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## **ALRB PUBLIC MEETING LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

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This report provides updates on legislative activity affecting the Agricultural Labor Relations Act or the Agricultural Labor Relations Board since the Board's June 8, 2021 meeting.

### **Assembly Bill No. 616 (Asm. Mark Stone - D)**

This bill was introduced on February 12, 2021, and is sponsored by the United Farm Workers of America. The bill was amended in the Senate on June 17 and re-referred to the Senate Committee on Appropriations. On July 15 the bill was ordered to a second reading pursuant to Senate Rule 28.8.

This bill would allow agricultural employees to select a labor organization as their exclusive bargaining representative through a "representation ballot card election" as an alternative to conducting a secret ballot election as provided under current law. These procedures would be codified in proposed new Labor Code section 1156.35. This bill also would add new Labor Code section 1162 requiring an employer to post an appeal bond as a condition of seeking judicial review of any order providing monetary relief to agricultural employees or a labor organization.

The full text of the bill, as amended, and further information on it are available at:  
[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202120220AB616](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB616).