

CAPITOL UPDATE

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Dear Members,

This week in the California State Legislature, the **Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 5** held a hearing where [the CCWC supported SIBTF trailer bill](#) by the Governor and the CCWC opposed **AB 1576 (Ortega)** were both discussed.

For more than an hour, members of the committee deliberated over the Governor's SIBTF trailer bill. The committee questioned the **Department of Industrial Relations (DIR)**, the **Department of Finance**, and the **Legislative Analyst's office** on the merits of the proposal. **Assemblymember Ortega**, author of AB 1576, the competing piece of legislation to the Governor's proposal, was the main antagonist during the discussion. Assemblymember Ortega focused mainly on process, implying that the SIBTF legislative fix should move through the normal policy process and not as a budget trailer bill. She also focused on the issue of retroactivity as the proposal would apply to SIBTF cases that are not yet finalized. As a reminder, CCWC sent a [formal opposition letter](#) to Asm. Ortega's legislation.

Those in support of our CCWC efforts had a good showing during public comment in the hearing. Representatives from our organization, **California Chamber of Commerce, Public Risk, Innovations, and Solutions, Schools Insurance Authority, American Property Casualty Insurance Association, California Manufacturers & Technology Association, California Association of Joint Powers Authorities, California Special Districts Association, California State Association of Counties, California Grocers Association, California Trucking Association, and California Attractions and Parks Association** were all present.

The committee took no action on the SIBTF trailer bill - a decision will be made on this item later this year. The state budget must be signed into law by July 1st, however, it is possible that associated trailer bills may not get passed until the final month of the Legislative session in August. Should you have missed it, you can watch a video of the hearing [below](#) - the SIBTF portion begins at 31:50.



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