

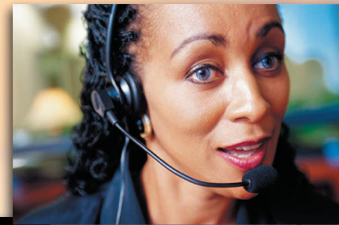
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2003-2004 Summary of Legislation

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Dear Colleagues:

For your information, the staff of the Assembly Committee on Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy has prepared this summary of bills that were referred to our committee during the 2003-2004 Legislative Session. As Chair, I hope that this compilation will provide you with insight to the economic policy issues impacting California this year.

Created in 2000, the Committee has jurisdiction over state economic development, international and domestic business advocacy, and California foreign trade policy. Additionally, the committee's jurisdictional reach includes interstate commerce, information and emerging technology programs, and small business development and operations.

Over the past legislative session, the committee heard and deliberated on many important measures. To stimulate economic development and growth, the Committee approved legislation relevant to enhancing microenterprise and infrastructure development. Specifically, the Committee approved legislation to urge cities and counties to encourage microenterprise development within their communities. The Committee also approved legislation that requires the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank to notify legislative and municipal entities when changes are made to the criteria for awards under the Infrastructure State Revolving Fund Program. Additionally, the Committee heard and passed legislation creating new financing mechanisms for the California Debt and Investment Advisory Commission and the California Industrial Development Financing Authority Commission.

Despite the progress of the committee during the last two years, there still remain some challenges ahead. The elimination of the Technology, Trade, and Commerce Agency (TTCA) in the 2003 state budget presented the need for the Committee to determine how best to move TTCA's responsibilities to the Business, Transportation, and Housing Agency (BTH). Several responsibilities have been successfully shifted to BTH during the past legislative session, such as the California Spaceport Authority, the Challenge Grant Program, and the Technology Planning Program. However, additional legislation that would allow BTH to serve as the primary state agency responsible for the coordination of activities to expand trade and investment for the state stalled.

For the next legislative session, the Committee needs to continue to develop policy that will streamline the state's economic development activities. In these times of shrinking budgets, simplifying overlapping activities is advisable. Through informational hearings, the Committee should also further explore emerging technologies – technologies that can help not only keep jobs in California but increase the quantity and quality of jobs as well.

For your information, each of the measures included in this summary is available from several sources:

- Single copies of chaptered bills may be requested at no cost from the Legislative Bills Room, State Capitol, Room B-32, Sacramento, CA 95814 or by calling (916)445-2323. Copies of vetoed bills are available until early February 2005.
- The Legislative Data Center maintains a website where these bills and analyses are available at <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/>
- Veto and signature messages from Governor Schwarzenegger can be accessed at the Governor's website at <http://www.governor.ca.gov/>

I hope that this legislative summary proves useful to you and your constituents. I have enjoyed the challenges of chairing this Committee for the past two years and I look forward to continuing the important work towards improving the quality of life for all Californians. Thank you.

With hope,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Ridley-Thomas".

MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, Chair

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Economic Development Bills

AB 11 Garcia and Vargas

Enterprise zones: City of Brawley.

This bill requires the Technology, Trade, and Commerce Agency, upon request of the city council, to designate an enterprise zone in the City of Brawley that contains the same geographic boundaries as the area's current Manufacturing Enhancement Area (MEA). Also provides that upon designation as an enterprise zone the City of Brawley shall cease to be a MEA.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

AB 251 Parra

Interagency Task Force on Excellence in Economic Development.

This bill requires the Secretary of the Technology, Trade, and Commerce, and the Secretary of Labor to establish an Interagency Task Force on Excellence in Economic Development designed to develop a unified state economic development strategy.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

AB 410 Haynes

California Neighborhood Initiative.

This bill establishes the California Neighborhood Initiative within the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) of the Business, Transportation, and Housing Agency. Additionally this bill requires HCD to:

- a) Designate, and annually recertify, 25 California Renewal Communities from nominations submitted by nonprofit community-based organizations,
- b) Give preference to communities with a demonstrated need for revitalization, and
- c) Link each designated community with available federal funding, public or private resources, and state resources.

Additionally, this bill requires each community to provide quarterly, annual, and biennial reports to HCD.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations committee

AB 411 Haynes

California New Markets Venture Capital Program.

This bill establishes the California New Markets Venture Capital Program, through which the Department of Housing and Community Development would enter into agreements with eligible companies to guarantee those companies' debentures in support of investment in small enterprises located in low or moderate income areas.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

AB 439 Matthews

Enterprise zones: expansion.

This bill increases from 15% to 25% the area by which an enterprise zone meeting specified criteria may be expanded to include definitive boundaries that are contiguous to the enterprise zone.

Status: Held in Assembly Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy Committee

AB 480 Ridley-Thomas

Small business development.

As passed by the Committee, this bill would authorize the University of California in collaboration with the Joint Committee on Preparing California for the 21st Century, to issue to the Governor and the Legislature a report relative to the status of the state's minority, disabled persons', and women-owned or operated businesses and their impact on the state's economy.

Status: This bill was amended to reflect new subject matter. It was held in Senate Revenue and Taxation

AB 516 Matthews

Enterprise zones: designation period.

This bill provides that any enterprise zone located in a rural area, irrespective of designation date, may be granted an extension of five years, if it meets certain criteria.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

AB 531 Kehoe

Community Infrastructure and Economic Development Bond Act of 2004.

This bill authorizes the issuance of \$10 billion in state general obligation bonds to fund loans and grants for local infrastructure and economic development projects.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

AB 592 Ridley-Thomas

Economic development: enterprise zones.

This bill authorizes a city or county to apply to the Technology, Trade, and Commerce Agency for the reconfiguration of up to 10% of the geographic boundary of its enterprise zone.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

AB 708 Correa and Matthews

Enterprise zones.

This bill provides that any enterprise zone, irrespective of designation date, may be granted an extension of five years, provided that it meets certain criteria.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

- AB 716 Chan**
Small business financial development corporations.

This bill eliminates the California Small Business Financial Development Loan Guarantee Account and makes clarifying and technical changes.

Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 178, Statutes of 2003
- AB 922 Maze**
California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank: financing.

This bill requires the Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank to consider various factors in the selection of infrastructure projects to fund.

Status: Vetoed by Governor, 2003
- AB 969 Correa**
California Tourism Expansion Act of 2003: tourism economic development zones.

As passed by the committee, this bill authorized the City of Anaheim and the City of Garden Grove to create a pilot project to be known as the Tourism Development Council.

Status: This bill was amended to reflect new subject matter. Chaptered by the Secretary of State-Chapter 470, Statutes of 2004
- AB 1035 Aghazarian and Cogdill**
Enterprise zones: Stanislaus County.

This bill requires the Technology, Trade, and Commerce Agency to designate as an enterprise zone an area within Stanislaus County that meets certain criteria.

Status: Held in Senate Housing and Community Development
- AB 1123 Parra**
Urban development: California Main Street Program.

This bill transfers control of the California Main Street Program from the Technology, Trade, and Commerce Agency to the Office of Historic Preservation within the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee
- AB 1182 Ridley-Thomas**
Government financing.

This bill creates new financing mechanisms for the California Debt and Investment Advisory Commission and the California Industrial Development Financing Authority Commission.

Status: Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 7, Statutes of 2004

AB 1325 Houston

Small business.

This bill requires each state agency, that is required to designate a small business liaison, to post on its web site the name and telephone number of its small business liaison and the small business advocate. Additionally, the bill would require the small business advocate, in consultation with the Technology, Trade, and Commerce Agency and the California Community Colleges, to administer the program pursuant to a cooperative agreement with the federal Small Business Administration.

Status: Held in Assembly Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy Committee

AB 1532 Nakano

Economic development: technology programs.

This bill transfers responsibility for the California Spaceport Authority, the Challenge Grant Program, and the Technology Planning Program from the State Technology, Trade, and Commerce Agency to the State Business, Transportation, and Housing Agency.

Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 627, Statutes of 2003

AB 1642 Ridley-Thomas and Wesson

Tourism: Los Angeles County Advisory Committee and Marketing Plan

As passed by the committee, this bill authorizes the formation of the Los Angeles County Tourism Advisory Committee and allows for the creation of the Los Angeles County Tourism Marketing District.

Status: This bill was amended to reflect new subject matter. It was held in the Senate Energy, Utilities, and Communications Committee

AB 1843 Maze

Manufacturing Enhancement Areas.

This bill designates the City of Needles as a manufacturing enhancement area upon the request of the city council and by meeting specified criteria.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

AB 1855 Maze

California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank: financing.

This bill requires that the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank (I-Bank) notify specified legislative and municipal entities when changes are made to the criteria for awards under the Infrastructure State Revolving Fund Program. In addition, this bill exempts the I-Bank from state hiring freezes for specified purposes.

Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 189, Statutes of 2004

AB 1856 Maze

Targeted tax areas: expansion.

This bill allows for the expansion of a targeted tax area (TTA) territory by up to 15% upon meeting specified criteria. This bill also adds additional incentives to the TTA program.

Status: AB 1856 was held in the Assembly Committee on Revenue and Taxation, however, the language of AB 1856 was amended into AB 2398 (Maze). AB 2398 was chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 423, Statutes of 2004

AB 2227 Garcia

Manufacturing Enhancement Areas: incentives.

This bill expands incentives in manufacturing enhancement areas.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

AB 2245 Parra

Interagency Task Force on Excellence in Economic Development.

This bill requires the Governor to establish an Interagency Task Force on Excellence in Economic Development to make recommendations that will improve the state's capacity to identify, coordinate, and evaluate the state's immense investments in economic development.

Status: Held in Assembly Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy Committee

AB 2463 Runner

Personal income and corporation taxes: enterprise zone.

This bill would allow a taxpayer with a facility located within an Enterprise Zone (EZ) to utilize tax credits generated within that EZ zone toward liability created within another EZ. Additionally, this bill expands the enterprise zone sales and use tax credit and the enterprise zone "qualified wages" credit.

Status: Held in Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee

AB 2481 Nuñez

California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank: Board of Directors.

This bill makes technical and clarifying changes to the membership of the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank Board of Directors.

Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 48, Statutes of 2004

AB 2564 Oropeza

Small business financial development corporations.

This bill makes various changes to the California Small Business Financial Development Corporation Law relating to the duties of the Business, Transportation, and Housing Agency.

Status: Held in Assembly Committee on Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy

AB 2803 Jerome Horton

Public Utilities Commission: hearings: record on economic impacts.

This bill requires that when the Public Utilities Commission determines that a ratemaking or quasi-legislative case requires a hearing, then the assigned commissioner or the assigned administrative law judge shall designate in the scoping memo the need to perform an economic impact analysis.

Status: Held in Senate Energy, Utilities, and Communications Committee

AB 2926 Nakano

Income and corporation taxes: credit: economic incentive zones.

This bill authorizes a taxpayer claiming specified credits for hiring employees in certain types of economic incentive zones to obtain certification that the employees meet specified eligibility requirements from a targeted tax area coordinator, a local agency military base act coordinator, or an enterprise zone coordinator.

Status: Held in Senate Housing and Community Development Committee

AB 3057 Committee on Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy

Economic Strategy Panel: meetings.

This bill would include new and innovative job training programs, within the matters of concern to be addressed in the Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development's biennial Economic Strategy Panel meetings, that should be implemented to meet the needs of emerging economic sectors.

Status: Held in Assembly Committee on Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy

AB 3059 Committee on Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy

Commission for Economic Development: advisory committees.

This bill requires the Commission for Economic Development to appoint an advisory committee consisting of local community leaders, at their option, for the purpose of carrying out its responsibilities, to serve at no cost to state government.

Status: Held in Assembly Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy Committee.

AB 3060 Committee on Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy

Economic Strategy Panel: meetings.

This bill would include the issue of workforce readiness to fill new jobs in expanding industries, within the matters of concern to be addressed in the Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development's biennial Economic Strategy Panel meetings.

Status: Held in Assembly Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy Committee.

AB 3061 Committee on Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy

Enterprise Zone Act: reports to the Legislature.

Pursuant to the Enterprise Zone Act, the Department of Housing and Community Development is required to submit to the Legislature a report every 5 years that reviews the progress and effectiveness of each enterprise zone. This bill would require the Department of Housing and Community Development to include a review of any efforts made regarding training of unemployed individuals in this report.

Status: Held in Assembly Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy Committee

ACR 254 Firebaugh

Asset acquisition disparity.

This measure seeks to have the Legislature recognize and adopt legislative findings based on California Research Bureau reports that indicate the disparity in wealth and access to education between Latinos and non-Latinos. Additionally, this measure encourages the Latino Legislative Caucus, the Hispanic Republican Caucus, and the Earned Assets Resource Network (EARN) in partnership with the Milken Institute to engage in targeted research to more accurately measure the economic impact of the disparities and report to the Governor and Legislature its findings by January 15, 2005.

Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State - Chapter 199, Statutes of 2004

SB 103 Alpert

Sales and use taxes

This bill requires an out-of-state retailer to collect tax on sales to California customers provided the retailer meets certain characteristics.

Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 655, Statutes of 2003

SB 527 Vasconcellos

Economic development: task force.

This bill requires the Secretary of Labor Workforce Development to convene the California Economic Strategy Panel to provide recommendations regarding an economic development strategic plan. Additionally, the panel would be required to address the development of a system of accountability for use in the annual state budget process and in the legislative process to measure the performance of all state policies, programs, and tax expenditures intended to stimulate the economy. The bill would also require the panel to develop a standard definition of economic development and to conduct specified studies related to the economic development sections of the State Budget. The panel would be required to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Legislature no later than one year after its first meeting after January 1, 2004.

Status: Held in Assembly Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy Committee

SB 926 Knight and Ashburn

Economic development.

As passed the Committee, this bill changes the name of the Office of Military Base Retention and Reuse to the Office of Military Support and provides that the newly name office may solicit and accept private funds. This bill was subsequently amended to change the name of the Office of Military Base Retention and Reuse to the Office of Military and Aerospace Support in the Business, Transportation, and Housing Agency, and additionally to consolidate all military base retention and conversion programs under a single office.

Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State - Chapter 907, Statutes of 2004

SB 973 Machado

Public contracts: state agencies: procedures

As passed by the Committee, this bill requires state agencies to overwrite, or render unrecoverable, any data that is contained on surplus data storage hardware prior to disposing of, auctioning, or transferring the hardware from state possession.

Status: This bill was amended to reflect new subject matter. Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 717, Statutes of 2003

SB 1156 Alarcon

Microenterprise.

This bill states the intent for cities and counties to encourage access to microenterprise development. Additionally, this bill defines a microenterprise as a business of five or fewer employees, including the owner and defines a microenterprise development provider as a nonprofit or public agency that provides self-employment training, technical assistance, and access to microloans to individuals seeking to become self-employed or to expand their current business.

Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 87, Statutes of 2004

SB 1558 McPherson

Small business financial development corporations.

This bill makes various code maintenance changes to the California Small Business Financial Development Corporation Law to reflect certain duties assumed by the Business, Transportation, and Housing Agency as a result of the abolishment of the Technology, Trade, and Commerce Agency in 2003.

Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State - Chapter 143, Statutes of 2004

SB 1823 Hollingsworth

Economic development.

This bill changes all references in the enterprise zone statute from "agency" to "department" and transfers responsibilities regarding the Targeted Tax Area program and the Local Agency Military Base Recovery Act to the Department of Housing and Community Development.

Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 145, Statutes of 2004

Information and Emerging Technologies

AB 415 Strickland

State contracts: information technology.

This bill prohibits the Department of General Services or any other state agency from entering into contracts, or agreeing to contract amendments, using a multiple award, that result, in the aggregate, in the purchase of information technology goods and services that exceeds \$500,000.

Status: Held in Assembly Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy Committee

AB 717 Diaz

Department of Information Technology.

This bill creates a Department of Information Technology to provide, in cooperation with the Department of Finance and the Department of General Services, statewide guidance to state agencies on the use, acquisition, and management of information technology.

Status: Held in Assembly Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy Committee

AB 1791 Chavez

Internet tax.

This bill prohibits cities and counties from imposing or collecting, with specified exceptions, the following:

- a) A tax on Internet access, online computer services, or the use of Internet access or any online computer services,
- b) A bit tax or bandwidth tax, and
- c) Any discriminatory tax on online computer services or Internet access.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

AB 1885 Corbett

Employment: biotechnology employment and development.

This bill makes legislative findings and declarations on biotechnology in the East Bay region and recognizes the creation of the East Bay Biotechnology Center to address the growing workforce needs of the biotechnology industry in the region.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

AB 2738 Nation

Electronic payment system: long-range plan.

This bill creates the E-Commerce Commission, composed of the Controller (who shall act as Chair), the Treasurer, and the Director of Finance. Additionally, this bill requires the commission to develop a long-range plan for state payment systems to move the state from paper-based payments to electronic payments within a specified period of time.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

AB 3058 Committee on Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy

Citizen Complaint Act of 1997: Internet web sites.

This bill would delete the reference to the Department of Information Technology in the Citizen Complaint Act of 1997 and instead refer to the Business, Transportation, and Housing Agency.

Status: Held in Assembly Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy Committee

AJR 86 Lieber

Space exploration.

This measure requests Congress and the President of the United States to enact and fully fund the proposed budget for space exploration, as submitted to the Congress in the federal 2005 fiscal year budget, thus enabling the United States and California to remain leaders in the exploration and development of space.

Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 154, Statutes of 2004

SB 403 Florez

Information technology.

As passed by the Committee, this bill establishes the mission and principles of California's information technology governance structure and provides a framework to promote successful strategic planning, operational implementation, oversight and accountability.

Status: This bill was amended to reflect new subject matter. It was held in the Assembly

International Trade

AB 1178 Wiggins

California Office of Export Development: California Wines to the World Export Program.

This bill requires the California Office of Export Development to coordinate its trade promotional activities with the United States Department of Commerce.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

AB 1183 Ridley-Thomas

California and Mexico Border Economic Infrastructure Financing Authority.

This bill authorizes the Business, Transportation, and Housing Agency to conduct a feasibility study regarding the establishment of the California and Mexico Border Economic Infrastructure Financing Authority within the Office of the Treasurer.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

AB 1613 Committee on Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy

International Trade and Investment Offices: private donations.

This bill allows for unlimited private donations to the Technology, Trade, and Commerce Agency for specified purposes.

Status: Held in Senate Banking, Commerce, and International Trade Committee

AB 1911 Richman and Koretz

International Trade and Investment Office: Israel.

This bill provides that where there is sufficient non-state funding available, an International Trade and Investment Office shall be established in Israel on a contract basis.

Status: Held in Senate Banking, Commerce, and International Trade Committee

AB 2206 Firebaugh

International trade.

This bill establishes, within the Office of the Governor, a reconstituted California State World Trade Commission and would require the Secretary of Business, Transportation, and Housing to convene a separate statewide collaborative public-private trade development alliance.

Status: Held in Senate Banking, Commerce, and International Trade Committee

AB 2411 Yee

International trade and investment.

This bill provides that specific parameters and criteria must be met prior to the establishment of an International Trade and Investment Office.

Status: Held in Senate Banking, Commerce, and International Trade Committee

AB 2524 Yee and Firebaugh

Export development.

This bill re-establishes and renames the California Export Finance Office, the Export Development Office, which provides for loan guarantees to small and medium sized California-based export businesses.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

SB 623 Ducheny and Hollingsworth

International trade.

As passed by the Committee, this bill provides that when there is sufficient state and private funding available, overseas offices of foreign relations shall be established. This bill was subsequently amended to require the Business, Transportation, and Housing Agency to serve as the primary state agency responsible for coordination of activities to expand trade and investment for the state and set forth the duties of the agency in this regard.

Status: Held in the Assembly

SB 1699 Hollingsworth

Secretary of Business, Transportation, and Housing: international trade and investment.

This bill authorizes the Secretary of Business, Transportation, and Housing (BTH) to establish the California Office of International Trade and Investment within BTH. Additionally, this bill provides that specific parameters and criteria must be met prior to the establishment of an International Trade and Investment Office.

Status: Held in Assembly Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy Committee

Workforce Development

AB 671 Corbett and Ridley-Thomas

State workforce infrastructure planning.

This bill requires the Governor to submit annually to the Legislature a proposed five-year workforce infrastructure plan in conjunction with a physical infrastructure plan to cover the infrastructure needs for the provision of public instruction and public libraries.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

SB 817 Ducheny

Employment: Employment Training Panel.

This bill expands the types of projects that are entitled to receive funding priority by the Employment Training Panel within the Employment Development Department to include those projects that promote, through eligible nonprofit organizations, the training of nursing health care professionals who are required to be licensed or certified by the state, including registered nurses, licensed vocational nurses, certified nurse assistants, and licensed psychiatric technicians.

Status: Held in Assembly Labor and Employment Committee

Jobs Related Legislation

The following bills were not referred to the Assembly Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy Committee, however have significant impact on California's economy and workforce development.

AB 669 Cohn

Public contracts: disabled veteran business enterprises.

This bill requires that a small business, microbusiness, and disabled veteran business enterprise must perform a commercially useful function, in relation to specified state contracts, and also imposes certain penalties for misrepresenting the performance of a commercially useful function.

Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 623, Statutes of 2003

AB 723 Matthews

Jobs-housing opportunity zones.

This bill would allow cities and counties to create infrastructure financing districts within “jobs-housing opportunity zones” designated by the Inter-Regional Partnership Pilot Project.

Status: Held in the Senate

AB 804 Firebaugh

International trade: demonstration project.

This bill authorizes the Secretary of Business, Transportation, and Housing to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the United States Commercial Service within the Department of Commerce to implement an international trade promotion demonstration project.

Status: Held in Senate Banking, Commerce, and International Trade Committee

AB 1061 Firebaugh

Unemployment insurance: Employment Training Panel: small businesses.

This bill seeks to enhance small business access to Employment Training Panel programs and resources, and to assist the aerospace and defense supplier industries.

Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 844, Statutes of 2003

AB 1643 Ridley-Thomas

Employment.

This bill promotes small business by requiring the Employment Development Department (EDD) to study the impact of employee misclassification tax audits on microenterprises and directs EDD to provide education and outreach programs related to complicated tax regulations that impact small business and microenterprises.

Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State - Chapter 828, Statutes of 2004

AB 2484 Ridley-Thomas

Income and corporation taxes: sales and use tax: manufacturer credits and exemption.

This bill establishes the jobs manufacturing investment credit. It provides small businesses with a sales and use tax exemption. Additionally, the bill provides taxpayers with a personal income tax and corporation tax credit for investment in manufacturing equipment with a requirement for the taxpayer to maintain or increase its number of manufacturing jobs and for the state to have an aggregate annual increase in manufacturing jobs.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations

AB 2565 Parra

Economic development.

This bill requires an updated strategic plan to minimize California's loss of military bases and jobs in future rounds of Federal Base Realignment Act Closures. This bill is related to SB 926 (Knight).

Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State - Chapter 763, Statutes of 2004

AB 2690 Hancock

Public works: funds.

This bill exempts volunteers, as defined, from provisions in existing law requiring prevailing wage rate for all workers employed on public works projects of more than \$1,000.

Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State - Chapter 330, Statutes of 2004

AB 2805 Ridley-Thomas

Redevelopment plans.

This bill grants authority to the Los Angeles City Council to revise the Hoover Redevelopment Plan in order to facilitate and promote continued redevelopment and economic development in the project area thereby stimulating the local economy and creating jobs.

Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State - Chapter 954, Statutes of 2004

List of Informational Hearings

March 11, 2003	<p>The State of the California Economy: Meeting the Challenges Ahead State Capitol</p> <p>The objective of this informational hearing was to provide the Members of the Committee and the public with valuable information on California's economic well being. Public sector experts, as well as leaders in key state industries and labor presented their perspectives on the current state of the economy.</p>
April 3, 2003	<p>Technology, Trade, and Commerce Agency: Proposed Cuts from Governor's Budget, Joint hearing with the Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration State Capitol</p> <p>This hearing was held in response to the proposed cuts to the Technology, Trade, and Commerce Agency from the Governor's 2003 Budget. Specifically, the participants discussed the impact of these cuts to California's enterprise zones, California's Economic Development Programs, Small Business Development Centers, California Main Street Program, and the California Technology Investment Program.</p>
August 22, 2003	<p>Creating Jobs for Californians: The Pacific Rim Connection Los Angeles</p> <p>The purpose of this informational hearing was to examine the economic relationships California enjoys with Pacific Rim countries and to examine ways in which to expand international trade and economic development activities.</p>
September 19, 2003	<p>Immigrant Workers Freedom Ride Los Angeles</p> <p>This informational hearing addressed the importance of immigrant workers to California and the Los Angeles economy, the struggles of immigrant workers, and suggested reforms that legislators can enact or support.</p>
November 5, 2003	<p>Tax Expenditures - Economic Benefits and Tradeoffs, Joint hearing with the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee State Capitol</p> <p>This hearing was held to examine tax expenditures. Specifically, the participants discussed the definition of tax expenditures, reviewed how many exist, and learned about the history of tax expenditure reporting by state agencies. Additionally, participants discussed how various state agencies calculate the fiscal impact of tax expenditures and offered advice regarding the policy protocols that should be followed and the economic factors that should be considered when proposing and evaluating tax expenditures. Participants also discussed the role that tax expenditure evaluations should play in the state's annual budget process.</p>

November 12, 2003	Environmentally Beneficial Growth Trends in California's Economy, Joint hearing with the Assembly Natural Resources Committee
	<p data-bbox="435 176 1537 231">Camarillo</p> <p data-bbox="435 231 1537 619">This informational hearing was held in response to the state's changing economy from decreasing dependence on industries of the "old economy" such as timber, mining, and manufacturing to growing sectors in the "new economy" of service and technology-based industries. Additionally, the participants addressed cleaner and more efficient business and industry practices as a response to regulatory requirements or in recognition of the savings possible from generating less waste and using resources more efficiently. The participants also discussed the effect of these changes on business profits and the state's current and projected employment patterns.</p>
February 27, 2004	Small Businesses: Obstacles to Job Creation
	<p data-bbox="435 695 1537 749">Los Angeles</p> <p data-bbox="435 749 1537 919">This hearing focused on the challenges California small business owners face, not only high workers' compensation costs and providing employees with health insurance, but also statutory and regulatory constraints that are impediments to the growth of small businesses.</p>
March 12, 2004	Bridging the Gap: Establishing a Framework for Economic Progress in Los Angeles County, Joint hearing with the Assembly Select Committee on Adult Education
	<p data-bbox="435 1037 1537 1092">Los Angeles</p> <p data-bbox="435 1092 1537 1325">This hearing was held to explore important issues related to the economic vitality of Los Angeles County. Specifically, the participants examined important demographic and economic trends of the region, assessed the widening income and educational disparities, and discussed existing projects and partnerships that are addressing these issues.</p>
September 24, 2004	Meeting the Challenges of a New Economy in Los Angeles County, Joint Hearing with the Assembly Select Committee on Adult Education
	<p data-bbox="435 1409 1537 1463">Los Angeles</p> <p data-bbox="435 1463 1537 1929">This hearing was held in an effort to find creative solutions to the economic and social challenges facing Los Angeles County, including the growing poverty rates and disparities in income and education levels, by leveraging existing resources and mobilizing efforts to achieve economic progress for all. The hearing was held with two objectives in mind. First, the participants examined job patterns and projections in Los Angeles County, especially in industries that lead to a sustainable skill set and education required by workers to compete in today's knowledge-based and technology-dependent economy. Secondly, the participants examined the state's workforce development programs and discussed ways to develop a workforce development infrastructure that streamlines services, leverages all resources, and is relevant to the needs of jobs seekers and employers.</p>