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SB 1 (Atkins, Portantino & Stern) Endangered Species. SUPPORT. Ensures that the protections of the 1974 federal Endangered Species Act in place as of January 1, 2017 would remain effective under state law even if the federal government rolls it back.

SR 12 (Jackson) Santa Barbara Oil Spill. SUPPORT. A resolution which records vital history about the 1969 Santa Barbara oil spill, the founding of Earth Day and the founding of other environmental orgs.

AB 44 (Friedman) Fur products. SUPPORT. Prohibits the importation, sale or distribution of fur products in California.

SB 54 (Allen, Skinner, Stern & Wiener) Plastic. SUPPORT. Requires that single-use plastic packaging and products in California be reduced or recycled by 75 percent by 2030 (see AB 1080).

SB 64 (Chang) Pet microchips. SUPPORT. Requires animal shelters and humane societies to implant a microchip before adopting a pet dog or cat.

AB 128 (Gloria) Horse slaughter. SUPPORT. Requires a sign to be posted at horse auctions, stating: "The sale of horses in California for slaughter for human consumption is prohibited by law."

SB 133 (Galgiani) Wildfire detection. SUPPORT. Creates a program for installing remote infrared cameras to detect wildfires.

AB 169 (Lackey) Service dogs. SUPPORT. Expands penalties for criminals who kill or injure service dogs.

AB 172 (Voepel) Rural speed limits. OPPOSE. Would increase rural speed limits for trucks to 65 mph in rural areas.

AB 202 (Mathis) Safe harbor. SUPPORT. Extends indefinitely the California State Safe Harbor Agreement Program Act, which offers incentives to private landowners for providing habitat for endangered species.

SB 202 (Wilk) Animal blood banks. SUPPORT. Allows smaller veterinary blood banks to open and operate, in addition to the two commercial blood banks.

SB 245 (Chang) Veteran pet adoption fees. SUPPORT. Waives adoption fees for veterans adopting dogs and cats from public shelters.

SB 258 (Hertzberg) Provisions for pets in homeless shelters. SUPPORT. Provides \$5M in grants to homeless shelters for pet care, including veterinary care.

AB 262 (Gloria & Gonzalez) Communicable disease. SUPPORT. Requires the local health officer to notify government agencies of disease outbreaks, including those for domestic animals.

SB 262 (McGuire) Sea cucumbers. SUPPORT. Extends protection for sea cucumbers to 2030.

AB 273 (Gonzalez). Fur-bearing and nongame mammal trapping. SUPPORT. Prohibits the trapping of fur-bearing and nongame mammals; eliminates fur dealer and fur agent licenses.

AB 284 (Frazier) Junior hunting licenses. OPPOSE. Extends indefinitely the higher age limit from 16 to 18 to qualify for a reduced rate (\$31.25) junior hunting license.

SB 312 (Leyva) Grants to veterans for service dogs. NO POSITION. Provides grants to qualifying veterans for the costs associated with purchasing and caring for a service dog.

SB 313 (Hueso) Animals used in circuses. SUPPORT. Prohibits the use of animals in circuses, with a fine of \$25,000 per day for violations. Does not protect dogs, cats or horses.

AB 366 (Bloom) Animal blood banks. SUPPORT. Prohibits closed colony animal blood banks.

SB 392 (Allen) Green chemistry. SUPPORT. Establishes a protocol for promoting green chemistry, which is the design of chemical products that reduce or eliminate the generation of hazardous substances.

SB 395 (Archuleta) Dead animal claims from vehicular accidents. OPPOSE. Encourages drivers to claim dead animals from accidents to be saved for human consumption and use, through a smartphone app.

SB 397 (Glazer) Public transit for pets in evacuations. SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS. Allows pets to board public transport vehicles in areas with emergency evacuation orders.

AB 415 (Maienschein) Pets in domestic violence cases. SUPPORT. Adds pet boarding to allowable costs for victims of domestic abuse or violence.

AB 450 (Irwin & Mathis) Apiary protection. SUPPORT. Tightens regulations of the Apiary Protection Act.

AB 454 (Kalra) Migratory birds. SUPPORT. Upholds the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act if the federal act becomes compromised.

SB 469 (Dodd) NO POSITION. Allows the California Horse Racing Board to suspend a track license for health or safety issues, or limit or reallocate racing days.

AB 479 (Nazarian) Plant-based school meals. SUPPORT. Establishes the California School Plant-Based Food and Beverage Program.

AB 486 (Limón) Wildyře evacuation plan. SUPPORT. Requires cities and counties to obtain wildyře evacuation plans as qualifying documents for kennel operator permits.

SB 527 (Caballero) Cannabis farms. SUPPORT. Requires commercial cannabis growers to adhere to the Williamson Act, which protects agricultural and open space lands.

AB 572 (Kalra) Deforestation. SUPPORT. Requires contractors contracting with a state agency to certify that the products have not contributed to tropical deforestation or illegal land conversion.

SB 580 (Wilk) Animal abuse criminals. SUPPORT. Requires animal abuse criminals seeking probation to undergo a psychological or psychiatric evaluation, followed by a course in humane treatment of animals.

AB 588 (Chen) Dog bite disclosure. SUPPORT. Requires shelters and private rescue groups to disclose bite history of dogs over 4 months of age to prospective adopters.

AB 611 (Nazarian) Sexual abuse of animals. SUPPORT. Adds sexual abuse to the list of animal abuse crimes, and authorizes the seizure of the victimized animal.

SB 627 (Galgiani) Medical cannabis for pets. NO POSITION. Allows veterinarians to treat patients with medical cannabis.

SB 637 (McGuire) Voluntary tax contribution fund. SUPPORT. Allows public animal shelters to benefit from the Prevention of Animal Homelessness and Cruelty Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund.

AB 700 (Friedman) California Public Records Act. OPPOSE. Exempts state college faculty researchers from disclosing research data, including that of 100,000 animal subjects of experiments.

~~AB 527 (Voepel)~~ **AB 719 (B. Rubio & Gray) Importation of crocodilia. Introduced 6.20. OPPOSE.** Allows the State of Louisiana to sell dead alligators it raises; delays prohibition on crocodilia import by five years.

AB 733 (Quirk) Use of minnows in hazardous waste testing. SUPPORT. Authorizes alternative methods to the live vertebrate fish testing used in hazardous waste identification.

SB 757 (Allen) Fish and Game code. SUPPORT. Renames the Fish and Game Code as the Fish and Wildlife Code, and updates other code references to match, as a part of an overall update to the FGC.

AB 773 (Gonzalez) Voter education. SUPPORT. Requires the Secretary of State and Superintendent, to develop educational programming to provide voter education to pupils in grade 12.

SB 787 (Committee on Agriculture) Animal welfare. SUPPORT. Updates standards of equine hoof care and makes other non-substantive language updates regarding animal welfare (i.e. "humanely euthanize" in lieu of "destroy," etc.)

AB 834 (Quirk) Algal bloom program. SUPPORT. Establishes a Freshwater and Estuarine Harmful Algal Bloom Program to protect water quality and public health from algal blooms.

AB 839 (Mullin) Climate adaptation strategy. SUPPORT. Creates the Adaptation through Resiliency, Economic Vitality, and Equity Account, to provide grants and financing for climate adaptation projects.

AB 886 (Eggman) Plastic bags. SUPPORT. Extends plastic carryout bag recycling programs at stores through 2021.

AB 889 (Maienschein) Animal research. SUPPORT. Requires researchers using animals for diagnostic purposes, education, or research to annually submit detailed data to the Department of Public Health, which would in turn post the same on its publicly accessible website.

AB 1040 (Muratsuchi) Cetaceans. SUPPORT. Makes it unlawful to hold in captivity a cetacean (dolphin, porpoise or whale) for display, performance, or entertainment, or to breed a cetacean held in captivity.

AB 1080 (Gonzalez, et al) Plastic pollution. SUPPORT. Requires that single-use plastic packaging and products in California be reduced or recycled by 75 percent by 2030 (see SB 54).

AB 1125 (Cooley) Animal control officers. SUPPORT. Establishes the Animal Control Officer Standards Act, to be developed and maintained by the California Animal Welfare Association to certify animal control officers. Previously, this was the responsibility of the Board of Directors of the California Association of Code Enforcement Officers.

AB 1162 (Kalra) Hotel single-use personal care bottles. SUPPORT. Prohibits single-use bottles for bath and personal care at hotels with more than 50 rooms.

AB 1230 (Quirk) Declawing. SUPPORT. Prohibits the declawing of domestic cats.

AB 1254 (Kamlager-Dove) Bobcats. SUPPORT. Prohibits trophy hunting of bobcats.

AB 1260 (Maienschein) Endangered wildlife. SUPPORT. Makes it a misdemeanor to import, or sell dead body parts or products of an iguana, skink, caiman, shark, stingray, hippopotamus, or a Teju, Ring, or Nile lizard.

AB 1387 (Wood) Sport fishing licenses. OPPOSE. Requires that fishing licenses be renewable one year from the date of purchase, rather than be sold on a fixed calendar year basis.

AB 1535 (Carrillo) Pet insurance. SUPPORT. Requires pet insurance companies to disclose information to customers, particularly contact information for the state Department of Insurance.

AB 1549 (O'Donnell) Report on Catalina Island Deer. OPPOSE. Calls for a report to update management (killing) of deer on Catalina Island. Hunting is used to curb the deer population.

AB 1553 (Fong) Animal welfare code. SUPPORT. **Chaptered June 12, 2019.** Makes nonsubstantive updates to code, primarily to use the term “animal shelter” rather than “pound.”

AB 1565 (Quirk) Stray kitten adoptions. SUPPORT. **Chaptered June 12, 2019.** Allows kittens under 8 weeks of age to be made immediately available for adoption, waiving the three-day hold period.

AB 1586 (Kalra) Dissection. SUPPORT. Prohibits K-12 students from performing animal dissection, and and promotes alternative methods.

AB 1612 (Quirk) Invasive species. OPPOSE. Establishes the Invasive Species Response Fund to control and eradicate non-native vertebrate species (i.e. nutria).

AB 1788 (Bloom) Pesticides, anticoagulants. SUPPORT. Creates the California Ecosystems Protection Act of 2019 to expand the prohibition of pesticides containing anticoagulants in wildlife habitat areas throughout the state.

AB 1828 (Committee on Governmental Organization) California Horse Racing Board votes. SUPPORT. Requires the CHRB to post its votes on its website.



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