

Friends Committee on Legislation of California (FCLCA) Representative Report to Annual Session 2022 Pacific Yearly Meeting

SUMMARY

Friends Committee on Legislation of California (FCLCA) is a statewide organization that was founded in 1952 that lobbies for just and fair treatment for all. We are most known for our work in criminal justice but FCLCA works on all bills that concern Friends.

Since restructuring in 2020, we are financially stable at a lower level of representation in the state capitol, but there are a never-ending number of good causes and bills for which to lobby. We are anticipating that California will again be leading the way to support fair and compassionate governance in the 2023-2024 legislative session. We need a robust board of directors and enthusiastic meeting representatives, two per meeting is optimal. While our new Zoom board meetings are convenient and environmentally friendly, the pandemic has limited lobby days and other out-reach events. Are you called to do this work? Do you know someone who may be interested? We have positions for at-large or non-Quaker members as well. If you can help or would like more information, contact any of the members listed at the bottom of this report or let your meeting representative know of your interest.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

This is the second year of California's two-year session so by the end of May all bills remaining pass from their house of origin to the second house to be heard and voted on.

These are the bills we are still working on this session:

AB 2167- sponsored by FCLCA, requires judges to consider alternatives to incarceration when sentencing
SB 300- repeals mandatory sentence of death or life without possibility of parole for people convicted of first-degree murder who were not the actual killer

AB 256 - makes the California Racial Justice Act of 2020 retroactive

SB 1173-requires CalPERS and CalSTRS to divest their holding in the largest oil producers by 2030

AB 2026-prohibits online retailers from packaging products for shipping in single use plastic

AB 1621-prohibits the sale or possession of unserialized parts for ghost guns

SB 951-increases the wage replacement rate for lower income workers so they can afford to take time off under programs they pay into as workers.

Many hands make light work.

In Gratitude,

Vicki Carroll, clerk

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