

**Human Services and Access to Jobs & Justice Legislation  
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Below is a list of Human Services and Access to Jobs & Justice legislation that have been introduced. Western Center is tracking. If Western Center has taken a position, it is listed. The deadline to introduce legislation is February Feb. 17 - Last day for bills to be introduced (J.R. 61(a)(1), J.R. 54(a)).

***CalFresh, Emergency Food, Food System and School Meal Legislation***

[SB 138 \(McGuire\)](#) would require the state and all school districts to utilize Medi-Cal Direct Certification to enroll students in the federal school meal programs, and for the highest-poverty schools to offer free breakfasts and lunches to all students through a federal universal meal provision. Sponsored by California Food Policy Advocates.

**Location:** Introduced

**Position:** Support

[SB 167 \(Skinner\)](#) would improve access for people leaving prison to CalFresh anti-hunger assistance and to Supplemental Security Income (SSI). Co-sponsored with Root & Rebound, County Welfare Directors Association (CWDA) and the Ella Baker Center.

**Location:** Introduced

**Position:** Co-Sponsor & Support

[AB 164 \(Arrambula\)](#) would establish a new chapter in Welfare and Institutions code which would provide for a state funded anti-hunger CalFresh benefit to be issued under prescribed circumstances, such as drought, disaster or in the case of federal SNAP ineligibility, and to be issued using the EBT system.

**Location:** Introduced

**Position:** Support

[AB 166 \(Lackey\)](#) would establish require the Department and County Human Services Agencies to use a blank semiannual report form as the certificate of eligibility for the purposes of CalWORKs and CalFresh .

**Location:** Introduced

[AB 214 \(Weber\)](#) would address college student hunger by defining terms used in the CalFresh program to determine eligibility and clarifying law concerning CalFresh Restaurant Meal Program on College Campuses. Co-Sponsored by Young Invincibles and CSU Student Association.

**Location:** Introduced

**Position:** Co-Sponsor & Support

[AB 164 \(Arrambula\)](#) would establish a new chapter in Welfare and Institutions code to allow for state-funded anti-hunger CalFresh benefits to be issued under prescribed circumstances, such as drought, disaster or in the case of federal SNAP ineligibility, and to be issued using the EBT system. Sponsored by California Food Policy Advocates.

**Location:** Introduced

**Position:** Sponsor & Support

### ***Economic Empowerment & Racial Wealth Gap***

[SB 16 \(Wieckowski\)](#) would establish a reduced maximum amount that can be garnished of earnings when any part of the order is based on a claim for debt on a student loan that is not made, insured, or guaranteed by the United States Government pursuant to the Federal Family Education Loan Program or the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program.

**Location:** Introduced

**Position:** Support

[SB 185 \(Hertzberg\)](#) would prevent the automatic suspension of driver's licenses for people who are unable to pay fines or fees for minor traffic tickets and require courts to determine violators' ability to pay before setting fine amounts.

**Location:** Introduced

**Position:** Co-Sponsor & Support

[SB 190 \(Mitchell\)](#) would remove the law that allows probation departments to collect administrative fees from parents whose children have been placed in juvenile detention or on probation. Co-sponsored by the East Bay Community Law Center, Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights of the S.F Bay Area and Youth Justice Coalition.

**Location:** Introduced

**Position:** Co-Sponsor & Support

[AB 34 \(Nezarian\)](#) would establish a universal, at-birth, statewide 529 children's savings account program to ensure California's children foster a college-bound identity and practice education-related financial planning.

**Location:** Introduced

### ***Access to Jobs and Justice***

[SB 6 \(Hueso\)](#) This bill would improve access to qualified nonprofit legal services professionals for Californians who are detained in removal proceedings and not otherwise entitled to legal representation under an existing local, state, or federal program. In addition to appropriating money from the General Fund, the bill would help to fund these services through the establishment of the California Universal Representation Trust Fund, which could accept donations from private foundations and other philanthropic entities for the purpose of expanding the number of individuals that may be provided legal services pursuant to these provisions.

**Location:** Introduced

[SB 10 \(Hertzberg\)](#) / [AB 42 \(Bonta\)](#) would reform the money bail system, which discriminates against people who cannot afford bail, to ensure that everyone presumed innocent has the ability to secure a pre-trial release.

**Location:** Introduced

**Position:** Co-Sponsor & Support

[AB 5 \(Gonzalez Fletcher\)](#) would require an employer with 10 or more employees to offer additional hours of work to an existing nonexempt employee before hiring an additional employee or subcontractor

**Location:** Introduced

[AB 21 \(Kalra\)](#) would establish several rights to protect students at public colleges from various hardships and increasing likelihood of graduation.

**Location:** Introduced

[AB 9 \(Garcia\)](#) would exempt menstrual hygiene supplies from state sales tax.

**Location:** Introduced

[AB 10 \(Garcia\)](#) would require that school bathrooms offer an adequate supply of free menstrual hygiene supplies in school bathrooms and would require the Department of Housing and Community Development to ensure that an adequate supply of menstrual hygiene supplies are available at all shelters throughout the state.

**Location:** Introduced

**Position:** Support

[AB 17 \(Holden\)](#) would create the Transit Pass Program that would fund some free transit passes for high school, community college, and University of California or California State University students.

**Location:** Introduced

[AB 43 \(Thurmond\)](#) would impose a tax on companies that profit from contracting with a state prison, the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, or the Department of General Services to provide a state prison with goods and services.

**Location:** Introduced

[AB 60 \(Santiago\)](#) would require eligibility redetermination periods for subsidized child care to be set for not less than 12 months and limit mandatory reports during the eligibility period. The bill would also revise eligibility rules to distinguish between income to be considered for the purposes of establishing initial income eligibility and income to be used for purposes of establishing ongoing income eligibility for services under the act.

**Location:** Introduced

**Position:** Support

### ***CalWORKs, SSI and Child Support***

[SB 164 \(McGuire\)](#) would give recipients of Tribal TANF the same California Community College early enrollment entitlement that CalWORKs recipients have.

**Location:** Introduced

**Position:** Support

[SB 166 \(Skinner\)](#) would end the sunset on the low-income adjustment for child support payment calculations.

**Location:** Introduced

**Position:** Sponsor & Support

[AB 160 \(Stone\)](#) would improve the work support benefits of the CalWORKs program by increasing the program's Earned Income Disregard. Co-sponsored with the Coalition of California Welfare Rights Organizations.

**Location:** Introduced

**Position:** Co-Sponsor & Support

[AB 210 \(Santiago\)](#) would authorize counties to establish coordinating teams for homeless adults, children and families to improve coordination between, and expedite access to, housing and supportive services.

**Location:** Introduced

**Position:** Support

[AB 227 \(Mayes\)](#) would establish a grant supplement for CalWORKs recipients who achieve educational benchmarks. Co-sponsored with the Coalition of California Welfare Rights Organizations.

**Location:** Introduced

**Position:** Co-Sponsor & Support

AB 236 ([Maienschein](#)) This bill would ease the welfare-to-work rules for CalWORKs recipients who are working towards the completion of a high school diploma or its equivalent. Co-sponsored by the County Welfare Directors Association and the Coalition of California Welfare Rights Organizations.

**Location:** Introduced

**Position:** Co-Sponsor & Support

### ***About Western Center on Law and Poverty***

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