

SB 234 (SKINNER): FAMILY DAYCARE HOMES

POSITION: The Chamber's Public Policy Sub-Committee on Education and Workforce voted to SUPPORT the proposal on February 20, 2019. The Chamber's Board of Directors voted to SUPPORT the proposal on March 28, 2019.

RATIONALE: Streamlining the local permitting process and clarifying the 40-year-old Child Day Care Facilities Act saying family child care centers can operate in all residential settings decreases the barrier to accessible, affordable, child care.

STATUS: The bill was introduced February 7, 2019.

SUMMARY

SB 234 updates the 40-year-old Child Day Care Facilities Act, intended to increase the availability of family child care statewide. SB 234 equalizes and streamlines the local permitting process, clarifies that family child care can operate in all types of residential settings, and strengthens housing protections for child care providers. Existing law prohibits a local jurisdiction from imposing a business license, fee, or tax for the privilege of operating a small family daycare home. This bill would extend that prohibition to large family daycare homes, and require large family daycare homes to be treated as residential use of property for purposes of all local ordinances.

INDUSTRY/IES IMPACTED

The lack of access to quality and affordable child care is a significant barrier that limits the supply of talent. Workforce participation in all industries increase when there is more access to affordable and quality child care.

SUPPORTERS

- Child Care Law Center
- CA Child Care Resource & Referral Network

OPPONENTS

None known

ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR

This bill will:

- Eliminate burdensome and costly zoning requirements for family child care providers who want to care for more children.
- Clarify that family child care is available in a residential settings, close to where families live.
- Update and strengthen current housing protections for family child care providers.
- Provide more child care in California where we are losing supply Family Child Care Homes at rapid rates.

ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION

This bill gives the state too much control over local jurisdictions.