

2017 - 2018

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

The following report summarizes legislation referred to the Assembly Committee on Agriculture during the 2017-2018 legislative session and indicates the final status of each measure.

The Committee's primary jurisdiction extends to agricultural land use, commodity specific legislation, agricultural commissions and councils, the California Department of Food and Agriculture, fairs and expositions, agricultural marketing, food safety and labeling, and agricultural pesticides. For additional information regarding this summary, or other activities of the Assembly Committee on Agriculture, please contact the Committee staff at 916-319-2084.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anna M. Caballero". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Anna M. Caballero, Chair

Assembly Committee on Agriculture

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ASSEMBLY BILLS

AB 243 (Cooper) – California Beef Commission.

This bill would establish the California Beef Commission. It would provide the Commission with broad authority, including authorization to negotiate directly with governmental agencies and to educate those effecting policy likely to impact California cattle producers or beef and beef products.

In Senate Judiciary Committee. Set, first hearing. Hearing Canceled at the request of author.

AB 441 (Frazier) – Land use: zoning regulations: farm to table cafes.

This bill would prohibit a zoning ordinance of a city, county, or city and county from prohibiting an agricultural producer from operating a farm to table cafe, as defined.

Referred to Assembly Committee on Local Government and Assembly Committee on Agriculture.

In Assembly Local Government Committee. From Committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56.

AB 465 (Ting) – Urban agricultural incentive zones.

This bill extends the sunset of the Urban Agriculture Incentive Zones (UAIZ) Act from January 1, 2019 to January 1, 2029 and makes technical changes to the UAIZ Act.

UAIZ creates a tax incentive for the owners of undeveloped urban properties to use their properties for urban agriculture in order to create a green space and a local food source for the community. The UAIZ program is an opt-in program for counties and cities.

Chaptered by Secretary of State, Chapter 313, Statutes of 2017.

AB 486 (Mathis) – Market milk: ultra-filtered milk products.

This bill would define "ultra-filtered milk products" and would authorize the Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture to establish milk standards for ultra-filtered milk products sold in California. The bill would also require ultra-filtered milk products to meet all standards and requirements for market milk and would require ultra-filtered milk products to be labeled in accordance with applicable federal laws.

From Committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56.

AB 527 (Caballero) – Pest control aircraft pilot's certificate: unmanned aircraft.

This bill allows commercial unmanned aircraft systems (drone) operations for the purpose of pesticide application for mosquito and vector control, provides that the drone operator comply with Federal Aviation Administration FAA rules governing drone flight and the drone operator has approval from the California Department of Pesticide Regulation. This bill creates a new pest control aircraft pilot certificate for drone operators, to be provided upon operators passing the exam, as specified.

Chaptered by Secretary of State, Chapter 404, Statutes of 2017.

AB 564 (Agriculture Committee) – Food and agriculture: fruits, nuts, and vegetables: inspections.

This bill makes changes in the Food and Agriculture code to conform it to the Food Safety Modernization Act, by clarifying that the California Department of Food and Agriculture may enforce and make inspections of grade, standard of quality, and other provisions of any raw unprocessed fruit, nut, or vegetable marketing,

food safety, or enforcement programs that are adopted by the United States or California.

Chaptered by Secretary of State, Chapter 79, Statutes of 2017.

AB 768 (Aguiar-Curry) – Certified farmers' markets: enforcement: civil penalties.

This bill deletes the sunset clause on the fees and enforcement authority for the Direct Marketing Program, which includes certified farmers' markets, field retail stands, farm

stands, community-supported agriculture, and other forms of direct marketing.

Chaptered by Secretary of State, Chapter 83, Statutes of 2017.

AB 822 (Caballero, Gonzalez Fletcher) – Institutional purchasers: sale of California produce.

This bill requires all California state-owned or state-run institutions, except public universities and colleges and school districts, to purchase agricultural products grown in California when the bid or price of the California-grown agricultural product does not exceed, by more than 5%, the lowest bid or price for an agricultural product produced outside the state and the quality of the produce is comparable.

Chaptered by Secretary of State, Chapter 785, Statutes of 2017.

AB 861 (Dahle) – Africanized honey bees.

This bill authorizes a county agricultural commissioner, in the absence of a local ordinance, to take abatement action against a hive containing Africanized or overly defensive honey bees if it is determined that the hive is a public nuisance.

Chaptered by Secretary of State, Chapter 143, Statutes of 2017.

AB 925 (Frazier) – Williamson Act: farmland security and conservation zones.

This bill creates Farmland Security Zone contracts of 30, 40 and 50 years. This bill was double referred to the Assembly Committee on Agriculture and the Local Government Committee.

In Assembly Committee on Local Government. From Committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56.

AB 933 (Agriculture Committee) – Food and agriculture omnibus bill.

This bill authorizes specified funds appropriated to the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to be disbursed to the California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association to offset program and personnel expenses; authorizes, rather than requires, CDFA to expend funds on fair exhibits and judges, as specified; requires milk products to be labeled with a date that would ensure consumer quality; and authorizes the Olive Oil Commission of California to engage in public education activities.

Chaptered by Secretary of State, Chapter 144, Statutes of 2017.

AB 1126 (Agriculture Committee) – Pesticides: carbon monoxide.

This bill extends, to January 1, 2023, the sunset date that authorizes the use of carbon monoxide to control burrowing rodent pests, subject to specified requirements, and under the condition that a warning label be permanently affixed to the carbon monoxide delivery device.

Chaptered by Secretary of State, Chapter 112, Statutes of 2017.

AB 1131 (Lackey) – District agricultural associations: joint powers agreements: audits.

This bill states that if the 50th District Agricultural Association is part of a joint powers agreement (JPA), the JPA agency is responsible for conducting annual examinations and reviews of its books, and a triennial audit.

Chaptered by Secretary of State, Chapter 556, Statutes of 2017.

AB 1163 (Irwin) – Minors: power of attorney to care for a minor child.

This bill, as introduced, would have appropriated \$1 million from the General Fund to the Buy California Program, within the California Department of Food and Agriculture, to promote California grown products, including specialty crops and non-specialty crops.

This bill was amended on June 22, 2017, and replaced with language that removed it from the Committee on Agriculture's jurisdiction.

In Senate Judiciary Committee.

AB 1165 (Caballero) – Agriculture: Agricultural Sustainability Council: regulatory alignment.

This bill establishes the Agricultural Sustainability Council (Council). It requires the Council to plan for regulatory alignments that aid grower compliance, reduce costs to the agricultural industry, and protect the environment.

AB 1165, as introduced by Assemblymember Gloria on February 17, 2017, was in the Civil Code, relating to state tax liens. On September 8, 2017, this bill was gut and amended into the Health and Safety Code, relating to migrant farm labor centers. AB 1165 was again gut and amended on June 21, 2018, into the Food and Agriculture Code, and now in its final form, relates to agriculture: regulatory alignment.

Vetoed by the Governor.

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1165 without my signature.

This bill establishes the Agricultural Sustainability Council for the purpose of eliminating regulatory overlap and inconsistency.

I agree with the author's objective, but believe this bill is not warranted. The Department of Food and Agriculture Secretary, using her existing authority, can meet with other state agencies and identify how to improve regulatory coordination and efficiency.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

AB 1232 (Fong) – Agricultural pest control: citrus disease prevention: funding.

This bill would appropriate \$10 million from the General Fund to the Citrus Disease Management account in the California Department of Food and Agriculture for the purpose of citrus disease prevention.

From Committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56.

AB 1348 (Aguiar-Curry) – Farmer Equity Act of 2017.

This bill requires the California Department of Food and Agriculture to ensure the inclusion of socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers in the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of food and agriculture laws, regulations, and policies and programs.

Chaptered by Secretary of State, Chapter 620, Statutes of 2017.

AB 1351 (Caballero) – District Agricultural Associations: authorized activities.

This bill allows, under a District Agriculture Association (DAA) leasing authority and with the California Department of General Services' approval, the lease, construction and maintenance of affordable housing, as specified, on DAA property.

Chaptered by Secretary of State, Chapter 559, Statutes of 2017.

AB 1486 (Caballero) – Milk products: licenses: fees.

This bill consolidates milk products' plant permits, increases license and permit fees, and updates food safety laws regarding the manufacture and sale of frozen and soft-serve dairy and nondairy products.

Chaptered by Secretary of State, Chapter 153, Statutes of 2017.

AB 1564 (Arambula) – Agricultural preserves: Williamson Act.

This bill would require a county board of supervisors or city council to establish rules for partial cancellation and partial non-renewal of Williamson Act contracts, and would make numerous technical changes to the Williamson Act.

Senate Inactive File.

AB 1713 (Agriculture Committee) – Fertilizer: fertilizing material.

This bill would 1) require the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to annually perform field tests for Organic Inputs Material (OIM) for high risk materials; 2) require CDFA to conduct field tests on OIM that are considered high risk materials; 3) require CDFA to update regulations relating to sampling methodology on or before July 1, 2018; and, 4) require CDFA to report to the Fertilizer Inspection Advisory Board the cost of the inspection for OIM.

From Committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56.

AB 1952 (Mayes, et al) – Social services: access to food.

This bill creates the Envision a Hunger-Free California Act of 2018. AB 1952 requires the California Departments of Social Services, Public Health, Education and Food and Agriculture, to develop a plan to end hunger. This plan would be implemented by the Supplemental Nutrition Service Assistance program (SNAP); the National School Lunch program (NSLP); the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC); the Cal Fresh program; the Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) Act; and, the Nutrition Incentive Matching Grant program (NIMG).

AB 1952 was double-referred to the Assembly Human Services Committee, and to the Assembly Agriculture Committee.

Held under submission in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 2054 (Gonzalez Fletcher) – State parks.

As introduced, this bill related to agricultural pests: shot hole borer beetles. AB 2054 was amended and the new language relates to state parks, which removes this bill from the Assembly Agriculture Committee's jurisdiction.

Vetoed by the Governor.

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2054 without my signature.

This bill would make it unlawful for any person to use the state park reservation system to buy reservations and resell them without approval from the Department of Parks and Recreation.

When the Department first launched its online reservation system, it did not anticipate that internet bots would buy reservations in bulk and resell them at higher prices. Since the launch, the Department has added software to prevent internet bots from accessing reservations and staff continually monitors the site for unusual activity. I do not believe a new crime is needed for a problem that has been solved.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

AB 2106 (Eduardo Garcia) – Institutional purchasers: sale of California produce.

This bill increases the existing bid preference from 5% to 10% for state purchases, as specified, for California-grown or California-packed or processed agricultural products over those produced out of state.

Held Under Submission in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 2114 (Bigelow) – Livestock inspection.

This bill updates existing law on animal slaughter licensing and inspections to exempt a mobile slaughter operator who provides services to an owner of livestock, if the slaughter occurs on the premises of a person who raised the livestock and who is not the owner of the livestock, subject to certain conditions.

AB 2114 includes an industry-supported fee increase for brand inspections to provide inspectors the ability to better recover their costs for traveling to individual ranches to conduct an inspection. Finally, the bill allows the California Department of Food and Agriculture to accept an annual permit for show cattle or cattle used in an exhibition event to reenter the state without obtaining a brand inspection from the state hosting the show or exhibition.

Chaptered by Secretary of State, Chapter 211, Statutes of 2018.

AB 2166 (Caballero) – California Farm Bill: agricultural technology.

This bill enacts the California Farm Bill to promote the adoption of agricultural technology (ag tech), as defined, and to increase funding for specified state programs. Specifically, this bill:

- 1) Creates a Personal Income Tax and Corporation Tax credit for the deployment of agricultural technology (ag tech), as defined. The credit, available for tax years 2020 through 2024, is worth \$50 per acre (up to \$4,950) for farms less than 99 acres, \$40 per acre (up to \$19,960) for farms that are 100 to 499 acres, \$40 per acre (up to \$29,970) for farms that are 500 to 999 acres, \$20 per acre (\$39,980) for farms that are 1000 to 1999 acres, and \$10 per acre (up to \$50,000) for farms that are 2000 or more acres.
- 2) Establishes the Agriculture Technology Innovation Institute (ATII) within the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), or within another

department, to promote the use of ag tech and to certify eligible participants in the tax credit program.

- 3) Establishes the Agricultural Growth Council to plan for regulatory alignments that would aid compliance and reduce costs to the agricultural industry.
- 4) Requires the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges (CCCs) to direct the statewide Academic Senate for CCCs to explore feasibility of developing model curricula for agricultural disciplines, including a focus on ag tech.
- 5) Requires county agricultural commissioners to conduct a survey of internet accessibility on farms and in rural counties to identify gaps in internet accessibility on farms that create hurdles to the adoption of ag tech.
- 6) States that it is the intent of the Legislature to include in the Budget Act of 2019, the following General Fund (GF) appropriations: \$1.5 million to CDFA's Buy California program, \$45 million to CDFA's Plant Pest Prevention Management Program, \$1.5 million to CDFA for a regulatory information website, \$20 million to implement ATII, \$500,000 to CDFA to support the proposed Agricultural Growth Council, \$10 million (ongoing) to the University of California's Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and \$150,000 to Olinga Learning's "Wings of Knowledge" Initiative.

Held Under Submission in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 2187 (Matis) – Agriculture Trust Fund: audit.

Currently, the activities of the Agriculture Trust Fund (Fund) are subject to audit at least once every two years. This bill would provide that the Fund shall be audited at least once every year.

Referred to Assembly Agriculture Committee.

AB 2335 (Ting) – Nutrition Incentive Matching Grant program: Healthy Stores Refrigeration Grant program.

This bill creates the Healthy Stores Refrigeration Grant Program (HSRGP) within the California Nutrition Incentive Program (CNIP), to award grants to certain small businesses and corner stores. This bill:

- 1) Establishes the HSRGP upon appropriation of funds from the legislature and matching funds from the federal Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentive Grant Program.
- 2) Requires the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to administer the HSRGP and require CDFA to award grants to qualified entities.
- 3) Requires CDFA to establish regulations, minimum standards, funding schedules, and procedures for awarding grants to qualified entities.
- 4) Requires that qualified businesses that receive grant funding shall use it to:
 - a) Purchase energy efficient refrigeration unit(s); and,
 - b) Stock the unit(s) with fresh California-grown fresh fruits, nuts, vegetables, and minimally processed prepared foods and offer them for sale.
- 5) States that no more than 10% of the HSRGP be used for technical assistance.
- 6) Allows CDFA to provide grant funds to a grantee in advance of the expenditure of funds through the California Nutrition Incentive Matching Grant Program if certain conditions are met.

Held Under Submission in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 2360 (Rodriguez) – Pupil nutrition: school district and food bank partnerships.

This bill requires the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), through its Office of Farm to Fork, to work with the California Department of Education (CDE) and other entities and experts to establish guidelines and best practices for food banks and school districts to work together to increase access to fresh produce and healthy foods for students. The bill will require the Office of Farm to Fork and CDE to each post the guidelines on their respective websites as well as disseminate the guidelines to food banks and school districts by January 1, 2020.

AB 2360 was double-referred to the Assembly Education Committee and to the Assembly Agriculture Committee.

Vetoed by the Governor.

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2360 without my signature.

This bill requires the California Department of Education to collaborate with the Department of Food and Agriculture to develop "best practices" to facilitate partnerships between school districts and food banks that increase pupil access to healthy foods when school is not in session.

Healthy foods for kids is obviously a good idea, but schools can already easily establish relationships with local food banks -- without state guidance.

Given the fact that local school districts are governed by democratically elected trustees, it is important and utterly appropriate for the state to limit its intervention only to those situations that cannot be handled by local authorities.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

AB 2377 (Irwin) – Agriculture: Cannella Environmental Farming Act of 1995: technical assistance grant program.

This bill requires the California Department of Food and Agriculture to establish a technical assistance grant program to provide funds to technical assistance providers who work with applicants for the Healthy Soils Program, alternative manure management programs, and the State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program.

AB 2377 was double-referred to the Assembly Agriculture Committee, and the Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

Chaptered by Secretary of State, Chapter 868, Statutes of 2018.

AB 2468 (Arambula) – Bees: apiaries: registration: colony relocation: administrative civil penalty.

This bill makes changes to the laws governing the registration of the location of apiary colonies within the state. This bill also provides the Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture, or a county agricultural commissioner, the ability to seek civil penalty for violations of any of the laws governing the registration of apiary colonies within the state.

Chaptered by Secretary of State, Chapter 320, Statutes of 2018.

AB 2470 (Grayson, Gonzalez Fletcher) – Invasive Species Council of California.

This bill codifies the Invasive Species Council of California and the California Invasive Species Advisory Committee to assist in a comprehensive effort to suppress and eradicate invasive species in California. Upon appropriation by the Legislature, the bill also establishes the Invasive Species Fund and allocates money to the Noxious Weed Management Account and the University of California for invasive species management.

This bill was double-referred to the Assembly Agriculture Committee, and the Assembly Committee on Water Parks and Wildlife.

Chaptered by Secretary of State, Chapter 870, Statutes of 2018.

AB 2810 (Levine) – Cannabis: cultivation licences: Sun-Grown Cannabis Commission and Indoor-Grown Cannabis Commission.

This bill would create the Sun-Grown Cannabis Commission and the Indoor Grown Cannabis Commission for the purpose of conducting research, examining the impact of local and state regulations on the cannabis products industries, and tracking market price information to prevent unfair trade practices.

This bill was double-referred to the Assembly Agriculture Committee and the Assembly Business and Professions Committee.

In Business and Profession Committee: Set, first hearing. Testimony taken.

AB 2909 (Wood) – Poultry producers: small-scale producers and California Retail Food Code.

This bill would require the California Department of Food and Agriculture to create a registration system for small-scale poultry producers that are eligible for a specified exemption from the federal Poultry Products Inspection Act.

Held Under Submission in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 3021 (Levine,et al) – Farm animals: egg-laying hens: confinement.

This bill requires the adoption of cage-free standards for egg-laying hens. It would prohibit a farm owner or operator in California from confining an egg-laying hen

in an enclosure that is not in compliance with specified cage-free standards and would prohibit selling in California shelled eggs for human consumption produced by hens on farms not in compliance with cage-free standards.

Held Under Submission in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 3159 (Thurmond) – Animal slaughter: poultry.

This bill removes the exemption of poultry from the list of animals, in being prepared for slaughter, to be rendered insensible to pain before being shackled.

From committee: Without further action pursuant to Joint Rule 62(a).

AB 3252 (Committee on Agriculture) – Animal health.

This bill clarifies the exemption for private veterinarians in relation to drawing and using animal blood in their own office, repeals and updates farm animal quarantine laws, and makes changes to the Equine Medication Monitoring Program.

Chaptered by Secretary of State, Chapter 289, Statutes of 2018.

AB 3260 (Committee on Agriculture) – Department of Food and Agriculture: administrative civil penalties: notice.

This bill amends existing law to require the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to notice meeting information regarding the California Marketing Act and Beef Council Law online rather than in a newspaper and posted at CDFA's headquarters in Sacramento. This bill also allows CDFA or a county agricultural commissioner to impose an administrative civil penalty or suspension

of certification, or both, for a violation of laws and regulations related to certified farmers' markets, regardless of where in the state the violation took place.

Chaptered by the Secretary of State, Chapter 223, Statutes of 2018.

ACR 217 (Levine) – Point Reyes National Seashore: dairy and beef ranching.

This measure would recognize the dairy and beef ranching families of the Point Reyes National Seashore for their environmental stewardship and contributions to the economic success of regional agricultural sector and would declare the Legislature's support for the ranching families of the Point Reyes Peninsula and the National Park Service in their efforts to ensure the continuation of historic beef

ranches and dairy farms and preservation of the cultural and natural resources at the seashore.

Chaptered by Secretary of State, Res. Chapter 174, Statutes of 2018.

AJR 11 (Flora) – California agricultural industry.

This Assembly Joint Resolution urges the President and the Congress of the United States to recognize the importance of the California agricultural industry to our nation, to keep California's farmers, ranchers, and farmworkers in mind when considering global trade and immigration matters, and to break down barriers to agricultural trade.

Chaptered by Secretary of State, Res. Chapter 173, Statutes of 2017.

HR 26 (Caballero, Mathis) – California Agriculture Day 2017.

Recognizes and honors all those who work in California agriculture for their dedication and productivity by observing March 21, 2017, as National Agriculture Day, and designating March 22, 2017, as California Agriculture Day.

Be Adopted.

HR 84 (Caballero, Mathis) – California Agriculture Day 2018.

Recognizes and honors all those who work in California agriculture for their dedication and productivity by observing March 20, 2018, as National Agriculture Day, and designating March 20, 2018, as California Agriculture Day.

Be Adopted.

SENATE BILLS

SB 175 (McGuire) – Developmental services: Canyon Springs Community Facility.

As introduced, this bill would have expanded marijuana appellation of origin protections to advertising and prohibited the use of names that sound similar to a California county in advertising, labeling, marketing, or packaging of marijuana

products if it is likely to mislead consumers as to the product's appellation of origin. This bill was double referred to the Assembly Committee on Agriculture and the Assembly Committee on Business and Professions.

SB 175 was gut and amended on June 4, 2018, with language that removed it from the jurisdiction of the Assembly Agriculture Committee and it was re-referred to the Assembly Committee on Human Services.

Chaptered by Secretary of State, Chapter 884, Statutes of 2018.

SB 243 (Galgiani) – Citrus disease prevention.

This bill appropriates \$9,616,000 from the Citrus Disease Management Account to the California Department of Food and Agriculture for operating expenses necessary for the prevention and management of citrus diseases.

Chaptered by Secretary of State, Chapter 10, Statutes of 2017.

SB 335 (Cannella) – Nursery Advisory Board.

This bill codifies the Nursery Advisory Board within the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to provide recommendations to the Secretary of CDFA on all matters pertaining to the nursery industry.

Chaptered by Secretary of State, Chapter 234, Statutes of 2017.

SB 368 (McGuire) – Horse racing: fairs: funding.

This bill provides that any unused revenues from specified deposits into the Fair and Exposition (F&E) Fund and other funding appropriated by the Legislature or otherwise designated for fairs, is to be continuously appropriated for allocation by the Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture for capital outlay to fairs. This would streamline the use of the F&E funds for fairs' deferred maintenance projects.

Chaptered by Secretary of State, Chapter 808, Statutes of 2017.

SB 668 (McGuire) – Commercial feed: violations: administrative penalty.

This bill would remove the current provisions that specify different criminal penalties for noncompliance with state regulations regarding the sale of commercial feed in California and provide that any person who manufactures or distributes any commercial feed in California without complying with state regulations will be subject to a fine of not more than \$5,000 for the first violation

and not less than \$5,000 for each subsequent violation. This bill requires all funds received from the collection of these civil penalties to be deposited into a special account within the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to be used to cover the costs related to the enforcement of commercial feed provisions. This bill also authorizes the Secretary of CDFA to deny a license to sell commercial feed to a person for three years if he or she has been in violation of the regulations relating to commercial feed.

Chaptered by Secretary of State, Chapter 683, Statutes of 2018.

SB 732 (Stern) – General plan: agricultural land.

This bill allows a city or county to develop an agricultural land component of their open-space element, or a separate agricultural land element, in return for priority consideration for funding provided by the Department of Conservation.

Chaptered by Secretary of State, Chapter 434, Statutes of 2017.

SB 782 (Skinner) – Energy data transparency.

This bill, as introduced, would have required the California Department of Food and Agriculture and the State Department of Education to annually meet to discuss the intersection of state agriculture and school meals policy. SB 782 was double referred to the Assembly Agriculture Committee and the Assembly Business and Professions Committee.

SB 782 was gut and amended on May 29, 2018, and replaced with language that removed it from the jurisdiction of the Assembly Agriculture Committee and the Assembly Business and Professions Committee.

Chaptered by Secretary of State, Chapter 684, Statutes of 2018.

SB 900 (Wiener) – Electronic benefits transfer system:

CalFresh supplemental benefits.

This bill establishes the California Fruit and Vegetable EBT Pilot Project and corresponding grant program and requires the California Department of Social Services to include within the Electronic Benefit Transfer system a supplemental benefit mechanism that allows authorized retailers to deliver and redeem supplemental CalFresh benefits, as specified.

Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

SB 965 (McGuire) – California Cattle Council.

This bill establishes the California Cattle Council within the California Department of Food and Agriculture to provide production research, producer and consumer education, and various promotional activities related to cattle in California.

Chaptered by Secretary of State, Chapter 410, Statutes of 2018.

SB 1039 (Pan) – Market milk: ultra-filtered milk products.

This bill defines “ultra-filtered milk products” and authorizes the Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture to establish milk standards for ultra-filtered milk products sold in California. SB 1039 requires ultra-filtered milk products to meet all standards and requirements for market milk, except as provided, and requires ultra-filtered milk products to be labeled in accordance with applicable federal laws. This bill requires that the term “ultra-filtered” be included in the product name on the product label.

Chaptered by Secretary of State, Chapter 510, Statutes of 2018.

SB 1409 (Wilk) – Industrial Hemp.

This bill updates existing California law pertaining to the production and cultivation of industrial hemp. Specifically, this bill:

- 1) Amends the definition of industrial hemp so that it is no longer defined as a fiber and oilseed crop.
- 2) Deletes the requirement that industrial hemp be grown only for fiber or oilseed.
- 3) Deletes the requirement that industrial hemp seed cultivars be certified on or before January 1, 2013 in order to be on the approved list of hemp seed cultivars.
- 4) Deletes the requirement that an application for registration to grow industrial hemp include information about whether the seed cultivar will be grown for its grain or fiber, or as a dual purpose crop.
- 5) Deletes prohibitions on ornamental cultivations of industrial hemp plants, pruning and tending of individual hemp plants, and culling of industrial hemp.
- 6) Authorizes a city or county, by local ordinance and upon making a specified finding, to prohibit growers or seed breeders from conducting, or otherwise

limit growers' conduct of, industrial hemp cultivation, regardless of whether growers meet, or are exempt from, the registration requirements in the above-described provisions or any other law. A limitation pursuant to this subdivision shall be effective as of the date on which the city or county notifies the Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), secretary, and applicable commissioner of the limitation.

- 7) Authorizes CDFA, as part of the industrial hemp registration program, to establish and carry out an agricultural pilot program pursuant to the Federal Agricultural Act of 2014.

Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 986, Statutes of 2018.

SB 1459 (Cannella) – Cannabis provisional license.

This bill Establishes a provisional cannabis license that may be issued at the sole discretion of a licensing authority, as specified, until January 1, 2020.

Chaptered by Secretary of State, Chapter 857, Statutes of 2018.

INFORMATIONAL HEARINGS

Joint Informational Hearing February 7, 2017

Assembly Committee on Business and Professions
Chair, Assemblymember Rudy Salas

Assembly Committee on Health
Chair, Assemblymember Jim Wood

And

Assembly Committee on Agriculture
Chair, Assemblymember Anna M. Caballero

Cannabis Regulation: The Path Forward after Proposition 64

Joint Informational Hearing October 25, 2017

Assembly Committee on Agriculture
Assemblymember Anna M. Caballero, Chair

And

Assembly Select Committee on Economic Development and Investment
In Rural California
Assemblymember Anna M. Caballero, Chair

Agriculture Technology: Innovation, Startups and Workforce Readiness

**Joint Informational Hearing
June 19, 2018**

Senate Committee on Agriculture
Senator Cathleen Galgiani, Chair

And

Assembly Committee on Agriculture
Assemblymember Anna M. Caballero, Chair

*Initiative to Establish New Standards for Confinement of Certain
Farm Animals; Bans Sale of Certain Non-complying Products(#1823)*

**Joint Informational Hearing
August 15, 2018**

Assembly Committee on Agriculture
Assemblymember Anna M. Caballero, Chair

And

Senate Committee on Agriculture
Senator Cathleen Galgiani, Chair

Environmental Benefits of Agriculture