

American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network

Legislative Scorecard 2017



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The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) and its volunteers worked tirelessly and passionately in 2017 to advocate for policies that benefit cancer patients, survivors, their families and anyone who may be touched by cancer in the future. Of the 22 pieces of legislation supported by the nonpartisan, nonprofit advocacy affiliate of the American Cancer Society in 2017, 11 were signed into law.

With a mission to end suffering and death from cancer, ACS CAN and its volunteer legislative advocates take to the halls of the California State Capitol every year to convince legislators to make the fight against cancer a top priority. ACS CAN amplifies the voices of cancer fighters. In 2017 that meant continuing to call for protecting access to adequate and affordable health care, which to cancer patients can mean the difference between life or death.

While Congress considered changes to the health care law that would limit enrollment in the Covered California health insurance exchange, ACS CAN

worked with state policymakers to maintain the vitality of what has become a national model for health care marketplaces. Other cancer-related legislation ACS CAN supported during the 2017 legislative session included state funding for research, reducing tobacco use and exposure, improving access to palliative care, promoting healthy eating and active living and decreasing exposure to carcinogens in vulnerable communities.

ACS CAN is proud to present its *Legislative Scorecard 2017* as a summary of the policies important to cancer prevention, detection and treatment – highlighting the role each legislator played during the year.

Winning the fight against cancer means battling on many fronts and with many voices. Celebrate with ACS CAN and its volunteers as you read about the many health wins in 2017, and then please join us as we continue to give ordinary people extraordinary power to change the fate of cancer by making their voices heard. Go to acscan.org to learn more.

Please note: The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network does not endorse or oppose candidates for elected office or political parties. This record of votes is strictly nonpartisan and is not meant to convey support or opposition to any legislator. Because legislators often cast hundreds of votes in a year, there are inherent limitations in attempting to evaluate a legislator solely on the basis of a few selected votes. Other important work includes unrecorded matters, such as performance on committees and constituent services.

Scorecard Methodology

What information does ACS CAN use to accredit votes?

The vote information used to create this scorecard was taken from the public vote record, which can be found at <https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>, the official site for California legislative information.

Which votes were counted?

Only the final floor vote is counted for each chamber of the legislature because this represents the action taken by each legislator on the final version of the bill.

Why are previous floor votes and committee votes not counted?

Focusing on the final floor vote provides a better representation of ACS CAN's policy priorities. As a bill moves through committees and between the chambers of the legislature, it is often amended. The final floor vote reflects the legislator's position on the final version of the bill.

How are votes represented in the scorecard?

The votes are scored by indicating either a check (✓) for a vote in accordance with the ACS CAN position, X (✖) for a vote against the ACS CAN position, NV (nv) for no vote due to absence or desire to abstain, or NA (na), which indicates the legislator was not in office at the time of the vote or the vote did not make it to the floor for a final vote.

How are Governor Jerry Brown's actions represented in the scorecard?

Actions the governor took in accordance with the ACS CAN position are marked with a check (✓). Actions that went against the ACS CAN position are marked with an X (✖).

How should an NV be interpreted?

NV (nv) counts as a negative vote for a legislator when the desired outcome is passing the legislation and as a positive vote for a legislator when the desired outcome is blocking the legislation. No accommodation was made for excused absences.



The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network Legislative Scorecard 2017 is dedicated to longtime volunteer legislative ambassador Laura Tyrrell. The Granite Bay mother of three passed away from her 17-year battle with cancer just weeks after she received the Capitol Dome Award in 2017. Laura was presented the highly coveted award by American Cancer Society Executive Vice President David Veneziano (right) and ACS CAN Managing Director Jim Knox at the 2017 Cancer Awareness Day at the Capitol.

2017 Scorecard Legislation

ACCESS TO CARE

AB 182 (Waldron)

Would have required the Department of Health Care Services to develop, coordinate, implement and oversee a comprehensive multicultural public awareness campaign to disseminate public information about the effects and warning signs of heroin and opioid medication abuse. ACS CAN supported AB 182 because it would have developed a multipronged approach to battle opioid and heroin addiction in California without jeopardizing cancer patients' needed access to pain medication.

ACS CAN Position: SUPPORT

Outcome: Held in Senate Appropriations

AB 715 (Wood)

Would have created a stakeholder workgroup within the Department of Public Health to review existing prescription guidelines and develop a recommended statewide guideline to create best practices for opioid prescriptions. ACS CAN supported AB 715 because it would have included experienced stakeholders to develop recommended statewide opioid prescribing guidelines for California to avoid abuses without jeopardizing cancer patients' needed access to pain medication.

ACS CAN Position: SUPPORT

Outcome: Vetoed

AB 1107 (Nazarian)

Would have set minimal standards and simple disclosure requirements for health plans and insurers that choose to develop and implement oncology clinical care pathways. ACS CAN supported AB 1107 because it would have created transparency for health plan-created oncology clinical trials.

ACS CAN Position: SUPPORT

Outcome: Held in Assembly Appropriations

SB 172 (Portantino)

Would have required health plans and insurers to cover fertility preservation for patients who undergo medical treatments that may directly or indirectly cause infertility as a result of the treatment. ACS CAN supported SB 172 because it would have provided fertility preservation coverage for patients undergoing cancer treatments known to compromise fertility.

ACS CAN Position: SUPPORT

Outcome: Held in Senate Appropriations

SB 223 (Atkins)

Aligns California law with recent Department of Health and Human Services updated regulations, which strengthen and prohibit discrimination based on race, ethnicity, national origin, sex, age or disability for health programs. Existing California law establishes robust nondiscrimination protections and standards for language access in health care but is not aligned with the new federal rules. ACS CAN supported this bill because it aligns California laws with the new federal rule, ensuring all patients have equal access to quality, affordable health care.

ACS CAN Position: SUPPORT

Outcome: Signed

SB 641 (Lara)

Would prohibit the release of data obtained from the state's prescription drug monitoring database program to a law enforcement agency except pursuant to a valid court order. ACS CAN supports SB 641 because it would protect patient privacy.

ACS CAN Position: SUPPORT

Outcome: In Assembly Public Safety Committee

BREAST CANCER

AB 1386 (Waldron)

Requires the Department of Public Health to establish a pilot program to promote and encourage screening for breast cancer susceptibility gene mutations that may lead to various forms of cancer, including breast and ovarian, through a public awareness campaign. ACS CAN supported AB 1386 because it will increase genetic counseling and screening rates in order to better inform individuals treatment decisions.

ACS CAN Position: SUPPORT

Outcome: Signed

CANCER RESEARCH

SB 440 (Hertzberg/Baker)

Extends the voluntary state tax check-off programs that fund the state's cancer research and breast cancer research programs. Set to expire in 2018, these programs will now continue until 2025. ACS CAN sponsored SB 440 because it will continue to generate nearly \$1 million annually for cancer research.

ACS CAN Position: SUPPORT

Outcome: Signed

CERVICAL CANCER

ACR 11 (Baker)

This resolution declared January 2017 Cervical Cancer Awareness Month. ACS CAN supported ACR 11 to help raise awareness about cervical cancer and encourage women to get tested.

ACS CAN Position: SUPPORT

Outcome: Signed

COLORECTAL CANCER

ACR 36 (Levine)

This resolution declared March 2017 Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. ACS CAN supported ACR 36 to help raise awareness about colorectal cancer and remove barriers to screening.

ACS CAN Position: SUPPORT

Outcome: Signed

ENVIRONMENT

AB 179 (Cervantes)

Requires the California Transportation Commission to create an Environmental Justice Advisory Committee to advise the Commission in its transportation policy decisions to ensure communities disproportionately burdened by high levels of pollution and other environmental justice issues are represented. ACS CAN supported AB 179 because it could help reduce exposure to airborne carcinogens in communities that are burdened with higher levels of pollution.

ACS CAN Position: SUPPORT

Outcome: Signed

AB 739 (Chau)

Requires at least 15-percent of specified heavy-duty vehicles purchased by state agencies to be zero-emission by 2025 and at least 30 percent by 2030. ACS CAN supported AB 739 because it will reduce cancer-causing emissions.

ACS CAN Position: SUPPORT

Outcome: Signed

AB 1132 (C. Garcia)

Authorizes air pollution control officials to issue an interim order for abatement, pending a hearing by the air district hearing board, for violations that present an imminent and substantial endangerment to the public health or welfare, or the environment. ACS CAN supported AB 1132 because it will provide an important level of community protection against toxic releases of pollution from nearby pollution sources.

ACS CAN Position: SUPPORT

Outcome: Signed

AB 1575 (Kalra)

Would have required a manufacturer of a professional cosmetic sold or manufactured in this state to declare the ingredients and provide a statement regarding specified hazardous chemicals on the container label. Would have required a manufacturer with a website to state the manufacturer's address on the container label and state the ingredients on its website. ACS CAN supported AB 1575 because it would have provided salon owners and workers the information about chemicals contained in the products they work with and assist them in making informed choices.

ACS CAN Position: SUPPORT

Outcome: Held in Senate Appropriations

SB 258 (Lara)

Requires a manufacturer of a cleaning product that is manufactured or sold in the state to disclose on the product label any ingredients or contaminants of concern and any health impacts related to the cleaning product. ACS CAN supported SB 258 because it will allow consumers to make informed decisions about their health when carcinogens are present in cleaning products.

ACS CAN Position: SUPPORT

Outcome: Signed

SB 563 (Lara)

Establishes the Woodsmoke Reduction Program to promote the voluntary replacement of old wood-burning stoves with cleaner, more efficient alternatives to achieve climate and localized air quality benefits. ACS CAN supported SB 563 because it will help reduce exposure to airborne carcinogens associated with wood-burning stoves.

ACS CAN Position: SUPPORT

Outcome: Signed

HEALTHY EATING & ACTIVE LIVING**AB 1003 (Bloom)**

Would impose a tax on sugar-sweetened beverages to establish the California Community Health Fund. The Fund would use money to reduce diabetes, obesity, heart disease and dental disease. ACS CAN supports SB 1003 because it would reduce cancers associated with obesity through the reduction of sugar consumption and provide funding for programs to help prevent obesity.

ACS CAN Position: SUPPORT

Outcome: In Assembly Health Committee

SB 300 (Monning)

Would require all sugar-sweetened beverages in a can or bottle to display a health warning label on the container. ACS CAN supports this bill because it could reduce cancer caused by obesity by educating consumers about the harmful effects of consuming sugar-sweetened beverages.

ACS CAN Position: SUPPORT

Outcome: In Senate Health Committee

SB 55 (Jackson)

Would have eliminated the sunset and make permanent the Distinguished After School Health Recognition Program. This program was designed to recognize after school programs that educate staff on healthy eating and physical activity, and provide healthy food and drinks alongside physical activities to children attending after school programs. ACS CAN supported SB 55 because it would have continued programs to enhance access to the nutrition and physical activity that children need to maintain healthy lives and reduce cancer risk.

ACS CAN Position: SUPPORT

Outcome: Held in Assembly Appropriations

PALLIATIVE CARE**SB 294 (Hernandez)**

Updates the hospice agency licensing law to clarify the ability of hospice providers to provide palliative care services to patients who are not yet eligible for hospice or choose not to get hospice care. ACS CAN supported this bill because it will ensure patients receive the care they need.

ACS CAN Position: SUPPORT

Outcome: Signed

TOBACCO**AB 62 (Wood)**

Would require all public housing agencies to implement a policy prohibiting the smoking of tobacco products in all public housing living units, interior areas and outdoor areas within 25 feet of public housing and administrative buildings, except in designated smoking areas. These changes would mirror existing federal regulations in public housing. ACS CAN supports AB 62 because it would protect people from the harms associated with secondhand smoke.

ACS CAN Position: SUPPORT

Outcome: In Senate Transportation and Housing Committee

AB 709 (McCarty)

Would have prohibited retailers from accepting coupons or otherwise reducing the price of cigarettes or another tobacco product for a consumer below the listed price. ACS CAN supported AB 709 because it would have prevented tobacco companies and retailers from keeping tobacco prices artificially low.

ACS CAN Position: SUPPORT

Outcome: Failed Passage in Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee

AB 725 (Levine)

Would have placed restrictions on smoking or disposing of tobacco products in state parks and beaches. ACS CAN was unable to support this bill because of a loophole that could have made its application weaker than existing laws pertaining to local parks and beaches.

ACS CAN Position: SUPPORT IF AMENDED

Outcome: Vetoed

SB 386 (Glazer)

Would have placed restrictions on smoking in state parks and beaches. ACS CAN was unable to support this bill because of a loophole that could have made its application weaker than existing laws pertaining to local parks and beaches.

ACS CAN Position: SUPPORT IF AMENDED

Outcome: Vetoed

Please note: Some bills are considered "two-year" bills because they have been held by authors or committees and are not moving forward during the first half of the two-year session. Although eligible for consideration in 2018, some two-year bills will move, some will not and still others may be re-introduced as new bills or incorporated into existing bills. While the accompanying Scorecard only charts bills that received at least one floor vote, it includes descriptions of all of the bills for which ACS CAN took a position.

State Assembly Scorecard

First Name	Last	Party	District	City	AB 62	AB 179	AB 182	AB 709	AB 715	AB 739	AB 1132
Dante	Acosta	R	38	Santa Clarita	x	x	✓	x	✓	x	✓
Cecilia	Aguiar-Curry	D	4	Winters	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Travis	Allen	R	72	Huntington Beach	x	x	✓	x	✓	x	nv
Joaquin	Arambula	D	31	Fresno	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Catharine	Baker	R	16	Dublin	✓	x	✓	x	✓	✓	✓
Marc	Berman	D	24	Palo Alto	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Frank	Bigelow	R	5	O'Neals	x	x	✓	x	✓	x	✓
Richard	Bloom	D	50	Santa Monica	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Raul	Bocanegra	D	39	San Fernando	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rob	Bonta	D	18	Alameda	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
William	Brough	R	73	Dana Point	x	x	✓	x	✓	x	✓
Autumn	Burke	D	62	Inglewood	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Anna	Caballero	D	30	Salinas	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	✓
Ian	Calderon	D	57	Whittier	nv	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	nv
Sabrina	Cervantes	D	60	Riverside	nv	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	✓
Ed	Chau	D	49	Arcadia	nv	✓	✓	nv	✓	✓	✓
Rocky	Chávez	R	76	Oceanside	x	x	✓	x	✓	x	✓
Phillip	Chen	R	55	Diamond Bar	nv	x	✓	x	✓	x	✓
David	Chiu	D	17	San Francisco	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	nv
Steven	Choi	R	68	Irvine	nv	x	nv	nv	✓	x	✓
Kansen	Chu	D	25	San Jose	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ken	Cooley	D	8	Rancho Cordova	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	✓
Jim	Cooper	D	9	Elk Grove	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	nv	✓
Jordan	Cunningham	R	35	Templeton	x	x	✓	x	✓	x	✓
Matthew	Dababneh	D	45	Encino	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Brian	Dahle	R	1	Bieber	x	x	✓	x	✓	x	nv
Tom	Daly	D	69	Anaheim	✓	nv	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Susan Talamantes	Eggman	D	13	Stockton	nv	✓	nv	nv	✓	✓	✓
Heath	Flora	R	12	Ripon	nv	x	✓	nv	✓	x	nv
Vince	Fong	R	34	Bakersfield	x	x	✓	x	✓	x	✓
Jim	Frazier	D	11	Discovery Bay	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	nv
Laura	Friedman	D	43	Glendale	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
James	Gallagher	R	3	Yuba City	x	x	✓	x	✓	x	✓
Cristina	Garcia	D	58	Bell Gardens	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eduardo	Garcia	D	56	Coachella	✓	nv	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mike	Gipson	D	64	Carson	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Todd	Gloria	D	78	San Diego	nv	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Jimmy	Gomez	D	51	Los Angeles	✓	na	✓	✓	na	na	na
Lorena	Gonzalez Fletcher	D	80	San Diego	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Adam	Gray	D	21	Merced	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	nv

✓ = vote in accordance with ACS CAN position x = vote against ACS CAN position nv = no vote na = not in office

									Percentage of Support for ACS CAN Positions	
AB 1386	AB 1575	ACR 11	ACR 36	SB 223	SB 258	SB 294	SB 440	SB 563		
✓	✓	✓	✓	x	nv	✓	✓	✓	62%	
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	nv	✓	nv	✓	87%	
✓	x	nv	✓	x	✓	✓	nv	✓	36%	
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	94%	
✓	x	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	75%	
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	
✓	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	✓	✓	56%	
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	
✓	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	✓	x	50%	
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✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	94%	
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✓	x	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	62%	
✓	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	69%	
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	94%	
✓	nv	✓	✓	x	nv	✓	✓	nv	44%	
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	
✓	nv	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	nv	75%	
✓	nv	✓	✓	✓	nv	✓	✓	✓	81%	
✓	x	nv	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	56%	
✓	✓	nv	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	94%	
✓	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	✓	nv	44%	
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✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	81%	
✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	✓	nv	50%	
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✓	nv	✓	✓	✓	nv	✓	✓	nv	75%	
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	
✓	nv	✓	✓	x	x	✓	✓	✓	56%	
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	
✓	✓	nv	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	87%	
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	nv	✓	✓	✓	94%	
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na	✓	✓	✓	na	na	na	na	na	100%	
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	
✓	x	✓	✓	✓	nv	✓	✓	✓	75%	

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