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Nearly 2,500 Bills Introduced - Scope Bills and Single Payer Bill Highlight the Health Related Bills

February 26, 2017: The We just passed the bill introduction deadline and nearly 2,500 bills were introduced. There were a large number of "spot" bills this year which are bills that do not have any substantive language in them yet but are introduced to meet the deadline. These bills will need to be amended over the next 30 days to be able to be heard in a policy committee. I'll be keeping a close eye on these to see if they impact CA-ACC in a way to get involved.

Looking at the health related bills, we once again have a nurse practitioner scope expansion bill although this year the bill is being authored by Senator Jeff Stone, a Republican from Riverside. The bill, as introduced, is limited to those nurse practitioners practicing in an underserved area. There was also a bill to allow chiropractors, naturopathic doctors, and nurse practitioners perform physicals on students performing in school sports programs.

Other bills include a bill to establish a warning symbol for sugar beverages and a spot bill to establish a single payer healthcare system in California.