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
Sacramento, California


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 reinstituted 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:

Filante, William (Rep.), 1981-1982
Correa, Lou (Dem.), 2001-2004
Negrete McLeod, Gloria (Dem.), 2005-2006
Eng, Mike (Dem.), 2007-2008

Scope and Content

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


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.

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
2007-2008: Committee Disposition Reports, AB3-AB3037 (71ff) LP416:282-352
2007-2008: SB1-SB1780, SCR60, SJR19 (33ff) LP416:353-385
Series 2 Hearing Files 1981, 2001-2008

LP206:234-238, LP416:386-521

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