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## *Note from the Chief Legislation Editor*

*The University of the Pacific Law Review's* (UPLR) annual Greensheets edition, formally called the Review of Selected California Legislation, is an academic tradition that dates to UPLR Volume 1. The Greensheets edition is a review of recently-proposed legislation from the California State Assembly and Senate. The edition is meant to serve as a resource for the legislative community and the general public.

The purpose of Greensheets is to provide timely and accurate analysis of recent legislation to the capital community. The Greensheets authors and editors worked tirelessly to achieve those dual purposes. Rather than focusing on multiple bills, the authors had to focus their efforts on a single bill. My intent with this edition of Greensheets was to allow staff writers to pursue a bill that they found meaningful. Much to their frustration, I required the staff to find bills that were substantive enough to support a lengthy article yet not already examined in-depth by media outlets. Notable bills that we chose not to cover included California's increased minimum wage and the vetoed "tampon tax" repeal.

The bills reviewed in this edition highlight acute issues facing the great Golden State. Some of the articles examine legislation addressing contemporary problems, like how public schools may respond to instances of minors "sexting" when not in school, and the regulation of cannabinoid structures that are substantially similar to synthetic cannabinoids. Other articles review legislation meant to ensure criminal defendants are not unjustly sentenced, like an affirmative defense for victims of human trafficking, and a proposal to require a minor defendant receive a legal consultation before a custodial interrogation. Many other pressing matters are addressed, including access to water use data, protections for shelter animals, and a proposed response to help the victims of the Aliso Canyon gas leak.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the staff writers for consistently exceeding my expectations in the work product they delivered, the Primary Editors for meticulously reviewing multiple drafts of the articles, and the UPLR Board of Editors of Volume 48 for their continuous support of my proposals even when it caused them extra work (like nearly doubling the writing staff).

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