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The Truth, The Whole Truth, And Nothing But The Truth

BEFORE THE STATE LEGISLATURE

To State Legislators

Taxes, Taxes and Taxes, How much will this Bill cost, who pay's. and for long.....!

## **Corbett Medicine-Cost Law Called 'Social Engineering'**

Editor:

Regarding the HAYWARD DAILY REVIEW's story, "New law to limit cost of medicine" on March 19, Assemblywoman Ellen Corbett's Assembly Bill 2326 is nothing more or less than another attempt to again use partisan "social engineering" legislation to enact rules of law that will in no way ever save or benefit consumers and will increase the cost of prescription drugs for seniors!

Again comes Corbett, ignoring how much it will cost, who pays and for low long. Also, AB 2326 will increase or create another unneeded government bureaucracy in overwhelming need of taxes, creating debt in order to provide this so-called "limit cost of medicine" without any cost regulation based on regulatory cost justification. Quite simply, AB 2326 becomes a sham.

Corbett is unaware—yet historical facts prove—that time and time again corporate entities, public or privately-owned monopolies and medical groups have never been able to cost-regulate themselves!

The State Legislature enacted cost deregulation that mandated the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) 'cost setting' rules of practice and procedure is today's core

of (cost de-regulation without any controlled cost justification) and that's based solely on free-enterprise with a marketplace pricing monopoly. Who can deny that it is not (cost-fixing) in it's worst form!

Obviously the state enacted CPUC cost de-regulatory system is the problem: And is a flawed enacted (Cost de-regulation) system that also in fact, is lacking a simple decision making CPUC (cost setting regulatory solution)! With over (50) years of regulatory experience and specifically when dealing with fees/rates/tax based on 'cost' justification. Again the time has come to return authority for seniors/consumers/rate-payers paid utility fees/rates/tax levied for product or service shall be CPUC (*cost regulatory*) based on (*cost justification*).

At times because we have partisan political party enacted legislation surely it does not mean, that publicly elected members of the same political party - also are prohibited from correcting legislative errors made on lousy judgement! The common sense solution behooves the State Legislature to enact an honest choice. (Cost regulation based on CPUC regulatory cost justification.)

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