### SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE Senator Thomas Umberg, Chair 2021-2022 Regular Session

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# **SUBJECT**

## Personal information: contact tracing

## DIGEST

This bill provides that data collected, received, or prepared for purposes of contact tracing shall not be used, maintained, or disclosed for any purpose other than facilitating contact tracing efforts, except as provided. The bill requires such data to be deleted, as specified, and prohibits the involvement of law enforcement, as defined, in contact tracing, except as provided.

# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Contact tracing is a critical component in fighting the spread of infectious diseases. It has been traditionally conducted by public health officials to identify those infected, those who have come into contact with the infected individuals, and working with all parties to disrupt the spread of the disease. Given the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, the importance of contact tracing has been brought to the fore. But the scale at which it must be conducted raises serious privacy concerns and calls for stronger protections.

This bill places protective limitations on contact tracing in California. It provides that data collected, received, or prepared for purposes of contact tracing shall not be used, maintained, or disclosed for any purpose other than facilitating contact tracing efforts, and requires such data to be deleted within 60 days, with exceptions. The bill also prohibits the involvement of law enforcement agencies in contact tracing. The bill authorizes a civil action seeking injunctive relief for a violation of its provisions.

This bill is author-sponsored. It is supported by the American Academy of Pediatrics, California, the Western Center on Law and Poverty, and a variety of other community organizations. It is opposed by various tech and business associations, including the State Privacy and Security Coalition, Inc., which represents a variety of entities, including Amazon, Google, Facebook, and TechNet. AB 814 (Levine) Page 2 of 13

# PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE LAW

#### Existing law:

- 1) Provides, pursuant to the California Constitution, that all people have inalienable rights, including the right to pursue and obtain privacy. (Cal. Const., art. I, § 1.)
- 2) Establishes, pursuant to the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), privacy protections for patients' protected health information and generally provides that a covered entity, as defined (health plan, health care provider, and health care clearing house), may not use or disclose protected health information except as specified or as authorized by the patient in writing. (45 C.F.R. § 164.500 et seq.)
- 3) Prohibits, under the State Confidentiality of Medical Information Act (CMIA), providers of health care, health care service plans, or contractors, as defined, from sharing medical information without the patient's written authorization, subject to certain exceptions. (Civ. Code § 56 et seq.)
- 4) Defines "provider of health care" as any person licensed or certified pursuant to Division 2 (commencing with Section 500) of the Business and Professions Code; any person licensed pursuant to the Osteopathic Initiative Act or the Chiropractic Initiative Act; any person certified pursuant to Division 2.5 (commencing with Section 1797) of the Health and Safety Code; any clinic, health dispensary, or licensed health facility, as provided. "Provider of health care" does not include insurance institutions, as defined. (Civ. Code § 56.05(m).)
- 5) Establishes the Information Practices Act of 1977 (IPA), which declares that the right to privacy is a personal and fundamental right and that all individuals have a right of privacy in information pertaining to them. It regulates the handling of personal information in the hands of state agencies. The IPA states the following legislative findings:
  - a) the right to privacy is being threatened by the indiscriminate collection, maintenance, and dissemination of personal information and the lack of effective laws and legal remedies;
  - b) the increasing use of computers and other sophisticated information technology has greatly magnified the potential risk to individual privacy that can occur from the maintenance of personal information; and
  - c) in order to protect the privacy of individuals, it is necessary that the maintenance and dissemination of personal information be subject to strict limits. (Civ. Code § 1798 et seq.)

- 6) Establishes the CCPA, which grants consumers certain rights with regard to their personal information, including enhanced notice, access, and disclosure; the right to deletion; the right to restrict the sale of information; and protection from discrimination for exercising these rights. It places attendant obligations on businesses to respect those rights. (Civ. Code § 1798.100 et seq.)
- 7) Requires a business that collects a consumer's personal information to, at or before the point of collection, inform consumers as to the categories of personal information to be collected and the purposes for which the categories of personal information shall be used. A business shall not collect additional categories of personal information or use personal information collected for additional purposes without providing the consumer with notice, as specified. (Civ. Code § 1798.100(b).)
- 8) Provides consumers the right to request that a business delete any personal information about the consumer, which the business has collected from the consumer. (Civ. Code § 1798.105(a).)

This bill:

- 1) Defines "contact tracing" as identifying and monitoring individuals, through data collection and analysis, who may have had contact with an infectious person, as a means of controlling the spread of a communicable disease.
- 2) Provides that data collected, received, or prepared for purposes of contact tracing shall not be used, maintained, or disclosed for any purpose other than facilitating contact tracing efforts. However, this limitation shall not apply to:
  - a) a provider of health care, as defined in Section 56.05, or to a provider's business associate, as defined in Section 160.103 of Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations, to the extent the provider or business associate maintains the data collected, received, or prepared for purposes of contact tracing in the same manner as medical information governed by CMIA or protected health information governed by HIPAA; or
  - b) data used, maintained, or disclosed by an employer to the extent the use, maintenance, or disclosure of that data is necessary to comply with a state or federal workplace health and safety law or regulation.
- 3) Requires data collected, received, or prepared for purposes of contact tracing to be deleted within 60 days, except for data in the possession of a local or state health department.
- 4) Prohibits an officer, deputy, employee, or agent of a law enforcement agency, as defined, from conducting contact tracing, except that an employee of a law

enforcement agency may conduct contact tracing of employees of the same law enforcement agency.

5) Authorizes a person to bring a civil action seeking injunctive relief and reasonable attorneys' fees for any violations.

# **COMMENTS**

# 1. <u>What is contact tracing?</u>

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):

Contact tracing is used by health departments to prevent the spread of infectious disease. In general, contact tracing involves identifying people who have an infectious disease (cases) and people who they came in contact with (contacts) and working with them to interrupt disease spread. This includes asking people with COVID-19 to isolate and their contacts to quarantine at home voluntarily.

This process typically entails the following elements:

- Interviewing people with the disease to identify everyone they had close contact with during the time they may have been infectious;
- Notifying contacts of their potential exposure;
- Referring contacts for testing;
- Monitoring contacts for signs and symptoms of the disease; and/or
- Connecting contacts with services they might need during the self-quarantine period.

On May 22, 2020, Governor Newsom announced the launch of California Connected, which he hailed as "the state's comprehensive contact tracing program and public awareness campaign."<sup>1</sup> The program was detailed as follows:

As part of California Connected, public health workers from communities across the state will connect with individuals who test positive for COVID-19 and work with them, and people they have been in close contact with, to ensure they have access to confidential testing, as well as medical care and other services to help prevent the spread of the virus.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Office of Governor Gavin Newsom, *Governor Newsom Launches California Connected – California's Contact Tracing Program and Public Awareness Campaign* (May 22, 2020) Press Release, <u>https://www.gov.ca.gov/2020/05/22/governor-newsom-launches-california-connected-californias-contact-tracing-program-and-public-awareness-campaign/</u>. All further internet citations are available as

of June 24, 2021.

The state's program is led by the Administration in collaboration with the California Department of Public Health, local public health departments and the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) and Los Angeles (UCLA), which have launched a robust online training academy to develop a culturally competent and skilled contact tracing workforce.

# 2. <u>Addressing the security and privacy concerns surrounding contact tracing and</u> <u>building public trust</u>

The Governor's Office assured the public that the data is only collected and stored for use by local and state public health departments for public health purposes and that public health authorities would not share information collected as part of these contact tracing efforts with any outside entities.<sup>2</sup>

Despite these commitments to protecting privacy, there is arguably a void of regulations and protections for how contact tracing can be carried out, who can engage in contact tracing, and what can be done with the information collected. Concerns about this gap are only amplified when entities outside of public health departments, including law enforcement and private entities, are conducting the tracing.

As countries and other states rolled out contact tracing programs, a landslide of complaints and concerns surrounding the security and confidentiality of contact tracing ensued.<sup>3</sup> Many concerns arose in response to the dramatic rise in technology-assisted contact tracing, commonly using digital applications. Officials that turned to these methods were forced to scramble to "address serious complaints that soon arose over extensive user data-mining or poor security practices." Warnings streamed in from human rights groups and technologists that "the design of many apps put hundreds of millions of people at risk for stalking, scams, identity theft or oppressive government tracking – and could undermine trust in public health efforts."

However, these concerns have also manifested in response to manual contract tracing. In one jurisdiction, families were weary to give strangers on the phone information

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Ibid.; California Connected, Contact Tracing (August 3, 2020) <u>https://covid19.ca.gov/contact-tracing/</u>.
<sup>3</sup> Alice Miranda Ollstein & Mohana Ravindranath, Getting it right: States struggle with contact tracing push (May 17, 2020) Politico, <u>https://www.politico.com/news/2020/05/17/privacy-coronavirus-tracing-261369</u>; Natasha Singer, Virus-Tracing Apps Are Rife With Problems. Governments Are Rushing to Fix Them (July 8, 2020) The New York Times, <u>https://www.nytimes.com/2020/07/08/technology/virus-tracing-apps-privacy.html</u>; Enrique Dans, We need to sort out the privacy issues with contact tracing apps if we are going to bring the pandemic under control (June 17, 2020) Forbes,

https://www.forbes.com/sites/enriquedans/2020/06/17/we-need-to-sort-out-the-privacy-issues-withcontact-tracing-apps-if-we-are-going-to-bring-the-pandemic-undercontrol/#54ea91b955e6.

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about themselves or their children, hampering contact tracing efforts.<sup>4</sup> The fears of members of the public is only further hindered with reports of contact tracing scams. According to a Los Angeles County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs *Scam Alert* during the height of the pandemic, "[s]cammers are impersonating legitimate COVID-19 contact tracers. Their purpose is to profit from the current public health emergency and they try to trick you into giving private personal or financial information."<sup>5</sup>

Establishing oversight and regulation not only addresses the identified privacy and security risks but also builds the public trust that is necessary for effective contact tracing. Recent studies show that effective regulation can make individuals more likely to download a contact tracing app, share information about their contacts, and change their behavior. Research out of Oxford shows that digital contact tracing could "stop the epidemic if approximately 60% of the whole population use the app and adhere to the app's recommendations."<sup>6</sup> However, it made clear that lower percentages will also have a positive effect.

Regardless of the necessary or ideal participation rate, the experts seem clear that trust is absolutely critical. The responses in various studies reveal that the confidence of individuals hinged greatly on who was collecting the data, what data was being collected, and what could be done with that information.<sup>7</sup> Professor Michael Parker, a senior ethicist at Oxford University's Nuffield Department of Population Health, and an author of the study discussed above, acknowledges the legitimate "concerns relating to the potential misuse of data" and stresses that individuals need "to feel confident that these issues have been taken seriously."<sup>8</sup> Professor Christophe Fraser, co-lead on the contact tracing program at Oxford University's Nuffield Department of Medicine and an independent scientific advisor to the UK government's contact tracing efforts, puts a finer point on the issue:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Jeanie Lindsay, *McCormick: Privacy Concerns From Parents Make Contact Tracing In Schools Difficult* (August 7, 2020) NPR, <u>https://www.wbaa.org/post/mccormick-privacy-concerns-parents-make-contact-tracing-schools-difficult#stream/0</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Scam Alert: Avoid COVID-19 Contact Tracing Scams (July 20, 2020) Los Angeles County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs, <u>https://dcba.lacounty.gov/newsroom/scam-alert-avoid-covid-19-contact-tracing-scams/</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Digital contact tracing can slow or even stop coronavirus transmission and ease us out of lockdown (April 16, 2020) University of Oxford, <u>https://www.research.ox.ac.uk/Article/2020-04-16-digital-contact-tracing-can-slow-or-even-stop-coronavirus-transmission-and-ease-us-out-of-lockdown</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Ashley Kirzinger et al., *KFF Health Tracking Poll – Late April 2020: Coronavirus, Social Distancing, and Contact Tracing* (April 24, 2020) Kaiser Family Foundation, <u>https://www.kff.org/coronavirus-covid-19/issue-brief/kff-health-tracking-poll-late-april-2020/;</u> Chris Jackson & Mallory Newall, *Axios-Ipsos Coronavirus Index*, (August 4, 2020) Ipsos, <u>https://www.ipsos.com/en-us/news-polls/axios-ipsos-coronavirus-index</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Digital contact tracing can slow or even stop coronavirus transmission and ease us out of lockdown (April 16, 2020) University of Oxford, <u>https://www.research.ox.ac.uk/Article/2020-04-16-digital-contact-tracing-</u>can-slow-or-even-stop-coronavirus-transmission-and-ease-us-out-of-lockdown.

We know that public health is all about building trust. So how do we build an environment where people know that the data is being shared for good? People fear misuse of data, which we've seen in the digital space. How do we stop misuse while encouraging positive use of data? This is clearly an important area. The power to do good things increases as we share information, but we need frameworks.<sup>9</sup>

This bill attempts to create that framework.

## 3. <u>Establishing a framework for contact tracing in California</u>

According to the author:

On March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a State of Emergency as a result of the COVID-19 virus. According to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), as of June 24, 2021, over 62,800 people have died from the virus and there have been nearly 3.7 million cases in California. One of the strategies being deployed to limit the transmission of COVID-19, is the use of contact tracing, which identifies COVID-19 positive individuals and those they may have been in close contact with, who are advised to self-quarantine – limiting the spread of the virus.

In May of 2020, CDPH launched "Connected California," a statewide, comprehensive contact tracing program and public awareness campaign. Successful contact tracing requires the sharing of significant personal information, including a person's name, address, phone number and other personal identifying data. While this information will be required to successfully stop the spread of the coronavirus, there is growing concern about this data potentially being used for non-healthcare related purposes.

Measures must be taken to protect Californian's personal information and build trust that this information will not be used for law enforcement purposes. California is home to over 11 million immigrants including an estimated 2 million undocumented immigrants. These individuals have been disproportionally impacted by COVID-19 and are less likely to seek medical aid because of their immigration status. Immigrant and communities of color are similarly less likely to willingly interact with law enforcement officials, regardless of context. Successfully limiting the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Patrick Howell O'Neill, *No, coronavirus apps don't need 60% adoption to be effective* (June 5, 2020) MIT Technology Review, <u>https://www.technologyreview.com/2020/06/05/1002775/covid-apps-effective-at-less-than-60-percent-download</u>.

spread of the coronavirus will require all COVID-19 positive Californians to participate in contact tracing programs. AB 814 will help protect the data privacy of Californians and build public confidence in the contact tracing program needed to save the lives and protect the public from further spread of COVID-19 and in potential future pandemics. Specifically, AB 814 would prohibit data collected, received or prepared for purposes of contact tracing from being used, maintained or disclosed for any purpose other than contact tracing. The bill would prohibit an officer, deputy, or agent of a law enforcement agency as defined from engaging in contact tracing. The bill protects personal privacy by requiring data collected for contact tracing to be deleted within 60 days with limited exceptions. The bill allows a person to bring civil action for violation of this section for injunctive relief. Together, this bill is essential to effective contact tracing and ensuring public confidence that their data will only be used in the interest of public health.

The bill provides that any data collected, received, or prepared for purposes of contact tracing shall not be used, maintained, or disclosed for any purpose other than facilitating contact tracing efforts. This type of clear guidance and protection arguably instills confidence that data collected in connection with contact tracing will not be misused. However, a coalition in opposition to the bill, including the Internet Association, which represents companies such as Amazon, Google, Facebook, Uber, and Ancestry, assert: "AB 814 bans the use of most data collected, received, or prepared for contact tracing, but fails to recognize that this includes data that was not collected *solely* for contact tracing." (emphasis added.)

The bill includes several exceptions in response to concerns raised by various stakeholders. First, the restriction does not apply to health care providers and business associates to the extent the provider or business associate maintains the data collected, received, or prepared for purposes of contact tracing in the same manner as medical information governed by CMIA or HIPAA. This ensures that health care professionals are not impeded in their work, but that the data continues to be subject to stringent privacy protections.

The second exception is for data used, maintained, or disclosed by an employer to the extent the use, maintenance, or disclosure of that data is necessary to comply with a state or federal workplace health and safety law or regulation. This is a straightforward carve out that prevents any interference with the health or safety of our workplaces.

To further assuage these legitimate privacy concerns, the bill requires data collected, received, or prepared for purposes of contact tracing to be deleted within 60 days, except for data in the possession of a local or state health department. A Kaiser Family Foundation survey found that individuals' trust in contact tracing managed by their

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state or local health department was nearly double that if contact tracing was run by other entities, such as private tech companies.<sup>10</sup>

A coalition in opposition, including TechNet, which represents companies such as Amazon, Google, Facebook, and Uber, raises concerns with the deletion requirement, contending that there are "legitimate and critically important reasons why this information should not be deleted." It should be noted that the same exceptions discussed above also apply to the deletion requirement, namely where it is held by a provider of health care or where an employer is required to retain the information to comply with state or federal workplace health and safety law.

One of the primary privacy concerns with contact tracing, outside of the threat of unauthorized data exfiltration, is that the data collected can be used for other purposes outside of directly battling the underlying public health emergency. Effective contact tracing requires the widespread collection of, at times, sensitive personal information from individuals. However, the process is undermined and trust is broken if that data can be used for other purposes or combined with other data. For example, it is arguably a problematic practice, and a breach of a user's reasonable expectations, to allow such information to be used for other business purposes, such as profiling consumers or marketing to them, or for the information to be provided to other public entities, including federal authorities, for any purposes other than stemming the spread of a communicable disease. This bill establishes straightforward safeguards in response to such concerns. In order to encourage compliance with the law, the bill affords individuals the right to seek a civil judgment against those in violation limited to injunctive relief and *reasonable* attorneys' fees.

A coalition of groups, including the Internet Coalition, which represents companies such as Amazon, Google, Facebook, Ancestry, and Experian, argues this consumer enforcement mechanism will allow "lawyers to visit ruin upon already fragile businesses."

The bill also restricts law enforcement agencies from engaging in contact-tracing efforts. While there are certainly positives to having local officials help out in the efforts, there is evidence that law enforcement involvement could undermine contact tracing efforts, especially in communities where trust in law enforcement is particularly low. According to a PBS NewsHour-NPR-Marist poll, "[n]early half of black Americans have very little or no confidence that police officers in their community treat people with different skin colors the same."<sup>11</sup> According to another study, only "half of Hispanics

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Ashley Kirzinger et al., *KFF Health Tracking Poll – Late April* 2020: *Coronavirus, Social Distancing, and Contact Tracing* (April 24, 2020) Kaiser Family Foundation, <u>https://www.kff.org/coronavirus-covid-19/issue-brief/kff-health-tracking-poll-late-april-2020/</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Laura Santhanam, *Two-thirds of black Americans don't trust the police to treat them equally. Most white Americans do.* (June 5, 2020) PBS, <u>https://www.pbs.org/newshour/politics/two-thirds-of-black-americans-dont-trust-the-police-to-treat-them-equally-most-white-americans-do.</u>

and just 33% of black adults" say police officers treat racial and ethnic groups equally at least some of the time.<sup>12</sup>

Writing in support, the American Academy of Pediatrics, California, states:

California is home to over 11 million immigrants, including an estimated 2 million undocumented immigrants. These individuals have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 leaving the children of these communities without support systems. In addition, this population is less likely to seek medical aid because of their immigration status. According to the CDC, [H]ispanic or Latinos are four times as likely to be hospitalized than non-Hispanic white persons as a result of COVID-19. Immigrant communities and communities of color are also less likely to willingly interact with law enforcement officials, regardless of context. Successfully limiting the spread of the coronavirus will require all COVID-19 positive Californians to participate in contact tracing programs, including undocumented individuals. Ensuring that their personal information will be kept confidential and used only for contact tracing will help them feel confident and safe when sharing their statuses.

Pediatricians across the state strongly support AB 814.

This sentiment is echoed by others in support of the bill, including the California Immigrant Policy Center and Asian Americans Advancing Justice, California. There is documented distrust in immigrant communities with regard to interactions with police in any context.<sup>13</sup>

Other individuals may also feel hesitant to share information with law enforcement after contracting a communicable disease for fear that they may implicate themselves and others for, as an example, violating certain required public health protocols. As a recent analysis of digital contact tracing concludes: "No amount of technical cleverness is likely to fully resolve the privacy concerns posed by an app that sends police officers to your door."<sup>14</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Claire Gecewicz and Lee Rainie, *Why Americans Don't Fully Trust Many Who Hold Positions of Power and Responsibility* (September 19, 2019) Pew Research Center,

https://www.pewresearch.org/politics/2019/09/19/why-americans-dont-fully-trust-many-who-hold-positions-of-power-and-responsibility/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> See Cora Engelbrecht, Fewer Immigrants Are Reporting Domestic Abuse. Police Blame Fear of Deportation. (June 3, 2018) The New York Times, <u>https://www.nytimes.com/2018/06/03/us/immigrants-houston-domestic-violence.html</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Toby Shevlane, et al., *Contact tracing apps can help stop coronavirus. But they can hurt privacy.* (April 28, 2020) The Washington Post, <u>https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2020/04/28/contact-tracing-apps-can-help-stop-coronavirus-they-can-hurt-privacy/</u>.

The California Faculty Association writes in support:

Contact tracing is a tool that can help slow the spread of infectious diseases, such as COVID-19. In communities using contact tracing, clinics, labs, and hospitals send the names of people who have recently been diagnosed with COVID-19 to their local health department. The local health department asks each person with COVID-19 about people with whom they have recently had close contact. Health department officials then quickly alert people who are close contacts that they may have been exposed to the COVID-19 virus. Officials don't share the name of the person who may have exposed them. AB 814 will set up clear privacy protections in statute so that this contact tracing information is not used for other purposes other than contact tracing for COVID-19, and it is not shared with law enforcement.

# 4. <u>Responding to concerns</u>

A number of concerns have been raised by various stakeholders, some that write in opposition. First, concerns have been raised that the previous version of the bill could impede contact tracing within jails, and by extension prisons, and may undermine contact tracing of employees within law enforcement agencies themselves. Given the massive outbreaks of communicable diseases within facilities in California, it is certainly imperative to ensure that measures to mitigate the spread of such diseases within such facilities are not unreasonably impeded. The bill in print specifically exempts contact tracing by employees within their same law enforcement agency, so as not to undermine contact tracing within law enforcement. In addition, the author has agreed to an amendment to ensure there is clear authority to conduct contact tracing within jails and prisons:

# Amendment

Insert the "Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation in the definition of "law enforcement agency"

Insert: "A health care worker who is not a correctional officer may conduct contact tracing in a jail or prison."

Second, TechNet, writing in opposition, has raised concerns that the existing exemption for employers complying with state or federal workplace health and safety laws or regulations should also extend to such laws and regulations at the local level. In response, the author has agreed to so extend the exemption.

In addition, several concerns have been raised the University of California Health, echoed by others. One concern is that the bill may impede legitimate public health

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research efforts. To assuage such concerns, the author has agreed to amend the bill to allow for disclosure of contact tracing data by public health departments for research consistent with the Information Practices Act, subdivision (t) of Section 1798.24 of the Civil Code.

The University of California Health also express issues with the 60-day deletion requirement. A concern is that this is an inadequate period of time for many transmissible diseases, such as tuberculosis. In response, the author has agreed to work with stakeholders to address this issue and allow for longer retention periods based on the nature of the underlying communicable disease.

#### **SUPPORT**

Access Humboldt American Academy of Pediatrics, California ACLU California Action Asian Americans Advancing Justice - California California Faculty Association California Immigrant Policy Center Californians Together Common Sense Consumer Action Consumer Federation of America Electronic Frontier Foundation Oakland Privacy Privacy Rights Clearinghouse Western Center on Law & Poverty

# **OPPOSITION**

Association of Claims Professionals California Chamber of Commerce California Grocers Association California Retailers Association California Trucking Association Civil Justice Association of California Insights Association Internet Association Internet Coalition National Payroll Reporting Consortium State Privacy and Security Coalition TechNet AB 814 (Levine) Page 13 of 13

# **RELATED LEGISLATION**

Pending Legislation: None known.

## Prior Legislation:

AB 660 (Levine, 2020) was nearly identical to the current bill. The bill died in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 685 (Reyes, Ch. 84, Stats. 2020) requires employers to provide specified notifications to employees and specified state entities when they are aware of the exposure of their employees to COVID-19, among other things.

AB 1782 (Chau, 2020) would have regulated public entities and businesses engaging in technology-assisted contact tracing (TACT). It would have provided clear guidelines on who can engage in TACT, what information can be collected, and how long it can be kept. The bill would have implemented use and disclosure limitations and required the affirmative, informed consent of a user before any data could be collected or used and prohibited any discrimination based on participation in TACT. The bill died in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

#### **PRIOR VOTES:**

Assembly Floor (Ayes 60, Noes 13) Assembly Appropriations Committee (Ayes 12, Noes 4) Assembly Judiciary Committee (Ayes 8, Noes 2) Assembly Privacy and Consumer Protection Committee (Ayes 10, Noes 1)

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