

# Give to One Hand, Get from the Other

*What Health Care Proposals and a Term Limits Ballot Initiative Have in Common: Assembly Speaker Fabian Núñez*

- Speaker Núñez is the chief force behind Proposition 93, which would change the term limits law to extend his and other legislative leaders’ terms in power.
- Núñez is also carrying the Legislature’s health care reform bill, which could help or hurt organized labor and the medical-insurance complex.
- These powerful lobbies have contributed substantially to the Núñez-backed term limits initiative. Most would benefit, sometimes to the detriment of ordinary Californians, from the latest version of the health reform bill.
- Many of the largest contributions were made within days of the November 14 Assembly Health Care Hearing on Núñez’s new health care bill, AB X1 X.

<b>Organized labor</b>	<b>What they gave</b>	<b>Why they gave</b>
American Federation of State, County, Municipal Employees (AFSCME)* and affiliates	Total: \$615,633 <i>Nov. 16: \$500k</i>	To increase the number of dues-paying home health care workers and childcare workers (organized by AFSCME & SEIU) by including coverage for those services in benefits packages.
Service Employees International Union (SEIU)* and affiliates	Total: \$1,110,000 <i>Dec. 11: \$500k</i> <i>Dec. 13: \$100k</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ To staff clinics at WalMart and other retail outlets with minimally trained and unlicensed “medical assistants” organized by SEIU, rather than registered nurses. B&amp;P§2069(a)(1) pp 13-14</li> <li>➤ To increase the number of dues-paying home health care workers and childcare workers (organized by SEIU &amp; AFSCME) by including coverage for those services in benefits packages.</li> <li>➤ To receive “workforce development funding” for use in SEIU organizing efforts.</li> </ul>
California Teachers Association (CTA)	Total: \$1,000,000 <i>Nov. 13: \$250k</i> <i>Dec. 18: \$500k</i>	To ensure that Prop 98 and lottery funding are reserved solely for education and controlled by CTA.
Government Employee Unions - State Council of Laborers - PACE School Emp. Assoc. - Prof. Eng. in CA Gov.	\$450,000 <i>Nov. 13, Dec. 5 (Laborers): \$300k</i>	To oppose reforms proposed by the Governor to allow any Californian to buy the same high-quality health care available to state employees through CalPERS.
State Building Trades	\$50,000 <i>Nov. 29, Dec. 4</i>	To protect Taft-Hartley health coverage benefits.
California Prison Guards’ Union (CCPOA)	\$100,000	To get a pay/benefits increase for themselves while withholding access to CalPERS care for other Californians. CCPOA pulled support of Prop 93 when their deal fell apart.

\* CA United Homecare Workers, an affiliate of SEIU and AFSCME, contributed \$10,000 to Prop 93. That contribution is included with the SEIU contribution.

<b>Doctors and Hospitals</b>	<b>What they gave</b>	<b>Why they gave</b>
California Hospital Assn.	\$100,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ To increase funding for, and expand commercial access to, previously uninsured patients through taxpayer-subsidized health coverage.</li> <li>➤ To include a deal reached with the Governor that would require hospitals to contribute 4% of income toward reform but provide more than that in returns, especially for large, for-profit hospitals.</li> </ul>
California Assn. of Physician Groups	\$25,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ To increase Medi-Cal payments and expand access to previously uninsured patients with taxpayer subsidized health coverage.</li> <li>➤ To remove a requirement proposed by the Governor that doctors contribute 2% of income to help pay for expanded coverage.</li> </ul>
California Optometric Assn. & Doctors of Optometry Issues	\$50,000 <i>Nov. 26 (Docs. Of Opt.): \$25k</i>	To increase patients and revenue through inclusion of vision and dental benefit in Cal-CHIPP pool.
California Dental Assn.	\$250,000 <i>Dec. 6: \$150k</i>	
California Chiropractic Association, California Orthopaedic Association	\$20,000, \$25,000 <i>Nov. 28, Dec. 10</i>	To increase patients and revenue through inclusion of chiropractic and orthopaedic benefit in Cal-CHIPP pool.

<b>Corporate Health Care</b>	<b>What they gave</b>	<b>Why they gave</b>
The Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA)	\$35,000	To eliminate the ability of Cal-CHIPP pool to bulk purchase cheaper drugs. pp 164-165
Blue Cross of California	\$50,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ To require Californians to buy private health insurance policies with no oversight over what insurers charge or the quality and scope of benefits that patients receive.</li> <li>➤ To weaken provisions requiring insurers to sell to all comers regardless of their health conditions.</li> <li>➤ To not define "health care benefit" for purposes of 85% cap until after bill approved; To include advice given over telephone as "health care benefit" Health &amp; Safety §1378.1 p 53</li> </ul>

*Includes contributions to two Yes on 93 committees: Citizens for Accountability and Legislative Reform, and Committee for Term Limits & Legislative Reform*