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HHS Network applauds Governor Brown for signing SB 202.

New law will make initiative process more democratic and help ensure that the budget reflects our state's priorities.

A statement from Anthony Wright, Executive Director of Health Access California and a member of the HHS Network of California.

“We commend Governor Jerry Brown for signing SB 202, important legislation that will make California’s initiative process more democratic and help ensure that the budget reflects our priorities in this state.”

“Thanks to this new law, initiatives will now be placed on the ballot of November general elections, a time of greater voter turnout. This will allow greater participation and engagement on far-reaching decisions that affect our families, schools, health system, essential public programs, and businesses. These ballot decisions should be made when we have the most participation from voters, not the fewest.”

“This law will also wisely postpone a vote on the creation of a “rainy day” fund in California, a proposal that is unrealistic at a time when we are dealing with a wall of debt and vital public programs are facing devastating cuts. We can’t afford to further shackle our state’s ability to balance our priorities.”

“We congratulate the Governor and the Legislature for passing a law that empowers more voters and helps protect struggling Californians from further devastating cuts to the social safety net.”

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About the HHS Network of California:

We are a network of advocates, consumers, and allies working together for strong health care and human services in California. We are statewide, diverse, and grassroots. Our network includes people who care about health care, home care for seniors and disabled people, emergency food and food stamps, domestic violence shelters, independent living centers for people with disabilities, child abuse and neglect prevention, women’s health care, community

health clinics, AIDS prevention and care, and more — in other words, the basic human needs we all share.

Convening groups for the network include the [Western Center on Law and Poverty](#), [Health Access, California Partnership](#), and [California Immigrant Policy Center](#).