2017

LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD

FOR ALL

EQUALITY CALIFORNIA

A message from Executive Director **Rick Zbur**

Dear friends,

Simply put, 2017 has been a dreadful period for the LGBTQ community. From the Trump Administration's reversal of federal guidance that protects LGBTQ students, to its planned purge of transgender service members, to continued attempts in state legislatures across the country to pass laws discriminating against us, it is clear that our community is under attack.

But if you need an antidote to what seems like an unending stream of bad news from across the country, look at the document in front of you. Equality California's 2017 Scorecard shows just how different things are here at home. In California, together with our legislative partners and members of the LGBT Caucus, Equality California this year successfully sponsored and passed eight pieces of legislation to protect LGBTQ youth and seniors, to end the unfair criminalization of people living with HIV, to establish a straightforward process so that intersex, transgender and nonbinary people can get state-issued identification documents that accurately reflect their gender identity, and more.

We aren't allowing the threats posed by the Trump Administration to go unanswered. This year, we opened an office in Washington, DC, and, for the first time ever, we are including federal bills in our scorecard to hold members of California's congressional delegation accountable for their votes. And in September, we filed suit in federal court to block the Trump Administration's unconstitutional purge of transgender servicemembers and those who intended to serve our country.

We are coupling our D.C. advocacy with on the ground organizing here at home. There are 23 congressional districts across the country that voted for Hillary Clinton but are represented by Republicans. And seven of those are right here in California, clustered in the Central Valley, Northern Los Angeles County, Orange County and San Diego. We know that if we are going to defeat Trump's anti-LGBTQ and anti-immigrant agenda, we need to convince Republicans in these purple districts to break with the forces in Washington that seek to undo progress on LGBTQ rights.

With your help and with the help of pro-equality legislators and government officials, we are working to make California a shining example—a beacon of hope for the rest of the country—demonstrating that embracing the values of acceptance, inclusion, respect, and love improves the lives of everyone.

Rick Zbur
Executive Director
Equality California

Priority Equality Scored Legislation

The LGBTQ community faces significant challenges in Washington and across the country with attempts to roll back LGBTQ civil rights, as well as programs that LGBTQ people depend on for their health and well-being. We shaped our package of sponsored legislation this year knowing that California must not only hold the line, but continue to make progress in our goal of achieving full equality and social justice for LGBTQ people. LGBTQ people are part of all marginalized communities and social justice for LGBTQ people is connected with broader social justice for all vulnerable communities, which also informs our work. That's why we cosponsor legislation with other organizations, especially ones that do not focus primarily on the LGBTQ community. Our sponsored legislation this year took on a wide range of issues that advanced the health and well-being of LGBTQ people and marginalized communities that LGBTQ people are a part of.

SPONSORED BILLS

> California made remarkable strides toward justice and equality in 2017, and I am proud to have played a role. Signed by Governor Brown in the fall, my bills SB 179 and SB 310 will give transgender, nonbinary, and intersex Californians the chance to be officially recognized for who they truly are. I couldn't have passed these measures without Equality California's hard work and tireless advocacy."
>
> **Senator Toni Atkins** (D-San Diego)

Modernizing Discriminatory HIV Criminalization Laws

SB 239 by Senator Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco)
and Assemblymember Todd Gloria (D-San Diego)

In the 1980s and '90s, at the height of panic and hysteria about the HIV epidemic, the California legislature passed a number of laws that targeted people living with HIV with harsher penalties than those concerning other serious communicable diseases. These laws were largely based on irrational fears about people living with HIV, the limited understanding of the best way to protect public health, very few effective prevention options , and the perception at that time of HIV as an incurable and inevitably fatal disease. While medical science in the ensuing years greatly improved methods of HIV detection, prevention, and treatment, California's laws remained mired in the 1980s. Together with our partners in Californians for HIV Criminalization Reform (CHCR), Equality California scored a major victory in 2017 with the passage of SB 239, which modernizes and reforms California's HIV laws. The bill reduces stigma around HIV and protects public health by ensuring that California criminal law approaches HIV in the same way as all other serious communicable diseases. Public health experts and advocates supported the bill because laws that criminalize HIV discourage people from getting tested and from seeking treatment, which impedes public health objectives at eliminating transmission of HIV. Equality California cosponsored SB 239 along with the ACLU of California, APLA Health, Black AIDS Institute, Lambda Legal and Positive Women's Network – USA.

Gender Recognition Act of 2017

SB 179 by Senator Toni Atkins (D-San Diego)
and Senator Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco)

This act enables transgender, intersex and nonbinary people to obtain state-issued identity documents that accurately reflect their gender identity, making California the first state to not require people to officially identify as either "female" or "male." The law creates a third, nonbinary gender marker on California birth certificates, drivers' licenses, identity cards and gender-change court orders, in addition to streamlining the processes for a person to change their gender marker and name on these identifying documents. The Gender Recognition Act of 2017 was cosponsored by Equality California and Transgender Law Center.

SPONSORED BILLS

Tiered System for California Sex Offender Registry

SB 384 by Senators Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco) **and Joel Anderson** (R-Alpine)

SB 384 replaces California's existing universal lifetime registration requirement for sex offenses with a tiered system based on the seriousness of the crime, the risk of reoffending, and criminal history. There are over 100,000 registrants in California, far more than any other state, and California is one of only four states with a universal lifetime registry. Equality California cosponsored this bill to address the unfair circumstance of LGBTQ people who were targeted and often entrapped on charges that required registration as a sex offender when their actual actions hurt no one, including for simply engaging in same-sex contact when that action was criminalized in the past. Many LGBTQ people who are currently required to register as sex offenders were arrested under historical "lewd conduct" charges, when the conduct often consisted of nothing other than a same-sex kiss in a public setting. These members of the LGBTQ community were required to register as sex offenders for life even though their convictions are now decades old and the law and its enforcement have changed, and the basis for many of these arrests was due to anti-LGBTQ discrimination and police entrapment. This bill creates a process to relieve these people of the requirement to register along with others in similar circumstances and put a new, efficient, risk-based system in place. Equality California was a cosponsor of this bill along with the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office, the California Sex Offender Management Board (CASOMB) and the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CALCASA).

Seniors Long Term Care Bill of Rights

SB 219 by Senator Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco)

SB 219 strengthens protections for LGBTQ seniors living in long-term care facilities against discrimination, such as refusing to use a resident's preferred name or pronoun, denying admission to a long-term care facility, transferring a resident within a facility or to another facility based on anti-LGBTQ attitudes of other residents, or evicting or involuntarily discharging a resident from a facility on the basis of their actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression or HIV status. Sponsored by Equality California.

> Equality California is an incredible champion for our community, and I'm proud to have fought alongside EQCA this past year on behalf of LGBT Californians. Together we made landmark advancements in 2017 to protect LGBT seniors living in long-term care facilities, modernize discriminatory HIV criminalization laws, create a third gender marker for non-binary and transgender people, and reform our broken sex offender registry that unfairly punishes gay men who were arrested decades ago simply for having sex. I'm proud to count EQCA as a key legislative partner—the organization is invaluable in moving difficult legislation forward—and I look forward to our work together going forward."
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> **Senator Scott Wiener** (D-San Francisco)

SPONSORED BILLS

Name and Dignity Act:

SB 310 by Senator Toni Atkins (D-San Diego)

This act helps to ensure that transgender people will be legally recognized for who they are while incarcerated and increases the likelihood of their successful reentry into society upon release from custody. The current laborious process that an incarcerated transgender person must complete before petitioning the court to change their legal name or gender marker often results in improper denials or no resolution to requests. SB 310 establishes the right of transgender people incarcerated in state prisons or county jails to petition the court directly to change their legal name or gender marker. This law requires corrections officials to use the new name of a person who obtains a name change, and to list the prior name only as an alias. Equality California was a cosponsor of SB 310 along with St. James Infirmary, the Transgender Gender-Variant Intersex Justice Project, Transgender Law Center, the Western Regional Advocacy Project, the Women's Foundation of California and the Women's Policy Institute.

Reducing LGBTQ Disparities in Education and Employment:

AB 677 by Assemblymember David Chiu (D-San Francisco)

AB 677 directs seven agencies focusing on education and employment to collect data on sexual orientation and gender identity whenever additional demographic data is collected. Collecting this data helps to reduce disparities, ensure that educational programs are responsive to the needs of LGBTQ youth, and improve access to employment for LGBTQ workers. Sponsored by Equality California.

> "Equality California is a critical partner in our work to advance civil rights for the LGBT community. This past year, as states across the country introduced bills to scale back LGBT protections, California passed landmark legislation to respect people's gender identity, reduce LGBT disparities in education, housing and employment, and fight back against Trump's agenda of hate. The fight for equality is far from over. The California Legislative LGBT Caucus is grateful to have such a tenacious advocate on our side."
>
> **Assemblymember Evan Low** (D-Campbell)
> Chair of the California Legislative LGBT Caucus

Fair Employment and Housing Act Clarification:

AB 1556 by Assemblymember Mark Stone (D-Monterey Bay)

This law clarifies the Fair Employment and Housing Act, removing gendered terms such as "female," "she," and "her" from statutory provisions for pregnancy-related employment protections and replaces them with gender-neutral terms such as "person" or "employee." These changes ensure that transgender, nonbinary, and gender non-conforming people are reflected in these protections and know that they can rely on them to meet their health needs if they become pregnant or have related medical conditions during the course of their employment. Sponsored by Equality California.

Anti-LGBTQ Actions in the Chechen Republic:

AJR 16 by Assemblymembers Evan Low (D-Campbell) **and Jordan Cunningham** (R-San Luis Obispo)

This resolution urges the President and the Congress of the United States to condemn the government-sanctioned persecution, torture, and murder of gay men in the Chechen Republic, and join in solidarity with all LGBTQ Russians in their fight for their lives, dignity, and respect. Sponsored by Equality California.

Transgender Service Members

AJR 22 by Assemblymember Evan Low (D-Campbell)

This resolution calls upon the Governor of California to direct the Armed Forces of the state to take no action that discriminates against transgender service members on the basis of their gender identity or expression, unless superseded by federal law. AJR 22 also urges the United States Secretary of Defense James Mattis to allow transgender service members who are otherwise able to serve to remain in the United States Armed Forces and recommends to President Trump that transgender individuals who are otherwise able to serve be permitted to join the Armed Forces. Sponsored by Equality California.

SPONSORED BILLS

Assembly Appropriations Committee Kills Hate Crimes Bills

LGBTQ people, immigrants, people of color, Muslims, the Jewish community, women, people with disabilities, and other marginalized communities face rising rates of hate crimes and bias-motivated violence here in California and across the United States. Addressing hate-motivated violence and the bias underlying it is one of EQCA's ongoing priorities. In 2017, we sponsored two bills and supported two others that would have taken important steps forward in this issue area. Unfortunately, efforts to address increasing hate crimes in California was a blemish on the Assembly's LGBTQ record this year, as all four bills were held up in the Assembly Appropriations Committee early in the process. We sponsored AB 800 by Assemblymember David Chiu and AB 1161 by Assemblymember Phil Ting (D-San Francisco) because we viewed the reforms they would have enacted as particularly important. Those bills, respectively, would have established a statewide hotline where people could safely report hate crimes and would have given local law enforcement additional tools and information to investigate hate crimes and prevent them before they occurred.

Because neither of these two bills nor the two others that focused on hate crimes survived the Assembly Appropriations Committee this year, California did not enact any legislation to address the increase in hate crimes and hate violence that marginalized communities face. But we at EQCA and our allies are undaunted. After these bills were held fairly early in the year, we collaborated with ally organizations that represent other targeted communities on a different strategy: requesting that the Joint Legislative Audit Committee approve a statewide audit of California's existing laws against hate crimes and how they are being enforced.

At a hearing in August, the Joint Legislative Audit Committee approved the request primarily authored by Assemblymember Kansen Chu (D-San Jose) along with organizational requestors Equality California, the Anti-Defamation League, The Arc & United Cerebral Palsy California Collaboration, California Association of Human Relations Organizations (CAHRO), California Council of Churches IMPACT, Council on American Islamic Relations-California (CAIR-CA), California/Hawaii State Conference of the NAACP, and Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF). The audit will include a comprehensive survey of California state and local law enforcement agencies, including peace officers serving educational institutions and special districts such as transit districts, and state and local prosecution agencies. The Bureau of State Audits currently estimates that they can complete the audit by the summer of 2018.

Supported Bills

This year, our Equality Scored California legislation also includes bills we supported and advocated for because all of the pieces of legislation focused specifically on the LGBTQ community.

Transgender Work Opportunity Act

SB 396 by Senator Ricardo Lara (D-Bell Gardens)

This act requires employers with 50 or more employees to provide anti-harassment training and education based on gender identity, gender expression and sexual orientation to all supervisory employees. It also requires employers to post a Department of Fair Employment and Housing poster with information on the rights of transgender people in their workplaces. Further, it identifies transgender and gender non-conforming people as one of the categories of individuals who face significant barriers to employment, which prioritizes these individuals for workforce development programs.

Service Record Privacy

AB 331 by Assemblymembers Susan Eggman (D-Stockton) **and Todd Gloria** (D-San Diego)

AB 331 requires county recorders to record the active duty discharge papers of veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces in a non-public index, allowing transgender veterans to protect their privacy. It also allows veterans to request that papers currently on file with county recorders be moved to the non-public index.

> As Vice-Chair of the nation's largest LGBT Legislative Caucus, I have been honored to have Equality California as a key partner in our fight to empower our community and achieve a state of equity, justice, and equality in California and beyond. We had great legislative successes in 2017, and I look forward to building on that momentum to ensure that our most marginalized LGBT communities, especially our transgender sisters and brothers of color, are empowered with the tools and resources they need to thrive."
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> **Senator Ricardo Lara** (D-Bell Gardens)
> Vice-Chair of the California Legislative LGBT Caucus

Bills supported but not scored

In addition to our scored legislation in 2017, we also supported a number of pieces of legislation and have selected some to feature in this scorecard. While our Equality Scored legislation is focused on the LGBTQ community, these pieces of legislation had significant impacts on LGBTQ people, connected to our intersectional priorities, contributed to our goal of resisting the rollback of civil rights protections coming out of Washington, DC, or a combination of those factors. We selected these pieces of legislation to feature because they provide an overall picture of the breadth of issues we engage on in Sacramento.

BILLS SUPPORTED BUT NOT SCORED

California Values Act

SB 54 by Senate President Pro Tempore Kevin de León (D-Los Angeles)

SB 54 protects the safety and well-being of all Californians by ensuring that state and local resources are not used to fuel mass deportations, separate families, or divide Californians on the basis of race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, immigration status, or national or ethnic origins.

California Religious Freedom Act

SB 31 by Senator Ricardo Lara (D-Bell Gardens)

This act protects the safe and free exercise of religion by all Californians by ensuring that state and local agencies and personnel do not participate in, or use agency resources to create, a registry, list, or database of individuals based on religious beliefs, practices, or affiliations, national origin, or ethnicity. SB 31 also prohibits state and local law enforcement from collecting information about an individual's religious beliefs or affiliations except under specific circumstances. Like the Muslim community, LGBTQ people have been and continue to be targets of discrimination and unconstitutional government action. It is important for the LGBTQ community to stand by the Muslim community in defending itself against religious or ethnic discrimination for many reasons, including that the LGBTQ community has Muslim members, and vice versa.

Dignity Not Detention

SB 29 by Senator Ricardo Lara (D-Bell Gardens)

SB 29 improves conditions in immigrant detention facilities by prohibiting local governments from contracting with private companies to detain immigrants for profit in California. LGBTQ immigrants face multiple forms of discrimination, and transgender and gender non-conforming immigrants in particular are mistreated horribly in many private detention facilities. If the only facilities available are public, there are at least basic protections in place to keep LGBTQ immigrants, and all immigrants, safe.

Drug Price Transparency

SB 17 by Senator Ed Hernandez (D-West Covina)

People living with and at risk for HIV rely on effective antiretroviral medications to maintain optimal health and prevent transmission of the virus, but the high cost of these drugs often results in barriers that impede patient access. This act requires health plans and insurers to report specific information related to prescription drug pricing to the Department of Managed Health Care and California Department of Insurance, requires those departments to compile information into a consumer-friendly report that demonstrates the overall impact of drug costs on health care premiums, and requires drug manufacturers to notify state purchasers and other purchasers if they are increasing the wholesale acquisition cost of a prescription drug by specified amounts.

Medi-Cal Mental Health Performance Dashboard

AB 470 by Assemblymember Joaquin Arambula (D-Fresno)

This law codifies a performance outcomes dashboard, to contain both statewide and county specific measures of mental health disparities, timely access to services, quality, and utilization. The law provides for stakeholder engagement to design metrics for the dashboard, and develop recommendations based on the findings with the goal of addressing the causes of mental health disparities and barriers to access for historically underserved communities, which includes members of the LGBTQ community.

Community College Student Equity Plans

AB 1018 by Eloise Gómez Reyes (D-San Bernardino)

AB 1018 added both homeless students and LGBT students to the categories that each community college district is required to address in their student equity plan. The law also allows community college districts to authorize new in-need student populations to include in their student equity plans.

Anti-Semitism and Other Bias, Prejudice, and Discrimination

SR 58 by Senator Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco)

This resolution responds to the increase in incidents of anti-Semitism and other forms of bias, prejudice, and discrimination and reaffirms the commitment of the State Senate to California's role as an open and inclusive state that actively opposes all forms of prejudice, bias, or discrimination.

EQCA Defeats Anti-LGBTQ Legislation

Although the bulk of our legislative and policy work inside California is focused on furthering our state's role as a leader in establishing full equality for LGBTQ people and civil rights for all vulnerable communities, we continue to face efforts to rollback protections for the LGBTQ community that come from within our state as well. This year, Assemblymember Matthew Harper (R-Huntington Beach) introduced two bills that specifically targeted one of our legislative priorities from 2016, AB 1887 by Assemblymember Evan Low, which prevented state-funded or sponsored travel to states that pass new laws that actively discriminate against LGBTQ people. AB 517 and AB 518 would have undermined this law and chipped away at the important impact it has in consistently aligning California's financial power with policies in other states that reflect California's values of inclusion and support for everyone, including LGBTQ people and their families. Along with the LGBT Legislative Caucus, our allies in the legislature, and organizational partners, we were able to prevent these ill-conceived bills from ever coming up for a vote in 2017.

Along with our allies, we also defeated two additional bills that threatened LGBTQ Californians and other marginalized communities, AB 353 by Assemblymember Randy Voepel (R-Santee) and AB 2 by Assemblymember Jay Obernolte (R-Big Bear Lake). AB 353 would have permitted employers to engage in otherwise unlawful employment discrimination in order to grant preferential treatment to veterans. Although this bill seemed to stem from the laudable intention to help veterans secure stable employment, it created an exemption from claims of discrimination based on gender identity and sexual orientation, which could be used to get around California's existing civil rights laws and favor candidates for employment who do not identify as LGBTQ over job applicants who do. AB 353 was voted down in the Senate Judiciary Committee, chaired by Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson (D-Santa Barbara).

AB 2 would have undermined California's laws against hate crimes by including duplicative protections for peace officers in the same context as the protections for marginalized communities that have faced discrimination over the course of history. Although it is important to acknowledge and respond to recent violent attacks against law enforcement officers, this bill created protections that were unnecessary given California's existing laws that assign special penalties for crimes against peace officers. This bill also eroded the existing protections for marginalized communities based on actual or perceived characteristics that are inherent core aspects of identity by adding a different kind of identifier to the existing law. A person's career can be very important to them, but it still is not comparable to their race, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, or other core aspects of their identity that might put them at risk of being targeted for a hate crime. AB 2 was voted down in its first policy committee, the Assembly Public Safety Committee, chaired by Assemblymember Reginald B. Jones-Sawyer, Sr. (D-Los Angeles).

Thank you to the LGBT Caucus!

This year marks the fifteenth anniversary of the California Legislative LGBT Caucus and it is bigger, stronger and more diverse than ever. Its eight members, four senators and four assemblymembers, represent a range of ages and districts across California. Four members are women and four are men, and five are LGBTQ people of color. Assemblymember Evan Low serves as the chair, and Senator Ricardo Lara serves as the vice-chair.

Under the leadership of Assemblymember Low as Chair and Senator Lara as Vice-Chair, the LGBT Caucus launched and advanced a number of new initiatives, including a political action committee and a foundation to enhance their capacity to engage in support of LGBT issues and candidates in many different contexts. The Caucus also fostered the formation of an LGBT Capitol Staff Association where LGBTQ staff can learn more about the issues their communities face, support each other in their work, and collaborate with other staff associations.

This LGBT Legislative Caucus represents the diversity of the LGBTQ community in California better than ever before, demonstrating the community's breadth and strength and showing that there are LGBTQ leaders who can represent all of us in the state Capitol. We are proud to work with these Caucus members and their capable staffers to ensure that LGBTQ voices are heard loud and clear in Sacramento.

OUR STATE SCORECARD

Scoring Trends

Overall, the 2017 Equality Scores for the two houses of the California Legislature remained substantially similar to the scores over the past few years. In the State Senate, the average score decreased very slightly from 79 percent in 2016 to 77 percent in 2017, which is attributable to a slightly larger decrease in Equality Scores among Senate Republicans from an average of 38 percent in 2016 to 31 percent this year. The score for Senate Democrats, however, bounced back from 98 percent in 2016 due to holding legislators accountable for their votes on priority bills to a perfect 100 percent Equality Score. In the Assembly, the average score decreased by less than a full point, from 78 percent in 2016 to 77 percent in 2017. The average score for Assembly Republicans decreased from 39 percent in 2016 to 32 percent this year, despite bipartisan support on many of our legislative priorities, while the average score among Assembly Democrats held steady compared to last year at 98 percent. Although Republican scores in both houses decreased this year and remain at failing levels, Assemblymember Brian Maienschein earned a 100 percent Equality Score, the only Republican to do so in 2017.

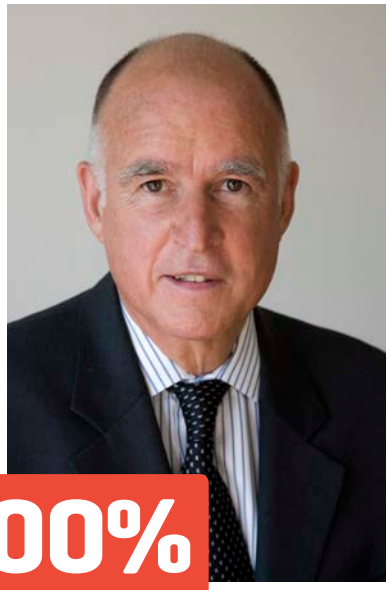
Methodology

In the scorecard that follows, the analysis of votes is based on the final floor votes cast on the measures. "Yes" votes on sponsored and supported legislation are represented by "+" and "no" votes are represented by "-." Legislators who are present but not voting are denoted by an "A" for "abstaining," which is scored as equivalent to a "no" vote on sponsored or supported legislation. Passage of legislation requires a "yes" vote by the majority of all legislators. Therefore, not voting has the same effect as a "no" vote. Legislators who were officially absent for a vote did not have that vote factored into the rating and are denoted on the scorecard with an "E" for "excused." Missed votes on scored legislation were excused if the legislator was a co-author, voted to support the legislation at a previous floor vote or in committee, or was absent from the floor on official business. The overall score reflects officials' votes on Equality Scored legislation (highlighted in **RED**). Highlighted in **YELLOW** were EQCA priority bills NOT factored into this year's scoring. The votes in **YELLOW** are included for informational purposes only. Members of the LGBT Caucus are denoted with an "*" and authors of scored legislation are denoted with a "+" next to their names.

Governor Scorecard:

Thank you to Governor Brown!

With his signature of all seven Equality California-sponsored bills crossing his desk in the 2017 legislative session, Gov. Jerry Brown cemented his legacy as the most LGBTQ-supportive governor in California history. The Governor has signed a total of 45 Equality California-sponsored bills since he took office in 2011, and in 2017 earned a 100 percent Equality Score for a fourth year in a row. As in previous years, we thank Governor Brown and his staff for their leadership both in advancing pro-equality legislation and their strong support for civil rights and social justice for the LGBTQ community and people living with HIV.



100%
Equality Score
for fourth year in a row

Governor	Party	District	SB 239	SB 219	SB 179	SB 310	AB 677	AB 1556	AJR 16	AJR 22	SB 396	AB 331	Total Score
Brown, Jerry	D	CA	+	+	+	+	+	+	n/a	n/a	+	+	100%

SB 384	SB 54	SB 31	SB 29	SB 17	AB 470	AB 1018	SR 58
+	+	+	+	+	+	+	n/a

Yes/Support = + | No/Oppose = - | Abstained = A | Excused = E

2017 STATE SCORECARD: SENATE

Yes/Support = + | No/Oppose = - | Abstained = A | Excused = E

Legislator	Party	District	SB 239	SB 219	SB 179	SB 310	AB 677	AB 1556	AJR 16	AJR 22	SB 396	AB 331	Total Score
Allen, Ben	D	26	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Anderson, Joel+	R	38	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	30%
Atkins, Toni*+	D	39	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Bates, Patricia	R	36	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	A	A	+	30%
Beall, Jim	D	15	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Berryhill, Tom	R	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	A	A	+	20%
Bradford, Steven	D	35	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Cannella, Anthony	R	12	A	A	A	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	60%
De León, Kevin	D	24	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Dodd, Bill	D	3	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Fuller, Jean	R	16	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	A	-	+	30%
Gaines, Ted	R	1	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	A	+	30%
Galgiani, Cathleen*	D	5	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Glazer, Steve	D	7	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Hernandez, Ed	D	22	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Hertzberg, Robert	D	18	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Hill, Jerry	D	13	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Hueso, Ben	D	40	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Jackson, Hannah-Beth	D	19	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Lara, Ricardo*+	D	33	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Leyva, Connie	D	20	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	+	+	100%
McGuire, Mike	D	2	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Mendoza, Tony	D	32	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Mitchell, Holly	D	30	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Monning, William	D	17	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Moorlach, John	R	37	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	A	-	+	30%
Morrell, Mike	R	23	-	-	-	-	-	A	+	-	-	+	20%
Newman, Josh	D	29	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90%
Nguyen, Janet	R	34	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	A	A	+	30%
Nielsen, Jim	R	4	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	A	-	+	30%
Pan, Richard	D	6	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Portantino, Anthony	D	25	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Roth, Richard	D	31	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Skinner, Nancy	D	9	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Stern, Henry	D	27	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Stone, Jeff	R	28	-	-	-	-	-	A	+	A	-	+	20%
Vidak, James	R	14	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	A	-	+	30%
Wieckowski, Bob	D	10	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Wiener, Scott*+	D	11	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Wilk, Scott	R	21	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	A	-	+	40%

2017 STATE SCORECARD: SENATE

Yes/Support = + | No/Oppose = - | Abstained = A | Excused = E

Legislator	SB 384	SB 54	SB 31	SB 29	SB 17	AB 470	AB 1018	SR 58
Allen, Ben	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Anderson, Joel+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+
Atkins, Toni*+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Bates, Patricia	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+
Beall, Jim	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Berryhill, Tom	A	A	A	-	-	+	+	+
Bradford, Steven	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Cannella, Anthony	A	-	+	-	+	+	+	+
De León, Kevin	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Dodd, Bill	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Fuller, Jean	A	-	+	-	+	+	A	+
Gaines, Ted	A	A	A	-	-	+	A	+
Galgiani, Cathleen*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Glazer, Steve	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Hernandez, Ed	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Hertzberg, Robert	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Hill, Jerry	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Hueso, Ben	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Jackson, Hannah-Beth	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Lara, Ricardo*+	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Leyva, Connie	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
McGuire, Mike	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Mendoza, Tony	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Mitchell, Holly	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Monning, William	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Moorlach, John	+	-	A	-	+	+	+	+
Morrell, Mike	A	-	A	-	-	A	A	+
Newman, Josh	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Nguyen, Janet	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+
Nielsen, Jim	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+
Pan, Richard	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Portantino, Anthony	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Roth, Richard	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Skinner, Nancy	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Stern, Henry	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Stone, Jeff	-	-	+	-	-	+	A	+
Vidak, James	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+
Wieckowski, Bob	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Wiener, Scott*+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Wilk, Scott	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+

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Aguiar-Curry, Cecilia	D	4	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Allen, Travis	R	72	-	-	-	A	-	A	A	A	A	A	0%
Arambula, Joaquin	D	31	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Baker, Catherine	R	16	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	90%
Berman, Marc	D	24	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Bigelow, Frank	R	5	-	-	-	-	-	A	+	A	-	A	10%
Bloom, Richard	D	50	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Bocanegra, Raul	D	39	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Bonta, Rob	D	18	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Brough, William	R	73	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	A	-	-	10%
Burke, Autumn	D	62	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Caballero, Anna	D	30	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Calderon, Ian	D	57	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Cervantes, Sabrina*	D	60	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Chau, Edwin	D	49	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Chavez, Rocky	R	76	A	-	+	A	+	+	+	+	A	+	60%
Chen, Phillip	R	55	A	+	-	-	A	A	+	+	A	A	30%
Chiu, David+	D	17	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Choi, Steven	R	68	-	-	-	-	A	A	+	A	-	A	10%
Chu, Kansen	D	25	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Cooley, Ken	D	8	+	A	+	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	90%
Cooper, Jim	D	9	+	+	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Cunningham, Jordan+	R	35	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	50%
Dababneh, Matthew	D	45	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90%
Dahle, Brian	R	1	-	-	-	-	-	A	+	A	-	A	10%
Daly, Tom	D	69	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Eggman, Susan*+	D	13	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Flora, Heath	R	12	A	A	-	-	A	+	+	+	-	+	40%
Fong, Vincent	R	34	-	-	-	-	A	-	+	A	-	A	10%
Frazier, Jim	D	11	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Friedman, Laura	D	43	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Gallagher, James	R	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	A	-	-	10%
Garcia, Cristina	D	58	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Garcia, Eduardo	D	56	+	+	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	+	100%
Gipson, Mike	D	64	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Gloria, Todd*+	D	78	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Gonzalez, Lorena	D	80	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Gray, Adam	D	21	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90%
Grayson, Tim	D	14	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90%

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Arambula, Joaquin	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	n/a
Baker, Catharine	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	n/a
Berman, Marc	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	n/a
Bigelow, Frank	-	-	+	-	-	+	A	n/a
Bloom, Richard	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	n/a
Bocanegra, Raul	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	n/a
Bonta, Rob	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	n/a
Brough, William	-	-	A	A	A	+	+	n/a
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Chen, Phillip	+	-	+	-	+	+	A	n/a
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Cooper, Jim	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	n/a
Cunningham, Jordan+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	n/a
Dababneh, Matthew	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	n/a
Dahle, Brian	-	-	+	-	+	A	A	n/a
Daly, Tom	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	n/a
Eggman, Susan*+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	n/a
Flora, Heath	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	n/a
Fong, Vincent	-	-	+	-	-	+	A	n/a
Frazier, Jim	A	-	+	-	+	+	+	n/a
Friedman, Laura	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	n/a
Gallagher, James	-	-	+	-	+	+	A	n/a
Garcia, Cristina	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	n/a
Garcia, Eduardo	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	n/a
Gipson, Mike	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	n/a
Gloria, Todd*+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	n/a
Gonzalez, Lorena	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	n/a
Gray, Adam	A	-	+	+	+	+	+	n/a
Grayson, Tim	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	n/a

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Holden, Chris	D	41	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Irwin, Jacqui	D	44	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Jones-Sawyer, Reginald	D	59	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Kalra, Ash	D	27	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Kiley, Kevin	R	6	-	-	-	-	A	A	+	A	-	A	10%
Lackey, Tom	R	36	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	A	+	+	60%
Levine, Marc	D	10	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90%
Limón, Monique	D	37	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Low, Evan*+	D	28	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Maienschein, Brian	R	77	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Mathis, Devon	R	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	A	-	+	20%
Mayes, Chad	R	42	A	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	80%
McCarty, Kevin	D	7	+	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Medina, Jose	D	61	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Melendez, Melissa	R	67	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	10%
Mullin, Kevin	D	22	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Muratsuchi, Al	D	66	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Nazarian, Adrin	D	46	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	90%
Obernolte, Jay	R	33	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	A	-	+	30%
O'Donnell, Patrick	D	70	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Patterson, James	R	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	A	-	A	10%
Quirk, Bill	D	20	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Quirk-Silva, Sharon	D	65	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Rendon, Anthony	D	63	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Reyes, Eloise	D	47	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Ridley-Thomas, Sebastian	D	54	+	+	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	+	100%
Rodriguez, Freddie	D	52	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Rubio, Blanca	D	48	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Salas, Rudy	D	32	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	80%
Santiago, Miguel	D	53	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Steinorth, Marc	R	40	-	A	-	-	A	+	+	A	-	+	30%
Stone, Mark+	D	29	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Thurmond, Tony	D	15	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Ting, Philip	D	19	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Voepel, Randy	R	71	A	-	-	-	+	+	+	A	A	+	40%
Waldron, Marie	R	75	-	-	-	-	+	A	+	A	A	+	30%
Weber, Shirley	D	79	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Wood, Jim	D	2	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%

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Holden, Chris	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	n/a
Irwin, Jacqui	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	n/a
Jones-Sawyer, Reginald	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	n/a
Kalra, Ash	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	n/a
Kiley, Kevin	-	-	+	-	-	+	A	n/a
Lackey, Tom	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	n/a
Levine, Marc	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	n/a
Limón, Monique	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	n/a
Low, Evan*+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	n/a
Maienschein, Brian	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	n/a
Mathis, Devon	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	n/a
Mayes, Chad	-	-	+	-	A	+	+	n/a
McCarty, Kevin	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	n/a
Medina, Jose	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	n/a
Melendez, Melissa	-	-	+	-	+	+	A	n/a
Mullin, Kevin	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	n/a
Muratsuchi, Al	A	A	+	+	+	+	+	n/a
Nazarian, Adrin	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	n/a
Obernolte, Jay	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	n/a
O'Donnell, Patrick	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	n/a
Patterson, James	-	-	+	-	+	+	A	n/a
Quirk, Bill	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	n/a
Quirk-Silva, Sharon	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	n/a
Rendon, Anthony	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	n/a
Reyes, Eloise	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	n/a
Ridley-Thomas, Sebastian	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	n/a
Rodriguez, Freddie	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	n/a
Rubio, Blanca	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	n/a
Salas, Rudy	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	n/a
Santiago, Miguel	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	n/a
Steinorth, Marc	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	n/a
Stone, Mark+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	n/a
Thurmond, Tony	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	n/a
Ting, Philip	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	n/a
Voepel, Randy	-	-	+	-	A	A	+	n/a
Waldron, Marie	A	-	+	-	+	+	+	n/a
Weber, Shirley	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	n/a
Wood, Jim	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	n/a

Washington, DC Advocacy

EQCA's new office in Washington, DC opened on January 3 at a full-on sprint. First on our Federal agenda was responding to the slate of Trump Cabinet nominees who were generally virulently more anti-LGBTQ and far less qualified than expected.

In just the first few weeks we weighed in on six key Cabinet nominees whose portfolios would directly impact LGBTQ Californians: Jeff Sessions for Department of Justice (DOJ), Betsy DeVos for Department of Education, Tom Price for Health and Human Services (HHS), Ben Carson for Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Rex Tillerson for Department of State and USAID, and James Mattis for Department of Defense. We sent letters to every U.S. Senator calling on them to ask pointed LGBTQ questions of each nominee not only in the public confirmation hearings but also in private meetings leading up to the hearings with a goal of securing commitments from the nominees that they would protect civil rights.

WASHINGTON, DC ADVOCACY

The positions Equality California took during the early days of the Trump Administration shaped our Federal work plan, and we knew that we needed to work in coalition to protect the gains the LGBTQ community made during the Obama era. Within one week of opening the office, we began reaching out to allied partners, including the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), Lambda Legal, the National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR), the National Center for Transgender Equality (NCTE), the National LGBTQ Task Force, OutServe/SLDN, and others. Beyond these national LGBTQ organizations, our DC office also forged working relationships with other progressive groups, including the ACLU, the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, Planned Parenthood, NAACP, Asian Americans Advancing Justice, Fwd. US, the Immigrant Legal Resource Center, and AARP.

Given that the House and Senate are controlled by anti-equality Republicans, much of Equality California's Federal legislative work is defensive – fighting repeated attacks on LGBTQ, especially transgender people, Obamacare, legal immigration and undocumented people, and sanctuary cities, and fighting expanded religious exemptions that would allow discrimination against LGBTQ people as well as drastic cuts to social welfare programs that LGBTQ people rely on.

Lobbying alone and working in coalition, Equality California took on a wide range of fights in the first year of the Trump Administration including: the first and second Muslim bans; withdrawal of Department of Education guidance on transgender students and campus sexual assault; efforts by HUD to drop LGBTQ questions on intake forms for youth homeless shelters; five rounds of efforts by the Trump Administration and Congress to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act; numerous attempts to defund Planned Parenthood altogether or to stop Medicaid reimbursements; Trump's Executive Order to block transgender people from serving in the military and enlisting; efforts by the Census Bureau to substantially cut funding for Census 2020 outreach and to drop LGBTQ-specific questions from data collection surveys; rolling back Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA); and DOJ guidance that gut LGBTQ and other civil rights protections.

On a positive Federal note, Equality California has worked to offset HHS efforts to slash funding to advertise the ACA's Open Enrollment period by undertaking a targeted campaign to inform LGBTQ Californians about how to apply for insurance or shift healthcare plans. We have been successful, at least so far, in fighting for full HIV funding, as well as for funding for sex and STI education and teen pregnancy prevention. We pushed UN Ambassador Nikki Haley and State Department Secretary Tillerson to condemn attacks on gay and bisexual men in Chechnya.

Beyond issues related to the executive and legislative branches, Equality California's Washington, DC office also has been engaged on several key judicial matters. We strongly opposed the nominations of Neil Gorsuch to the US Supreme Court and Eric Dreiband as Assistant Attorney General. And, as President Trump began a campaign to pack Federal courts with far-right nominees in earnest, we have opposed a number of appallingly anti-LGBTQ judicial candidates, including Steven Grasz, Jeff Mateer, and Gregory Katsas. With 50 additional nominations in the pipeline, Equality California will continue to fight virulently anti-LGBTQ judicial candidates.

Finally, our Washington, DC office urged the California Congressional delegation to join Congressional amicus briefs in two landmark Supreme Court cases – *the Gloucester County School Board vs. G.G.* (whether a transgender Virginia high school student could use restroom facilities that correspond to his gender identity) and the *Masterpiece Cakeshop vs. Colorado Civil Rights Commission* (whether a Christian baker could refuse to make a wedding cake for a same-sex couple).

Scored Federal Legislation

Because of the current composition of Congress, pro-LGBTQ legislation does not make it to the floor of either chamber. The 2017 EQCA scorecard therefore only includes two actual House votes, both of which were harmful to the LGBTQ community: repeal of the Affordable Care Act (HR 1628, the deceptively named "American Health Care Act" and its counterpart in the Senate, the "Healthcare Freedom Act"), and an amendment to the annual Department of Defense spending bill sponsored by Rep. Hartzler (R-MO) that would have prohibited the military from paying for medical treatment for transgender service members.

Our 2017 scorecard also includes two proposals that are so significant for the LGBTQ community that we assign co-sponsorship equal merit to an actual vote: the Equality Act (H.R. 2282 and S. 1006), and the bipartisan DREAM Act (H.R. 3440 and S. 1615), which we anticipate will be included in a year-end omnibus spending bill.

In the Senate, our scored votes include two key nominations because of their profound impact on civil rights. The first on February 8, was the nomination of Jeff Sessions to U.S. Attorney General and the second was for Neil Gorsuch to the U.S. Supreme Court on April 7.

SCORED FEDERAL LEGISLATION

American Health Care Act (H.R. 1628)

Sponsored by Rep. Diane Black (R-TN), this bill would have repealed key elements of the Affordable Care Act, a program that has provided affordable, robust healthcare coverage for millions of LGBTQ Californians, and made it possible for many to receive healthcare insurance for the first time. The AHCA would also have stripped Federal funding for Planned Parenthood, a vital program that provides healthcare services for millions of LGBTQ people across the country. The AHCA narrowly passed the House (217-213) on May 4, 2017 but failed in the US Senate. Every California Republican voted in favor of the AHCA, while every California Democrat voted against.

Senate Republicans made three separate attempts to repeal the ACA in one week in July. We scored the final attempt, officially named the 'Healthcare Freedom Act' but more commonly called the 'skinny repeal.' It failed by a vote of 49-51, with every Senate Democrat voting against.

Hartzler Amendment 369 to the annual National Defense Authorization Act

Sponsored by Rep. Vicky Hartzler (R-Mo), this virulently anti-trans amendment would have prohibited military funds being used for transgender servicemembers needing medical treatment (except mental health) related to gender transition, including hormone therapy. The amendment failed (209-214) on July 13, 2017. Nine yes votes were cast by California Republicans, while four (Reps. Denham, Knight, Issa and Cook) voted against. Every California Democrat who was present that day also voted against the Hartzler Amendment.

H.R. 2282 and S.1006 – Equality Act

Sponsored by Rep. David Cicilline (D-RI) in the House and Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR) in the Senate, this proposal would amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to include sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity among the prohibited categories of discrimination or segregation in places of public accommodation, as well as public schools, any programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance, employers with 15+ employees and government employees. To date, 39 California Democrats are cosponsors of the Equality Act; no California Republican has signed on.

H.R. 3440 and S. 1615 – Dream Act

Sponsored by Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA) in the House and Senators Dick Durbin (D-IL) and Lindsey Graham (R-SC) in the Senate, this bipartisan proposal would give immigrants who were brought to the United States before their 18th birthday and before Dec 31, 2016, an opportunity to apply for permanent legal status if they meet certain requirements. Equality California estimates 250,000 LGBTQ undocumented people live in California alone, and California is the state the largest percentage of Dreamers call home. The Dream Act is cosponsored by 39 Democrats and two California Republicans (Reps. Denham and Valadao) in the House. Both Senators Feinstein and Harris are cosponsors of the Dream Act.

Non-Scored Federal Legislation

EQCA's Washington, DC office works hard to support pro-LGBTQ legislation introduced by Members of the California Congressional delegation.

Realistically, none of these proposals will advance in the current Congress. But supporting Members who introduce pro-LGBTQ legislation by urging co-sponsorship is important because once Democrats have recaptured the majority, ideas for pro-equality legislation will have already been explored and Members will have already expressed their commitment.

Important "aspirational" proposals sponsored by California Members are therefore non-scored in 2017, but may well be scored in the future -- the 'Therapeutic Fraud Prevention' Act, the 'REPEAL HIV Discrimination' Act, the 'Safe Schools Improvement' Act, as well as three others: the 'Do No Harm' Act, the 'End Racial Profiling' Act, and the 'Every Child Deserves a Family' Act.

NON-SCORED FEDERAL LEGISLATION

H.R. 2119 and S. 928 – Therapeutic Fraud Prevention Act

Sponsored by Rep. Ted Lieu (D-CA) in the House and Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA) in the Senate, this proposal would direct the Federal Trade Commission to treat the advertising of conversion therapy as a fraudulent medical practice.

H.R. 1739 – REPEAL HIV Discrimination Act

Sponsored by Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA), this proposal would repeal existing policies that encourage and allow legal HIV discrimination and directs the Departments of Justice, Health and Human Services and Defense to initiate a national review of federal (including military) and state laws, policies, regulations, and judicial precedents and decisions regarding criminal and related civil commitment cases involving people living with HIV.

H.R. 1957 – Safe Schools Improvement Act

Sponsored by Rep. Linda Sanchez (D-CA), this proposal would combat anti-LGBTQ harassment and bullying bill in elementary and middle schools.

H.R. 3222 – Do No Harm Act

Sponsored by Rep. Joseph Kennedy III (D-MA) and Rep. Robert "Bobby" Scott (D-VA), this proposal would clarify that the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993's original intent was to protect religious exercise but could not be used to violate civil rights by using the justification of religious exemptions.

H.R. 1498 and S. 411 – End Racial Profiling Act

Sponsored by Rep. John Conyers (D-MI) in the House and Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD) in the Senate, this proposal seeks to eliminate discriminatory profiling by law enforcement on the basis of race, sexual orientation or gender identity.

H.R. 2640 and S. 1303 - Every Child Deserves a Family Act

Sponsored by John Lewis (D-GA) in the House and Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand in the Senate, the proposal would prohibit any entity that receives federal child welfare funds from discriminating against prospective adoptive or foster parents on the basis of their sexual orientation, gender identification, or marital status, or on the basis of the sexual orientation or gender identity of the child involved.

OUR FEDERAL SCORECARD

Methodology

In the scorecard that follows, the analysis of votes is based on the final floor votes, as well as co-sponsorship on legislation that is so significant to the LGBTQ community that we have assigned it equal weight to a vote. Anti-equality votes (ACA repeal and the Hartzler amendment) are represented by "-." Sponsorship of pro-equality Federal legislation in the House and Senate (the Equality Act and the Dream Act) are represented by "+." In the Senate, votes against the nominations of Jeff Sessions to Attorney General and Neil Gorsuch to the US Supreme Court are also included in our scoring. Legislators who were officially absent for a vote did not have that vote factored into the rating and are denoted on the scorecard with an "E" for "excused." The overall score reflects officials' votes on Equality California scored legislation (highlighted in **DARK BLUE**). Scores relating to co-sponsoring federal bills were determined based on the information we had as of December 1, 2017.

Highlighted in **YELLOW** is co-sponsorship of EQCA priority legislation NOT factored into this year's scoring. The votes for non-scored legislation are included for informational purposes only. Though NOT factored into this year's scoring, they will be included in the future. These priority bills include the Therapeutic Fraud Prevention Act, the REPEAL HIV Discrimination Act, the Safe School Improvement Act, the Do No Harm Act, the End Racial Profiling Act, and the Every Child Deserves a Family Act. Openly LGBTQ Members are denoted with an "*" and authors of non-scored but significant pro-LGBTQ legislative proposals are denoted with a "+" next to their names.

Senator Scorecard:

Thank you to Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris!

100%
Equality Score

Senator	Party	Senate-ACA Repeal	S 1006	S 1615	Sessions	Gorsuch	S. 4111	S. 1303	Totals
Feinstein, Dianne	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Harris, Kamala	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%

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2017 FEDERAL SCORECARD: U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Member	Party	District	HR 1628	Hartzler-369	HR 2282	HR 3440	Totals	HR 2119	HR 1739	HR 1957	HR 3222	HR 1498	HR 2640
Aguilar, Pete	D	31	+	+	+	+	100%	+	-	-	+	-	-
Barragan, Nanette	D	44	+	+	+	+	100%	-	-	-	-	+	-
Bass, Karen	D	37	+	+	+	+	100%	-	-	-	-	+	-
Bera, Ami	D	7	+	+	+	+	100%	-	-	-	+	-	-
Brownley, Julia	D	26	+	+	+	+	100%	+	+	+	+	-	-
Calvert, Ken	R	42	-	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carbajal, Salud	D	24	+	+	+	+	100%	+	-	-	+	-	+
Cárdenas, Tony	D	29	+	+	+	+	100%	+	-	-	+	-	-
Chu, Judy	D	27	+	+	+	+	100%	+	+	+	+	+	-
Cook, Paul	R	8	-	+	-	-	25%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Correa, Lou	D	46	+	+	+	+	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Costa, Jim	D	16	+	+	+	+	100%	-	-	-	+	-	-
Davis, Susan	D	53	+	+	+	+	100%	+	-	-	+	-	-
Denham, Jeff	R	10	-	+	-	+	50%	-	-	-	-	-	-
DeSaulnier, Mark	D	11	+	+	+	+	100%	+	-	+	+	+	-
Eshoo, Anna	D	18	+	+	+	+	100%	+	-	-	+	+	-
Garamendi, John	D	3	+	+	+	+	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gomez, Jimmy	D	34	n/a	+	+	+	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Huffman, Jared	D	2	+	+	+	+	100%	+	+	-	+	-	-
Hunter, Duncan D.	R	50	-	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Issa, Darrell	R	49	-	+	-	-	25%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Khanna, Ro	D	17	+	+	+	+	100%	-	+	-	+	+	-
Knight, Steve	R	25	-	+	-	-	25%	-	-	-	-	-	-
LaMalfa, Doug	R	1	-	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lee, Barbara+	D	13	+	+	+	+	100%	+	+	-	+	+	-
Lieu, Ted+	D	33	+	E	+	+	100%	+	-	-	+	-	+
Lofgren, Zoe	D	19	+	+	+	+	100%	+	+	-	+	-	-
Lowenthal, Alan	D	47	+	+	+	+	100%	+	+	+	+	+	-
Matsui, Doris	D	6	+	+	+	+	100%	+	+	-	-	+	+
McCarthy, Kevin	R	23	-	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-
McClintock, Tom	R	4	-	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-
McNerney, Jerry	D	9	+	+	+	+	100%	-	-	-	-	-	+
Napolitano, Grace	D	32	+	E	+	+	100%	+	-	-	-	+	-
Nunes, Devin	R	22	-	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Panetta, Jimmy	D	20	+	+	+	+	100%	+	-	+	-	-	-
Pelosi, Nancy	D	12	+	+	+	+	100%	+	-	-	-	-	-
Peters, Scott	D	52	+	+	+	+	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rohrabacher, Dana	R	48	-	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Roybal-Allard, Lucille	D	40	+	+	+	+	100%	-	+	-	+	+	-
Royce, Ed	R	39	-	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ruiz, Raul	D	36	+	+	+	+	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Schiff, Adam	D	28	+	+	+	+	100%	+	+	-	+	-	+
Sherman, Brad	D	30	+	+	+	+	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Speier, Jackie	D	14	+	+	+	+	100%	+	+	-	+	-	-
Swalwell, Eric	D	15	+	+	+	+	100%	+	+	+	-	+	-
Takano, Mark*	D	41	+	+	+	+	100%	+	+	-	-	-	-
Thompson, Mike	D	5	+	+	+	+	100%	-	-	+	-	-	-
Torres, Norma	D	35	+	+	+	+	100%	-	-	-	+	-	+
Valadao, David	R	21	-	-	-	+	25%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vargas, Juan	D	51	+	+	+	+	100%	-	-	-	+	-	+
Walters, Mimi	R	45	-	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Waters, Maxine	D	43	+	+	+	+	100%	-	+	-	+	+	-

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