



## PCI TESTIFIES

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### PCI Testifies on California Auto Issues

ACIC, PCI's California voice, testified before the California Assembly Insurance Committee yesterday in support of **Assembly Bill 1679**. This measure provides a legislative alternative to the California Department of Insurance's auto labor rate survey regulation and repeals CDI regulations on steering that are inconsistent with existing statutes.

In its testimony, ACIC explained that auto repair costs in California are on the rise, driven by distracted driving causing more frequent and severe accidents. California is now in the top 10 states for frequency of car accidents. ACIC noted that the recent CDI labor rate survey regulations create a one-size-fits all approach and could add additional costs of \$280 to \$300 million on top of the already increasing auto insurance costs caused by rising frequency and severity. ACIC testified that AB 1679 will provide another choice in conducting labor rate surveys without adding millions in new costs into the system.

AB 1679 was approved on a unanimous vote of 13-0. The bill will now move on to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

PCI is composed of nearly 1,000 member companies, representing the broadest cross section of insurers of any national trade association. PCI members write \$202 billion in annual premium, 35 percent of the nation's property casualty insurance. Member companies write 42 percent of the U.S. automobile insurance market, 27 percent of the homeowners market, 33 percent of the commercial property and liability market and 34 percent of the private workers compensation market.

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