new accountability system tracks sufficient information to allow for meaningful comparisons of schools and districts with respect to academic performance, student growth, equity, school climate and student engagement. Senate Education Committee hearing June 29.

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Economic Barriers

OPPOSE AB 1611 (Committee on Budget) JOB KILLER: Increased Permit Processing Costs — Significantly increases the costs of permitting aerospace, recycling, oil and gas, and other critical waste facilities by eliminating permit applicants' option to be charged a predictable flat permitting fee and instead giving the Department of Toxic Substances Control carte blanche to charge whatever fee it determines, notwithstanding well-recognized and self-acknowledged deficiencies in DTSC's current permitting program that have resulted in excessive delays in permit processing. Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee hearing June 27.

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OPPOSE SB 839 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review) JOB KILLER: Increased Permit Processing Costs — Significantly increases the costs of permitting aerospace, recycling, oil and gas, and other critical waste facilities by eliminating permit applicants' option to be charged a predictable flat permitting fee and instead giving the Department of Toxic Substances Control carte blanche to charge whatever fee it determines, notwithstanding well-recognized and self-acknowledged deficiencies in DTSC's current permitting program that have resulted in excessive delays in permit processing. Senate Floor; unfinished business.

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Meritless Litigation

OPPOSE SB 899 (Hueso; D-Logan Heights) JOB KILLER: Increased Frivolous Litigation — Drives up consumer costs and increases frivolous litigation similar to the disability access lawsuits in California, by prohibiting a retailer or grocery store from discriminating against a person on the basis of gender with the price of goods and subjecting them to a minimum \$4,000 of damages for each violation. Assembly Judiciary Committee hearing June 28; vote only.

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Burdensome Environmental Regulation

OPPOSE SB 32 (Pavley; D-Agoura Hills) JOB KILLER: Slows Economic Growth — Increases costs for California businesses, makes them less competitive and discourages economic growth by adopting further greenhouse gas emission reductions for 2030 without regard to the impact on individuals, jobs and the economy. Assembly Natural Resources Committees hearing June 27.

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Water Quality and Supplies

OPPOSE AB 1520 (Committee on Judiciary) Disclosure — Removes protections that safeguard production capacity and other sensitive production data from disclosure to competitors by requiring commercial, industrial and institutional water and energy users to publicly disclose usage supposedly to enforce compliance with water and energy conservation goals. Senate Appropriations Committee hearing June 27.

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