



FLOOR ALERT – AB 3129 (Wood) – Oppose

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CHA/UHA Position: Vote NO on AB 3129

To: The Honorable Members of the State Senate

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Californians deserve greater access to health care services, which requires ongoing investment to preserve and expand care. Assembly Bill (AB) 3129 (Wood, D-Healdsburg) would require certain investors to obtain approval from the California Department of Justice and accept any conditions for investment that the department imposes. As amended, AB 3129 will disincentivize needed investments and reduce access to health care services by decimating the number of those willing to infuse resources into California's health care delivery system.

The California Hospital Association (CHA) and United Hospital Association (UHA), on behalf of more than 400 hospitals and health systems, must remain opposed to AB 3129.

CHA and UHA understand that the intent of the Aug. 15 amendments was to remove hospitals from the bill. However, the bill as amended on Aug. 28 remains problematic. While CHA and UHA appreciate the efforts of several members of the Legislature to narrow the scope of the bill and ensure greater clarity for all stakeholders, the language remains ambiguous.

Across California, hospitals provide lifesaving patient care every day — often struggling to ensure care is available for all in need due to financial instability, workforce challenges, costly seismic construction mandates, and other issues.

New investment is critical to retaining and expanding health care services.

California should encourage additional health care investment, not make it more difficult.

For these reasons, the California Hospital Association and the United Hospital Association urge your NO vote on AB 3129.