

CalRHA Legislative Update

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Assemblymember
Buffy Wicks

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

CalRHA was the remaining opposition to AB 1188 (Wicks), the rent registry bill and, fortunately, AB 1188 was held on the Assembly Suspense file on May 20th. This was a huge victory for the industry.

Our highest priority oppose bills were held in the Assembly, including:

- **AB 854 (Lee)** - Ellis Act/Withdrawal of Accommodations - DEAD
- **AB 1000 (Ward)** - Fair employment and housing protections: background check service providers: housing status - DEAD
- **AB 1188 (Wicks)** - Rent Registry - DEAD
- **AB 1199 (Gipson)** - Homes for Families and Corporate Monopoly Transparency Excise Tax -DEAD
- **AB 1241 (Jones Sawyer)** - Rental housing unlawful housing practices: applications: criminal records - DEAD

On June 3rd, the Senate and Assembly finished their work on bills that were introduced in their own houses. The remaining priority bills that CalRHA is opposing and supporting, along with their status, are below:



Assemblymember
Richard Bloom

AB 721 (Bloom)
Covenants and Restrictions - OPPOSE - In Assembly

AB 838 (Weiner)
Enforcement of Housing Complaints - OPPOSE - Set for a hearing in Senate Housing on June 17th



Assemblymember
Jesse Gabriel

AB 978 (Quirk-Silva)
Rent Caps on Mobile Home Parks - OPPOSE
In Senate Judiciary

AB 1487 (Gabriel)
Legal Services for Eviction - OPPOSE - In Senate



Senator
Scott Weiner

SB 10 (Weiner)
Housing Density - SUPPORT
- In Assembly

SB 219 (McGuire)
Property Tax Cancellation - SUPPORT - Set for hearing in Assembly Revenue & Taxation on June 21st



Senator
Josh Becker

SB 531 (Wieckowski)
Consumer Debt - OPPOSE
- Set for a hearing in Assembly Banking on June 14th

SB 778 (Becker)
ADU Construction - SUPPORT - In Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee

Finally, CalRHA has sponsored a balcony repair fix to ensure that inspectors can also perform the repairs for balconies. That fix is included in SB 607 and has been passed to the Assembly on a unanimous vote.



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Assemblymember
Laura Friedman

AB 838 (Friedman) – State Housing Law: enforcement response to complaints of substandard housing and lead hazards.

OPPOSE. Set for a hearing in the Senate Appropriations Committee on Monday, August 16, 2021.



Senator
Dave Min

SB 607 (Min) – Professions and Vocations. Includes the CalRHA requested fix to allow balcony inspectors to do repairs.

SUPPORT. In the Assembly Appropriations Committee.



Assemblymember
Jesse Gabriel

AB 1487 (Gabriel) – Legal Services Trust Fund Commission: Homelessness Prevention Fund: grants, eviction or displacement .

OPPOSE. On the Senate Floor

RENTAL ASSISTANCE UPDATE

The state has increased the approval rate of COVID-19 rent relief, but it still has billions of dollars to spend. As of this month, the state has given out \$241 million in rent relief, but that only amounts to about 24% of the \$1.1 billion in applications.



[Housingiskey.com](https://www.housingiskey.com) is the state's website with information on rent relief and eviction protections. There are many resources, including the forms that landlords should use corresponding to non-payment of rent over various periods, as well as the program and process for applying.



Senator
Scott Weiner

SB 10 (Wiener) – Planning and zoning: housing development: density

SUPPORT. On Assembly Floor

New members