



The California Manufacturers & Technology Association (CMTA) is the state's leading manufacturing advocacy organization. We fight for state policies that support the manufacturing economy by encouraging innovation, investment and job creation.

Each year the California Legislature considers hundreds of bills, many of which impact manufacturers. CMTA's advocacy team informs legislators how bills either help or hurt manufacturers – whether the bills are Manufacturing Maker bills or Manufacturing Breaker bills.

CMTA supports “MFG Maker” bills that encourage innovation, new investments and job creation by streamlining regulations, reducing risks and minimizing costs to provide a more competitive business climate. They address manufacturers' needs for skilled workers, reliable and affordable energy, and up-to-date infrastructure amongst other critical issues.

CMTA opposes “MFG Breaker” bills that hamper innovation, new investments and job creation by imposing burdensome regulations, labor rules, taxes and other costs that make state manufacturers less competitive. These include mandates that ignore science-based evidence, underestimate economic impacts or create an unlevel playing field by picking technology winners and losers.

We greatly appreciate those legislators who have shown their support for California manufacturing with a strong vote record. These 'Manufacturing Champions' deserve the thanks of California's 35,000 manufacturers.

MFG Makers

AB 1743 (O'Donnell) CTE Incentive Grant

Supports manufacturing job creation, technological innovation and building the middle-class by continuing critical state funding for high-quality programs that introduce students to well-paying manufacturing careers and support the industry's regional workforce needs.

Position: Support

AB 2596 (Cooley) California Economic Development Strategic Plan

Requires California to develop a statewide, three-year economic development plan to encourage innovation, increase investment, and create jobs in key existing and emerging industries.

Position: Support

AB 2632 (Santiago) Packaging and Labeling – Slack Fill

Protects manufacturing investment and innovation by reducing frivolous litigation regarding the empty space in packaging designed to protect the product within, also known as 'slack-fill'.

Position: Support

SB 1131 (Hertzberg) Industrial Energy Efficiency Projects

Supports new investment in energy efficiency projects that reduce energy demand and promote more efficient manufacturing operations and frees up limited resources to create more jobs.

Position: Support

MFG Breakers

AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer) County & City Contracts for Personal Services

Restricts a county or city to contract for personal services only if they demonstrate that (1) the proposed contract will result in actual overall savings to the county, with specified conditions for the cost analysis that effectively heavily favor keeping the work in-house, (2) there will be no displacement of county employees or cause vacant positions to remain unfilled, (3) the contract does not affect affirmative action, and (4) the savings are so great that they will not be eliminated by future foreseeable cost fluctuations, as well as several other specific requirements.

Position: Oppose

AB 1906 (Irwin) Internet of Things Regulation

Requires all connected devices to be equipped with reasonable security features appropriate to the nature of the devices; stifling innovation by inviting arbitrary mandates on manufacturers of connected devices.

Position: Oppose Unless Amended

AB 2107 (Reyes) Expanding New Motor Vehicle Board Authority

Discourages innovation in auto manufacturing and service by giving car dealers a significant advantage in manufacturer-franchisee relationship and disputes regarding warranty parts and repair rate.

Position: Oppose

AB 2819 (Holden)

Increases the risk of public shaming campaigns and litigation exposure by publicly disclosing workplace demographic information without context leading to less investment in California technology companies and job creation.

Position: Oppose

AB 3080 (Gonzalez Fletcher) Arbitration and Settlement Prohibitions

Exposes California manufacturers to increased litigation exposure and costs by preserving the use of arbitration agreements in labor contracts and attorneys fee agreements and restricting its use by private employers, despite numerous federal and state judicial rulings that state such action is preempted by federal law.

Position: Oppose

AB 3081 (Gonzalez Fletcher) Sexual Harassment

Increases a manufacturer's litigation exposure by creating a duplicative and contradictory pathway to sue manufacturers over sexual harassment and discrimination claims, suppressing manufacturing investments; expansions and job creation.

Position: Oppose

ACA 22 (McCarty) Corporate Tax Increase

Drives down manufacturing investment and kills California manufacturing and technology jobs by imposing a 10 percent income tax surcharge on all corporations with a net income of \$1M or more.

Position: Oppose

SB 100 (De León) Renewables Portfolio Standard Program – GHG Emissions

Increases energy costs for California manufacturers and decreases reliability by mandating 100 percent renewable energy leading to decreased investments and middle-class-building manufacturing jobs across the state.

Position: Oppose

SB 168 (Wieckowski) Beverage Container Recycling

Interferes with the recycled material market and decreases manufacturing innovation and investment by mandating beverage containers have a specific amount of recycled content and directs state regulators to develop a plan to extend a manufacturer's responsibility for products, also known as 'extended producer responsibility', indefinitely.

Position: Oppose

SB 826 (Jackson) Gender Quotas for Board of Directors

Discourages manufacturing investments and job creation by forcing manufacturers with California-based headquarters to institute a gender quota for their board of directors or face significant penalties.

Position: Oppose

SB 993 (Hertzberg) Sales Tax on Services

Imposes a tax of an undefined amount on the sale price of a service, massively increasing costs in manufacturers' supply chain and drawing capital away from new and expanded manufacturing investments in California.

Position: Oppose

SB 1088 (Dodd) Utility Wildfire Management: Costs

Mandates the California Public Utilities Commission to approve investor-owned utility wildfire management plans in a shortened, condensed process that will result in higher electricity rates for manufacturers, and other ratepayers, and discourage investment and job creation in energy intensive industries.

Position: Oppose

SB 1249 (Galqiani) Cosmetics Animal Testing

Discourages innovation and investment in new cosmetic products and threatens thousands of jobs if after January 1, 2020 any component of a cosmetic product is tested on animals. This will force California cosmetic companies to uproot their manufacturing operations and jobs to countries like China to avoid the testing requirements.

Position: Oppose

SB 1300 (Jackson) Increased Employment Litigation Exposure

Increases the risk of frivolous litigation that discourages manufacturing investments by eliminating the well-established legal standard requiring proof of actual harm in harassment and discrimination claims. Imposes additional liability by creating a "bystander intervention" training requirement that increases litigation exposure under the bill.

Position: Oppose

SB 1398 (Skinner) Corporate Tax Increase

Increases taxes for publicly held corporations by nearly 50 percent if the executive compensation exceeds the average employee wage by specified amounts, discouraging manufacturing investment and job creation California.

Position: Oppose

MFG SUCCESS

BREAKER DEFEATED

AB 1745 (Ting) Internal Combustion Engine Ban

Picks battery electric and hydrogen fuel vehicles as the technology winners and makes internal combustion engine vehicles, including hybrids, the losers. Discourages new investments in research and development of more fuel-efficient vehicles resulting in reduced job growth and higher costs for manufacturers.

Position: Oppose

Failed Deadline, Assembly Transportation

BREAKER DEFEATED

AB 2069 (Bonta) Medicinal Cannabis in the Workplace

Discourages manufacturing investments through increased liability by interfering with a company's ability to maintain a drug-free work environment and promote safe working conditions for all employees.

Position: Oppose

Held on Appropriations Suspense

BREAKER DEFEATED

AB 2074 (Bonta) & AB 2995 (Carrillo) Civil Actions – Lead Based Paint

Increases risk of litigation against manufacturers by creating a new and unfair scheme of absolute retroactive liability that punishes manufacturers that have done no harm discouraging investment and innovation.

Position: Oppose

Failed Deadline, Assembly Floor

BREAKER AMENDED

AB 2334 (Thurmond) Public Posting of Occupational Injury/Illness Reports

Decreases manufacturing investment and inhibits job creation by requiring manufacturers to turn over currently undisclosed safety information to Cal/OSHA exposing them to increased risk of frivolous litigation.

Position: ~~Oppose~~ Neutral

Amended and CMTA is Neutral on the bill

BREAKER DEFEATED

AB 2779 (M. Stone & Calderon) Recycling Single-Use Plastic Beverage Container Cups

Leads to a loss of manufacturing jobs in California by prohibiting the sale of single-use plastic beverage containers containing water that do not have a cap that is tethered, or attached, to the container.

Position: ~~Oppose~~

Failed Deadline, Assembly Floor

BREAKER DEFEATED

AB 2841 (Gonzalez Fletcher) Paid Sick Leave Expansion

Discourages manufacturing job creation by increasing costs and disruptions in production schedules by expanding the Paid Sick Leave mandate from 3 days to 5 days without including reforms to address abuse and misuse.

Position: ~~Oppose~~

Held on Appropriations Suspense

BREAKER AMENDED

AB 3138 (Muratsuchi) Increased Civil Liability for Hazardous Materials

Discourages manufacturing investments and job creation in California by increasing maximum civil or administrative liabilities by more than 1000 percent on a stationary source for any violation of a risk management plan, including simple paperwork issues.

Position: ~~Oppose~~ Neutral

Amended and CMTA is Neutral on the bill

BREAKER AMENDED

AB 3232 (Friedman) Building Greenhouse Gas Emission Limit

Increases the cost of energy and manufacturing facility space in California leading to decreased investment levels and loss of in-state manufacturing jobs by adding a duplicative, unnecessary greenhouse gas (GHG) emission limit.

Position: ~~Oppose~~ Neutral

Amended and CMTA is Neutral on the bill