

2011 Health in All Policies Legislation

What is health in all policies?

Physical and social environments have a direct impact on our health. Building and sustaining healthy communities requires diverse sectors working together. Health in All Policies (HiAP) is a proactive approach that incorporates health and safety considerations into public policy and decision making. Through collaborative health in all policies action, the state can make more efficient use of resources, reduce chronic disease rates and future treatment costs while supporting healthy places to live, work, learn, and play.

The Health in All Policies Task Force

Under the auspices of the Strategic Growth Council, the Health in All Policies Task Force is comprised of representatives from 19 state agencies who are charged with the task of “identifying priority programs, policies, and strategies to improve the health of Californians.” In December, the Task Force released a set of recommendations that provides a framework for working within and across disciplines to dramatically improve health in the state. To download the recommendations go to: www.sgc.ca.gov/workgroups/hiap.html.

What is being done to implement health in all policies?

In addition to the Task Force continuing their work, there are a number of bills that have been introduced this year to advance health in all policies. This list was compiled based on a quick scan of current legislation to identify bills that direct relationship with recommendations in the HiAP Task Force report. **This list does not represent endorsement or support from any entity but is offered as evidence of the impact and breadth of HiAP work.** For more information about the bills, please contact the sponsoring organization.

Bill No.	Title/Description	Sponsor
AB 6 (Perez)	CalFresh Act of 2011: seeks to increase access to and participation in CalFresh by removing barriers and simplifying the application process, while simultaneously implementing cost savings efforts.	California Food Policy Advocates
AB 234 (Weickowski)	Healthy Food Options: Would ensure that all Californians have access to fresh produce and healthy food options.	Spot bill
AB 400 (Ma)	Paid Sick Days: Would guarantee all California workers the right to earn and use paid sick days for personal illness.	Labor Project for Working Families
AB 441 (Monning)	Building Healthy Communities: Includes health and equity criteria in the guidelines the state uses when advising local governments on land use and transportation planning and development.	California Pan-Ethnic Health Network

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AB 516 (V.M. Perez)	Safe Routes to Schools: Requires the state to consider as part of its criteria for awarding local grants to construction of bicycle and pedestrian safety and traffic calming projects as part of its “Safe Routes to Schools” initiative, the degree to of specific public participation and the benefit to disadvantaged communities.	PolicyLink, Transform, California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation
AB 581 (Perez)	Healthy Food Financing Initiative: Establishes the Healthy Food Financing Initiative Fund for the purpose of expanding access to healthy foods in underserved communities.	PolicyLink
AB 669 (Monning)	Soda Tax: Would place a 1-cent tax on sweetened beverages per fluid ounce as well as on distributors. Money raised would go towards childhood obesity prevention.	California Center for Public Health Advocacy
AB 727 (Mitchell)	Healthy Food Procurement: Requires that food purchased for consumption or sale on state property (e.g. vending machines, institutions, cafeterias, and concessioner contracts) meet minimum nutritional standards.	California Pan-Ethnic Health Network
AB 909 (Alejo)	Sustainable Food	Spot bill
AB 1100 (Hernandez)	Retail Food Facilities, Toys and Incentives to Kids: Would set healthier standards for children’s meals that are accompanied by toys and other incentive items.	Spot bill
AB 1176 (Williams)	Farmworker Health: Improves data collection on pesticide overexposure.	Pesticide Action Network , California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation
SB 244 (Wolk)	Colonias Planning: Requires cities or counties when reviewing and updating their general plans to address the presence of unincorporated communities and to update the program of action relating to these communities.	California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation, PolicyLink
SB 394 (DeSaulnier)	Healthy Schools Act of 2011: Would prohibit use of a pesticide on a school site if that pesticide contains an ingredient known to the state to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity, or any one of the specified cholinesterase-inhibiting pesticides.	Californians for Pesticide Reform
SB 575 (DeSaulnier)	Closing the Loopholes in the State’s Smokefree Workplace Law: Eliminate loopholes in the state’s smokefree workplace law to better protect employees and business patrons from secondhand smoke, as well as aid in the enforcement of the law.	American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, American Lung Association