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On the wake of a global pandemic, the University of the Pacific Law Review (UPLR) continues its academic tradition to publish the annual Greensheets issue. Formally known as the “Review of Selected California Legislation” and dating back to the first volume of UPLR, the Greensheets issue remains California’s most reliable critical analysis of recent legislative efforts within the state. Our mission is to provide timely and valuable commentary on California’s legislative trends, with hopes of instilling forward-looking public policy discourse within the California State Capitol community and California citizens alike.

As always, UPLR staff writers have the unique advantage of attending one of the only law schools in California that can witness firsthand the legislative endeavors of the California State Capitol. This proximity provided UPLR staff writers an unparalleled opportunity to engage in the legislative process by contacting the offices of California lawmakers, interacting with their staff, and even interviewing those who helped draft legislation. Compounded with McGeorge’s Capital Center for Law and Policy and Capital Lawyering Concentration, the Greensheets issue embodies our school’s commitment to shaping public policy in government.

In this edition of Greensheets, UPLR staff writers tackled a wide array of bills. Most of these bills became law, while others died along the way. Some articles tackled legislative issues that garnered significant media attention, such as the proposed overhaul of California’s work-week from forty hours to thirty hours, as well as the new age and education requirements for joining the California police force. Others addressed the California housing crisis and the dangerous working conditions of warehouse employees. It is our sincerest hope that these articles will forge novel public policy discussions and have a meaningful impact in the drafting of prospective California legislation.

I would like to extend my profound thanks to the UPLR team, including staff writers, primary editors, and the Board of Editors, for their commitment to excellence and hard work throughout this process. Without their dedication and insight, this edition of Greensheets would not have been possible.

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