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CIHC Profile

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- Founded in 1990 to establish a legislative presence in Sacramento
- Volunteer organization supported by the 5 California AIHA* local sections
 - Northern California
 - Sacramento Valley
 - Southern California
 - Orange County
 - San Diego

*Pacific Region





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CIHC Mission

The CIHC will provide sound scientific and technological input to the regulatory and legislative process and establish a legislative presence in the state Capitol.



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What we do

The activities of the CIHC include the following:

- Review, comment and participate in applicable California legislative and regulatory actions, providing scientific and technological expertise.
- Propose legislation promoting and supporting good industrial/occupational hygiene practice in California.
- Promote professional development through annual conferences, active involvement in emerging issues, training, and communications with stakeholders.
- Hold regular Board meetings each year (in 2020, 1 in-person, 3 conference calls, 4 via Zoom; in 2021, 2 in-person, 5 via Zoom); minutes are posted on the CIHC website.



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2021 Activities Communication

- CIHC Board meetings minutes – *posted online*
- Legislative (Bill) Report – *posted online*
- Email blasts – *CIHC webinars 2020/2021, items of general interest, PDS 2021*

Publicized through peer to peer communication.



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2021 Activities Legislative

- Screened several hundred new bills of interest introduced into the 2021 legislative session (year one of the new 2-year session)
- Using CapitolTracks bill-tracking software to facilitate screening and bill status
 - tracked 41 bills of interest (26 failed and 15 signed by the Governor)

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2021 Activities Legislative

- Bills with particular activity signed into law:
 - AB73 PPE emergency stockpile accessible during wildfire smoke emergencies by essential workers, including agricultural workers
 - AB263 Private detention facilities must comply with safety regulations
 - AB701 Warehouse distribution centers worker quotas
 - SB321 Safety standards and household domestic workers advisory committee authorized
 - SB606 Enterprise-wide violations can be issued by Cal/OSHA

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2021 Activities

Regulatory

- Occupational Safety & Health Standards Board (monthly meetings)
- Health Effects Advisory Committee (none in 2020 or 2021)
- Cal/OSHA Advisory Committee (Aug/Nov 2020; Mar/July/Oct 2021)
- COVID ETS Advisory Committee (Dec 2020; Feb – 3 days/Sept 2021)
- 5199 ATD Advisory Committee (Oct 2021)
- All other DOSH health regulations advisory committees had no activity

Progress is reported during CIHC Board meetings.



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2021 Activities Regulatory

- COVID-19 Prevention
 - CIHC provided verbal and written comments during many Cal/OSHA meetings on the ETS and proposed permanent regulation (2020/2021)
 - Active in the emergency regulation process
 - Active in the permanent regulation process
- 5199 ATD regulation – proposed changes
 - Active in the process

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Activities Continue

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- March 12, 2020 IH Summit with the Sacramento Valley Section
- A series of one-hour webinars Sept 2020-Feb 2021
 - COVID-19 and the Workplace, J. Howard
 - AIHA National – Pivoting in Times of a Pandemic, L. Sloan
 - COVID: Cal-OSHA's Efforts and Experiences to Date, D. Parker
 - Total Worker/Exposure/Health: Next Gen IH, K. Phillips, C. Laszcz-Davis, D. Nelson and J. Sahmel
 - Looking Back on 2020: Occupational Health and the COVID-19 Response, B. Materna
 - Essential Protections: Young Workers During the COVID-19 Pandemic, J. Maclachlan, Y. Khan
- 3-hour webinar in March 2021
 - Future of Work, J. Howard
 - NIOSH Activities Supporting the Optimization of Respiratory Protection, M. D'Alessandro
 - The Injury and Illness Prevention Program Turns 30!, L. Welsh

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CIHC Board Members

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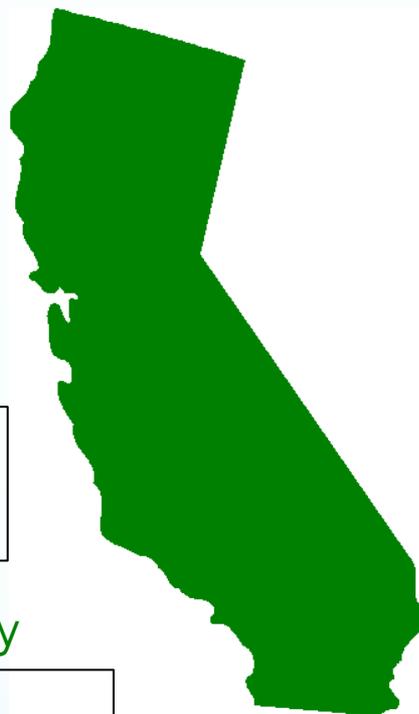
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Representative of industry, government, and academia.



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Enjoy the seminar!