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HUMBOLDT BAY OFFSHORE WIND HEAVY LIFT MARINE TERMINAL PROJECT

Did you know that the Port of Humboldt is planning a 180-acre heavy-lift marine terminal that will serve as the US West Coast's first floating offshore wind manufacturing and vertical assembly facility?

Join us at our November Meeting to find out more.

Saturday, November 4, 2023
Red Lion Inn, 1929 Fourth Street, Eureka

9:30 a.m. Social

10:00 a.m. Brunch

Meal Cost: \$30.00 (includes beverage)

Beverage only \$8.00

Bacon, eggs, potatoes, muffins and scones.

10:30 a.m. Speaker: Rob Holmlund

Click [HERE](#) to make your reservation online by October 27. It is our branch policy that if you make a reservation and are unable to attend, you must pay for your meal.



Rob Holmlund is the Development Director for the Humboldt Bay Port Authority and is overseeing the Marine Terminal Project. Mr. Holmlund's professional background is in site development, urban planning, environmental permitting, economic development, and public engagement. Prior to his time with the Port, he served as the Community Development Director for the

City of Eureka. Mr. Holmlund also has 12 years of private sector experience serving as an urban planning and permitting consultant.

Self Registration for Humboldt Branch Inc.

Well November is a big month for our branch. It is the month we will initiate self-registration for monthly meetings. **That means each member will register herself.** No callers will be used.

The branch will use Google Forms to do this. The format is easy to follow. There are essentially three areas to address: attendance, choice of brunch or beverage and guests.

Summary of the basic steps are given below. Remember when you're online registering just follow the instructions as they are given. All steps are easy to follow.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Click on the link located on the front page of the November letter. That will enter you into the system.

Enter your name.

Question #1 Are you attending?:

If not attending, first click on no and then click on next and submit. You're done.

If attending, click on yes and then answer the next questions.

Question #2 Do you want brunch or just beverage? Click on the choice you want.

Questions #3 Are you bringing a guest?

If no guests, click no, next and submit. You're done.

If you have a guest click yes and then enter her name and choice of brunch or beverage. The system allows you to enter multiple guests. Just be sure to enter each guest's name plus choice of brunch and beverage. When done just click next and submit. You're done.

Just a few easy selections and registration is done. That's all folks!

Margaret Augustine
AAUW Reservations
10.23.2023



President's Message

Nancy Dean, Branch President

It was a pleasure to see Harvard University's Claudia Goldin be awarded the 2023 Nobel Prize in Economics for her research on women in the labor market. She studies the changing role of working women through the centuries and the causes of the persistent pay gap between men and women. AAUW has done its own studies which can be found [here](#). If you like podcasts, you can listen to her 2021 interview on People I (Mostly) Admire titled "Greedy Work" and the wage gap.

There are a lot of behind-the-scenes actions to make sure AAUW Humboldt Branch runs smoothly. I'd like to thank Katie Wright for her treasurer's work, especially all the tax reporting. Shelley Mitchell who does the newsletter from her home in Southern California and Maggie Augustine, who is now living in New Mexico, who is still overseeing the monthly meeting registration. This month we will start on online registration. Let me know what you think.



2023 California Legislative Session Round-Up: AAUW California's Priority Legislation

By Amy Hom & Missy Maceyko, Co-Chairs, CA State Public Policy Committee

September 14, 2023 was a tense day in Sacramento: [the last day for each House to pass bills that could be sent on to the governor.](#) After at least nine months of writing, researching, amending, and lobbying, the legislative session drew to a close. So how did AAUW California's priority legislation fare?

While, at the time of writing, AAUW California still has some priority legislation sitting on the governor's desk (he has until October 14, 2023 to sign), we are happy to report that our priority bills did pretty well in this cycle!

Note that legislation listed as a "2-year bill" will be reconsidered in the 2024 legislative cycle.

A-Level Bills

Our three A-level bills this year were AB 1394, AB 549, and SB680. AAUW California was also a co-sponsor on AB1394. While none of our A-level bills have yet been signed into law,

AB 1394 is currently sitting on the Governor's desk awaiting a signature. AB 549 and SB 680 have both been transformed into 2-year bills.

AB 1394. Sent to Governor's Desk. Signed into Law! Authored by Assemblymember Buffy Wicks, and co-sponsored by AAUW California, this bill seeks to help child sex abuse survivors remove their images from social media platforms.

AB 549. 2-Year Bill. Authored by Assemblymember Lori Wilson. This bill would require all state agencies to conduct an evaluation of their own departments to ensure that the state does not discriminate against women through the allocation of funding and the delivery of services.

SB 680. 2-Year Bill. Authored by Senator Nancy Skinner, this bill prohibits a social media platform from using a design, algorithm, or feature that the platform knows, or should have known, causes child users to experience addiction to the social media platform.

B-Level Bills

Our four B-level bills this year were AB 524, AB 1071, AB 1078, and SB 36. AAUW California added AB 1078 later in the session at the request of the School Board Project Subcommittee, as it deals with preserving historically accurate and representative curricula for public schools in California. We are excited to report that two of our B-level bills have been signed into law: AB 1071 and AB 1078. AB 524 is still sitting on the Governor's desk and SB 36 has been transformed into a 2-year bill.

AB 524. On governor's desk. Authored by Assemblymember Buffy Wicks, this bill would prohibit discrimination against employees based on their status as a family caregiver. (Vetoed)

AB 1071. Signed into Law! Authored by Assemblymember Joshua Hoover, this bill would authorize and encourage school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools to provide teen dating violence prevention (TDV) education to all pupils in grades 7-12, and make TDV resources available on its website.

AB 1078. Signed into Law! Authored by Assemblymember Dr. Corey Jackson, this bill expands the diversity of the social science curriculum, requiring instruction in social sciences to include a study of the role and contributions of people of all genders, Latino Americans, LGBTQ+ Americans, and other ethnic cultural, religious and socioeconomic status groups. If the school district has not provided sufficient textbooks or instructional materials, their local control funding formula allocation will be reduced.

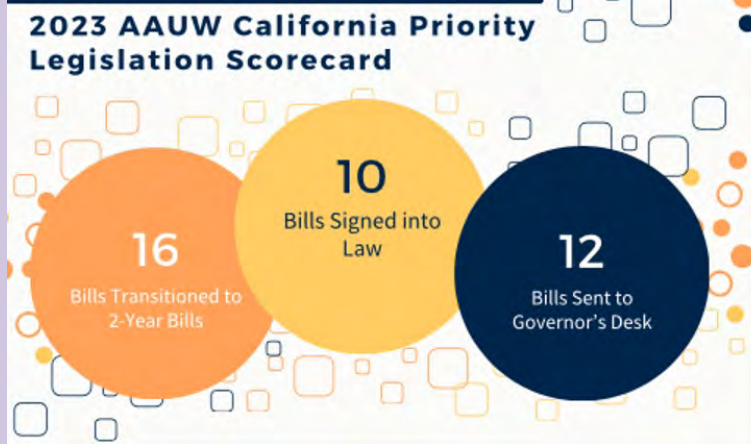
SB 36. 2-Year Bill. Authored by Senator Nancy Skinner, this bill provides protections and support for any person fleeing prosecution, conviction, or sentence from another state for seeking abortion, contraception, reproductive care, or seeking gender-affirming care in California. It also provides protections for any person assisting the person seeking that care.

C-Level Bills

We had thirty-one C-level bills this year. Eight of our C-level bills were signed into law. Ten are awaiting the governor's signature, and thirteen are now 2-year bills.

For additional details about the bills that we supported at the C-level, or bills at any level, as well as access to the most current information, check out our bill tracker [HERE](#).

And if you would like to sign up for action alerts for AAUW California's Priority Legislation in 2024, you can sign up [HERE](#). You can also share the link with anyone else—inside or outside of AAUW—who you think may be interested in receiving these alerts.



Margaret Chung, A Trailblazing Chinese American Doctor Who treated the Celebrated and the Scapegoated

Margaret Chung knew from age 10 that she wanted to be a medical missionary, since her mother had lived in a mission house in China as a child. Margaret was born in California, where she was no stranger to hard labor.

She took on farming chores when her parents were unwell and helped to raise all 10 of her siblings., so she did not complete 8th grade until she was 17. She entered and won a competition sponsored by the Los Angeles Times to sell subscriptions door-to-door. It paid for preparatory school, which enabled her to gain acceptance to the University of Southern California (USC) College of Physicians and Surgeons.



“As the only Chinese girl in this school,” she said in 1913, “I am compelled to be different from others.” She reinvented herself as “Mike” slicking back her hair and dressing so. So it was a blow that after graduating from medical school in 1916, her application to be a medical missionary was rejected three times. Though she had been born on United States soil, she was regarded as Chinese. No funding for them existed

She opened a practice in Los Angeles, where her clientele included Hollywood actors. While accompanying two patients to San Francisco, she fell in love with that city and learned that no doctor practiced Western medicine in SF Chinatown, home to the largest Chinese American population in the country. She left Los Angeles and opened a clinic on San Francisco’s Sacramento Street in 1922. Years of planning and fundraising culminated in the opening of San Francisco’s Chinese Hospital in 1925. Chung became one of four department heads, leading the gynecology, obstetrics, and pediatrics units, while still running her private practice.

Margaret died of ovarian cancer on January 5, 1959. She was 60.

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