
Inventory of the California Assembly Business and Professions Committee Records

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Descriptive Summary

Title: California Assembly Business and Professions Committee Records

Dates: 1981-1982

Dates: 2001-2008

Collection number: See series descriptions for LP numbers.

Creator: California Assembly Business and Professions Committee

Collection Size: 24.5 cubic feet

Repository: California State Archives
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Abstract: The Assembly Business and Professions Committee, first created on January 22, 1981, is the most recent Assembly committee to oversee occupational licensing, state contracting, and consumer affairs. The Assembly Business and Professions Committee records consist of 24.5 cubic feet of textual and audiovisual records covering the years of 1981-1982 and 2001-2008. The records are organized into three distinct series: Bill Files (1981-1982, 2001-2008); Hearing Files (1981, 2001-2008); and Subject Files (2001, 2003).

Physical location: California State Archives

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access

While the majority of the records are open for research, any access restrictions are noted in the record series descriptions.

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Acquisition and Custodial History

The State Archives received these records in accordance with California Government Code 9080(b) which requires legislative committees to transfer their records to the State Archives when they are no longer needed by the committee.

Committee History

The Assembly Business and Professions Committee is the most recent Assembly committee to oversee occupational licensing, state contracting, and consumer affairs.

The Assembly Business and Professions Committee was first created on January 22, 1981 when House Resolution 13 was introduced and adopted. The Committee's purpose was to investigate activities related to licensure and quality of individual professionals excepting the health professions. During the 1981-1982 legislative session, the committee consisted of eight

members and Assembly Member William Filante (Rep.) served as the committee chair.

On January 13, 1983, House Resolution 8 both dissolved the Assembly Business and Professions Committee and created the Assembly Committee on Economic Development and New Technologies. The latter dealing with related issues such as: small business development, educational and vocational training, and economic development both at the state and local level. Throughout the rest of the 1980s and 1990s several Assembly committees carried out the duties previously assigned to the Assembly Business and Professions Committee including the Assembly Governmental Efficiency and Consumer Protection Committee (1987-1991) and the Assembly Consumer Protection, Governmental Efficiency, and Economic Development Committee (1991-2000).

On December 4, 2000 House Resolution 1 split the Assembly Consumer Protection, Governmental Efficiency, and Economic Development Committee into the Assembly Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy Committee and the newly reinstated Assembly Business and Professions Committee. The division returned the Assembly Business and Professions Committee to its original focus of occupational licensing, state contracting, and oversight of consumer affairs boards. After the committee was reestablished it consisted of twelve members in the 2001-2002 session. The membership increased to thirteen in the following 2003-2004 session. However, in both the 2005-2006 and 2007-2008 sessions the membership dropped to an even ten.

Adopted on March 22, 2010, House Resolution 27 added "consumer protection" to the committee title to reflect the various consumer affairs' bills heard in the 2000s. Therefore, the committee became known as the Assembly Committee on Business, Professions, and Consumer Protection.

The chairs of the committee from 1981 to 2008 were:

Assembly Business and Professions Committee, 1981-1982, 2001-2008

Filante, William (Rep.), 1981-1982

Correa, Lou (Dem.), 2001-2004

Negrete McLeod, Gloria (Dem.), 2005-2006

Eng, Mike (Dem.), 2007-2008

Scope and Content

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The Bill Files encompass the largest series in the collection and consist of 20 cubic feet. The Bill Files document the assembly and senate bills directed to the committee. The files typically include committee analysis, letters from interested parties, and the comments of affected agencies. These files show the close involvement of the committee with such issues as state contracting, barbering and cosmetology, private security services, certified public accountant regulation, real estate licensure, and postsecondary private education. The committee considered various contentious bills regarding pets, such as expanding the definition of dog breeders to include households (AB161, 2001-2002), which was eventually chaptered into law by the Secretary of State (Chapter 350, Statutes of 2001). Other related bills called for a ban on cat de-clawing (AB 395, 2003-2004) as well as requiring spaying and neutering for virtually all dogs and cats (AB1634, 2007-2008) died in committee.

The Hearing Files consist of approximately 3.5 cubic feet of the collection and include textual files, cassette tapes, videotapes, CDs, and DVDs. Many of the hearings are not focused on one particular topic, but rather consist of various bills heard by the committee. Some of the more specific hearing files include topics such as telecommunication, payday loan companies, terrorism, accountancy, online privacy issues, dental practice and scope, insurance regulation, and consumer protections.

As a whole, the records clearly demonstrate how constituent interests can be articulated through both individual and collective efforts. Reoccurring themes throughout the collection offer a glimpse how issues like regulation of the public and private sector reflected larger societal trends and impacted the early twenty-first century.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Business

Commerce

Economic development

Related Materials at the California State Archives

Assembly Consumer Protection, Governmental Efficiency, and Economic Development Committee Records

Assembly Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy Committee Records

California Department of Consumer Affairs Records

Gloria Negrete McLeod Papers

Mike Eng Papers

William Filante Papers

Senate Business and Professions Committee Records

LP206:219-233,
LP416:1-385

Series 1 Bill Files 1981-1982, 2001-2008

Physical Description: 400 file folders

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically by legislative session, then numerically by bill number.

Scope and Content Note

Any bill impacting the Business and Professions code is sent to the Assembly Business and Professions Committee for analysis. The Committee also authors bills intended to clarify or extend the code. Bill files created by the Assembly Business and Professions Committee may include analyses, amendments and resolutions, author's statements, testimony, press releases, newspaper clippings, correspondence, and committee statements. Of particular interest are those bills relating to state contracting, barbering and cosmetology, private security services, certified public accountant regulation, real estate licensure, and postsecondary private education, and household pet legislation.

1981-1982: AB107-AB3724 (11ff) LP206:219-229

1981-1982: SB16-SB2030 (4ff) LP206:230-233

2001-2002: AB113-AB3025, ACA11, AB22X-AB64X, AB12XX (46ff) LP416:1-46

2001-2002: SB17-SB2059 (28ff) LP416:47-74

2003-2004: Committee Records, Reports, and Logs, AB6-AB3093, ACR144-ACR150 (52ff) LP416:75-126

2003-2004: SB12-SB1915 (34ff) LP416:127-160

2005-2006: AB21-AB3022, ACR67-ACR129 (91ff) LP416:161-251

2005-2006: SB28-SB1849 (30ff) LP416:252-281

2007-2008: Committee Disposition Reports, AB3-AB3037 (71ff) LP416:282-352

2007-2008: SB1-SB1780, SCR60, SJR19 (33ff) LP416:353-385

LP206:234-238,
LP416:386-521

Series 2 **Hearing Files 1981, 2001-2008**

Physical Description: 146 file folders, 25 audio cassettes, 9 VHS tapes and 7 CDs

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically by date of hearing.

Access Information

Access to audiovisual material requires the production of use copies.

Scope and Content Note

Hearing files for the Assembly Business and Professions Committee may contain agendas, audiotapes, transcripts, testimony, background, and working files for regular session hearings as well as interim hearings and select joint hearings. Of particular interest are those files pertaining to topics such as telecommunication, payday loan companies, terrorism, accountancy, online privacy issues, dental practice and scope, insurance regulation, and consumer protection. Tapes have been separated to a cold-storage vault for preservation purposes and separation sheets are in the hearing files to alert the researcher to the existence of such tapes.

For a list of hearing dates and topics, see Appendix A in in Additional Series Information.

Additional Series Information

[Appendix A: List of Hearing Files](#)

LP416:522-523

Series 3 **Subject Files 2001, 2003**

Physical Description: 5 audiocassette tapes

Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically by subject heading.

Access Information

Access to audiovisual material requires the production of use copies.

Scope and Content Note

Subject files created by the Assembly Business and Professions Committee consists of audiotapes relating to the Barbering and Cosmetology Licensing Board (2001) and consumer protection (2003).

Barbering and Cosmetology Licensing, 2001 (1ff, 3 audio tapes) LP416:522

Department of Consumer Affairs, 2003 (1ff, 2 audio tapes) LP416:523