

## **Call to Action: Two Important Bills - AB304 and AB481**

Both of these bills are currently in the California Legislature - in the Assembly Appropriations Committee. Both bills affect CLSs.

### **First Bill - AB 304, (Chen, R) Fund to train CLSs and MLTs We need your help to PASS this bill!**

Bill AB304 is a bill carried by Assemblyman Phillip Chen (R, San Bernardino) and sponsored by CAMLT. The bill seeks to create funding for hospitals to provide additional training seats for the training of Clinical Laboratory Scientists or Medical Laboratory Technicians. The grant would have to be disbursed within three years. This funding would help to address the severe shortage of personnel in our field. CAMLT supports this bill and hopes that you will email or write to your representative and urge him or her to support it as well. As of this week, this bill is in the SUSPENSE file in the Appropriations Committee. The chair of the committee, Buffy Wicks, must categorize the bill, and evaluate whether it should be accepted for moving forward, delayed, or worse filed away. Members and supporters - let's write to Ms. Buffy Wicks and encourage her to pass this bill. The author is willing to get creative and mold this legislation into something that can go to the Assembly floor. Let's let Ms. Wicks know that we need desperately more training seats for CLSs and MLTs in California. See below as to how to send an email to Ms. Wicks.

See more information about AB304 here:

<https://www.billtrack50.com/billdetail/1802241>

### **Second Bill - AB 481 (Rubio, D) Reduction of qualifications to perform laboratory testing We need your support to DEFEAT this bill!**

This bill seeks to allow unlicensed personnel to perform moderate to high complexity laboratory testing. The bill is sponsored by a reference laboratory and would allow testing to be performed "under the direct and constant supervision" of a designated supervisor. CAMLT expressly opposes this bill as we are aware of the complexity of testing.

See more information about the bill here:

<https://www.billtrack50.com/billdetail/1827403>

Search for your Assemblyperson here, then use your address:

<https://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/>

Look here to see if your Assemblyperson is on the Appropriations

Committee, look under Members and Staff: <https://apro.assembly.ca.gov/>

**Please write to Chair Ms. Wicks and your own representative about these important bills. If your representative is on the Assembly Appropriations Committee, your email or letter will have a significant impact as these two bills are in this committee now. Be sure to send an email for each bill separately!**

**Send in comments no later than May 12th. The sooner the better.**

**We are guided by our legislative advocates (PPA) to submit your comments through the legislative portal. Here is the portal. <https://apro.assembly.ca.gov/>**

**There is a button that says submit position email. Easily done on your cellphone. Right click if using your computer and open link with your email server and express your concerns.**

**If you want to compose from scratch using your email. Here is the email address: [approps.committee@assembly.ca.gov](mailto:approps.committee@assembly.ca.gov). Place in the subject line Position Letter AB 304 or AB 481. Write up your concerns and send.**