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Descriptive Summary
Title: Delaine Eastin Papers
Dates: 1987-1994
Collection number: LP359
Creator: Delaine Eastin, California Legislator
Collection Size: 12.5 cubic feet
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Abstract: Delaine Eastin, Democrat, served as a California State Assembly Member from 1987 to 1994, and was the first female to serve as the State Superintendent of Public Instruction from 1995 to 2003. Eastin's 18th Assembly District included the cities of Fremont, Milpitas, Sunol, and parts of San Jose. Following redistricting in 1992, Delaine Eastin served the 20th Assembly District, which included the cities of Fremont, Milpitas, and Livermore. The Delaine Eastin papers consist of 12.5 cubic feet of records reflecting Eastin's activities during her 8 years as a State Assembly Member, from 1987 to 1994. The papers are organized into two record series: Bill Files, 1987-1994 and Hearing Files, 1987.

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
California State Archives acquired the Delaine Eastin papers, in a series of four record transfers (Accession Numbers: 91-03-04, 94-10-15, 94-12-29 and 95-03-13).

Biography
Delaine Eastin, Democrat, served as a California State Assembly Member from 1987 to 1994, and was the first female to serve as the State Superintendent of Public Instruction from 1995 to 2003. Eastin's 18th Assembly District included the cities of Fremont, Milpitas, Sunol, and parts of San Jose. Following redistricting in 1992, Delaine Eastin served the 20th Assembly District, which included the cities of Fremont, Milpitas, and Livermore.
Eastin was born August 20, 1947, in San Diego, California. Eastin graduated in 1969 from the University of California at Davis with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. In 1971 Eastin earned a Master’s Degree in Political Science from the University of California at Santa Barbara. For seven years she was a professor of political science at De Anza College in Cupertino and Cañada Community College in Redwood City.

Eastin was an active member of community and social groups which included: the Commonwealth Club, National Women’s Political Caucus, League of Women Voters, Hispanic Community Affairs Council, American Business Women’s Association, and California Elected Women’s Association for Education and Research.

As a state legislator, Eastin’s legislative interests were varied, ranging from environmental issues to highway funding to education. Notably, Eastin authored AB2448 in 1987, which imposed a new fee on landfill operators based on the amount of solid waste handled to raise an estimated $100 million for Superfund landfill cleanup work.

During Eastin’s time as Chair of the Assembly Education Committee, she authored two bills that effected education policy. AB1273, which was signed into law by Governor Wilson in 1993, expanded the definition of the basic teaching credential, extending the timeframe for the preliminary credentials for out-of-state teacher candidates from one year to two years. The bill also established a new credentialing examination process for prelingually deaf credential candidates who teach or counsel solely in special classes or in the state special schools for the hearing-impaired. Another of her legislative accomplishments was AB1836 (1994), known as the Deaf Children’s Bill of Rights. This historic legislation acknowledged the importance of deaf and hard of hearing children being able to associate with others who are also deaf or hard of hearing and who are proficient in the language utilized by the student. That communication includes regular contact with other children, as well as with professionals, including teachers and other school personnel.

**Standing and Interim Committees**

  - *Chair, 1991 – 1994
  - *Vice Chair, 1987 – 1989
  - *Chair, 1989 – 1990
- Revenue and Taxation, 1987 – 1988
- Transportation, 1987 – 1992

**Subcommittees**

- Educational Reform (Education), 1989 – 1990
- Toll Bridges (Transportation), 1987 – 1988
- Urban Education Quality (Education), 1993 – 1994

**Select Committees**

- Aviation, 1989 – 1992
- Child Care and Child Abuse
- Children and Youth Services, 1991 – 1992
  - *Chair, 1989 – 1990
- Unlicensed Contractors, 1987 – 1988
  - *Chair, 1987 – 1988
  - *Chair, 1989 – 1990

**Joint Committees**

Additional Committees
Oversight Committee on GAIN Implementation, 1987 – 1990
*Chair, 1987 – 1990

Additional Bodies
1992 California Quincentennial of the Voyages of Christopher Columbus, 1987 – 1990
Legislative Task Force on Televising the Assembly, 1989 – 1990

Scope and Content
The Delaine Eastin papers consist of 12.5 cubic feet of records reflecting Eastin’s activities during her 8 years as a State Assembly Member, from 1987 to 1994. The papers are organized into two record series: Bill Files, 1987-1994 and Hearing Files, 1987. The Bill Files series documents Eastin’s legislative activity in the California State Legislature and include a wide array of subjects including: job training, Alameda – Contra Costa Transportation District, highway construction, traffic mitigation, State Lottery fund allocations for children, education policy, and charter schools. Hearing Files contain information regarding the economic competitiveness of California and efforts to locate the headquarters of Sematech, a U.S. semiconductor manufacturer, in San Jose.

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.
Eastin, Delaine
Education
Environmental law
Special Education
Transportation

Series 1 Bill Files 1987-1994

Physical Description: 218 file folders
Arrangement
Arranged chronologically by legislative session, then numerically by bill number.

Scope and Content Note

1989-1990:AB4-AB4165; ACR6-ACR73; AJR73-AJR93; AB5X (90ff) LP359:36-125
1991-1992:AB4-AB3640; ACA48; AJR70 (56ff) LP359:126-181
Series 2 Hearing Files 1987

Physical Description: 4 file folders

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically by date of hearing.

Scope and Content Note

Hearing files include notes, transcripts, background materials, correspondence, and/or agendas from a number of hearings held before the Assembly Committee on Economic Development committees of which Eastin was a member. Notable hearings include: the state of and future of semiconducting metals used in the defense industry and hearings on the NUMMI (New United Motor Manufacturing, Inc.) plant in Fremont.

See Appendix A for a complete list of Hearing Files.