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DIGNITY
THROUGH
WORK**

**Council of California Goodwill Industries
2010 Legislative Materials**

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GREETINGS

For more than 100 years, we've helped find work for people with disabilities and other disadvantages.

Goodwill's retail outlets operate throughout California, the U.S. and beyond. To the 109,998 clients we served throughout California and southern Oregon in 2009, **Goodwill** is much more than a network of thrift retail stores. Our mission focuses on finding sustainable employment for individuals so that they may support themselves and their families in our local communities. To provide funding for our workforce development services, we generate revenues through thrift retail, contracted environmental services and traditional fund raising.

As members of the Council of California **Goodwill Industries**, we work diligently to bring together individuals with disabilities or vocational disadvantages with local businesses who seek qualified employees. For job seekers, we provide education, vocational training, transitional job opportunities and employment placement assistance. On the business side, we seek partnerships with business leaders, elected officials and other community-based organizations on local, regional and statewide initiatives.

Offering extensive field expertise in the arena of workforce development, **Goodwill** seeks to serve as a reliable public policy resource to lawmakers, key players and stakeholders.

KEY POSITIONS

AB 918 (Adams)

Salvageable personal property: collection boxes

Summary: Would specify marking requirements on collection boxes that are used for the solicitation and collection of donations of salvageable personal property in California. The bill would allow a local jurisdiction to prohibit a person or an eligible organization from placing, using or employing a collection box for solicitation purposes if the collection box does not adhere to the disclosure requirements, and would specify that its provisions shall not be deemed to limit a local jurisdiction from adopting ordinances or regulations, regarding collection boxes, that are more stringent than the bill's provisions.

Position: **Sponsor**

AB 1239 (Solorio)

Prisoners: prison education program

Summary: Would require that the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation implement funding adjustments to inmate academic and vocational education programs that aim to reduce recidivism. The bill would require the department to annually report to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee specified information regarding inmate participation in, and completion of, academic and vocational education programs.

Position: **Support**

KEY POSITIONS (*continued*)

AB 2326 (Bass)

Reentry Advisory Committee

Summary: Would expand the membership of the committee by 3 members and would require the committee to develop a comprehensive resource guide for community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, service providers, law enforcement agencies and industry / government entities. The bill would require the committee to submit an annual report to the Legislature and the United States Attorney General detailing the progress toward achieving strategic performance outcomes and would extend the operation of the committee until January 1, 2016.

Position: **Support**

AB 2058 (Block)

Unemployment Insurance: retraining benefits

Summary: Would reduce barriers to enrollment in the California Training Benefits Program (CTB). The bill would require eligibility to be automatic for applicants of unemployment insurance benefits if they are a verified participant in a Workforce Investment Act (WIA) program or other federal or state approved training program. Also, the bill would allow an individual to receive unemployment insurance benefits while they are being trained or re-trained for a new job.

Position: **Support**

POSITION PAPER

Unattended Donation Boxes AB 918 (Adams) SPONSOR

Summary: AB 918 (Adams) seeks to create a level playing field for all non-profit organizations that rely on private clothing and household items donated to support their charitable programs by establishing disclosure requirements (on unattended donation boxes) such as the name of the sponsoring organization, their address, contact number and whether or not the organization is a for-profit or non-profit company.

Discussion: **Goodwill Industries** and other prominent charities such as the Salvation Army, St. Vincent de Paul, American Cancer Society, United Cerebral Palsy and Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) utilize donated used clothing and household items to aid individuals with economic, physical and intellectual disadvantages in their local communities. They make placement decisions with regard to their donation sites and thrift stores that are supported by their local community and property owners.

Goodwill Industries is the largest provider of jobs and job training for people who are disabled, disadvantaged and disenfranchised throughout the United States.

Goodwill's sale of donated merchandise in its retail stores supports extensive job training and job placement services throughout California.

AB 918 POSITION PAPER (*continued*)

It is important that organizations which utilize unattended donation boxes to solicit donated goods for re-sale, for profit or charitable use be required to provide proper disclosure about their organization so the public knows clearly what cause or causes their donations will benefit.

The California Council of **Goodwill Industries** is sponsoring AB 918 to require specific disclosure requirements for the placement of an “unattended donation box” in California. This disclosure will ensure individuals are clear that they are donating to a non-profit charitable organization or for-profit organization and that property owners, or their authorized agents, have issued written permission to have a box or boxes placed on the premises.

POSITION PAPER

Reentry Advisory Committee AB 2326 (Bass) SUPPORT

Summary: AB 2326 (Bass) seeks to expand the membership of the committee by 3 members and would require the committee to develop a comprehensive resource guide for community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, service providers, law enforcement agencies and industry / government entities. The bill also would extend the operation of the committee until January 1, 2016.

Discussion: **Goodwill Industries** supports efforts to utilize the Reentry Advisory Committee to provide recommendations to the Legislature regarding best practices and performance goals that would provide inmates with more effective reentry programs. To support efforts that aim to reduce the state's rate of recidivism, **Goodwill** agencies partner with local corrections agencies throughout California to provide successful and continuous support for individuals re-entering the workforce as they transition out of the corrections system.

Also, **Goodwill** would welcome the opportunity to participate on the committee with the expansion of membership and hopes that an additional representative authorized from southern California could be a **Goodwill** representative.

POSITION PAPER

Unemployment Insurance AB 2058 (Block) SUPPORT

Summary: AB 2058 (Block) seeks to reduce barriers to enrollment in the California Training Benefits (CTB) program by requiring eligibility to be automatic for applicants of unemployment insurance benefits if they are a verified participant in a Workforce Investment Act (WIA) program or other federal or state approved training program. The bill would allow individuals to receive unemployment insurance benefits while they are being trained or re-trained for a new job.

Discussion: **Goodwill Industries** throughout California partner with many local WIA program participants to assist them with job training, job placement and / or job skills development. **Goodwill** is the leading nonprofit provider of education, training and career services for people with disadvantages, such as welfare dependency, homelessness and lack of education or work experience, as well as those with physical, intellectual and emotional disabilities. As such, **Goodwill** support efforts by the Legislature to ensure that WIA program participants are able to receive job training that gets them back into the workforce as soon as possible.

FACT SHEET

109,998

of clients served in 2009 with quality workforce development services

13

of regional organizations that are members of the Council of California **Goodwill Industries**

9,402

of clients placed in jobs in 2009 by Council **Goodwill** agencies

\$10.49

average hourly wage for clients served in 2009 by Council **Goodwill** agencies

242

of thrift retail outlets operated by Council **Goodwill** agencies in 2009

LOCAL

the community focus of where services are provided from proceeds generated by the sale of donated goods and revenues from other business ventures & contracts

JOBS

the primary focus of our specialized mission that emphasizes workforce development services to people with disabilities or other barriers to employment

\$345M

revenues generated by Council **Goodwill** agencies in 2009 (in millions) that are reinvested in business operations and local mission services

7,751

of individuals employed by Council **Goodwill** agencies in 2009

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