

COMMENTS:1) **Purpose.** According to the author:

Transparency is a cornerstone of public trust. AB 2721 ensures that hotels operating within our communities are open about any agreements with federal agencies, including ICE, so that the public is not left in the dark about how local spaces are being used.

2) **Background.** This bill establishes a statutory disclosure requirement applicable to hotel reservations held by ICE or U.S. Customs and Border Protection. The Privacy and Consumer Protection Committee analysis notes that ICE has used hotels to house agents and detainees, that California hosts the highest share of foreign-born hotel workers of any state at 47.7%, and that the bill is enforceable under the Unfair Competition Law, which authorizes actions by the Attorney General, district attorneys, and certain city attorneys and county counsels for injunctive relief and civil penalties of up to \$2,500.3) **Support and Opposition.** The bill's sponsor, UNITE HERE Local 11, writes that hotels are not designed or regulated to function as detention spaces, that members have raised concerns about federal agent presence creating unsafe conditions for hospitality workers, and that the bill establishes a statewide standard for transparency. The California Chamber of Commerce writes that businesses should not be compelled to participate in disagreements between state and federal policymakers, that political differences are short-term while statutory requirements remain indefinitely, and that disclosure requirements could create state-to-state and state-versus-federal conflicts for national companies. The California Hotel and Lodging Association also opposes the bill.

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